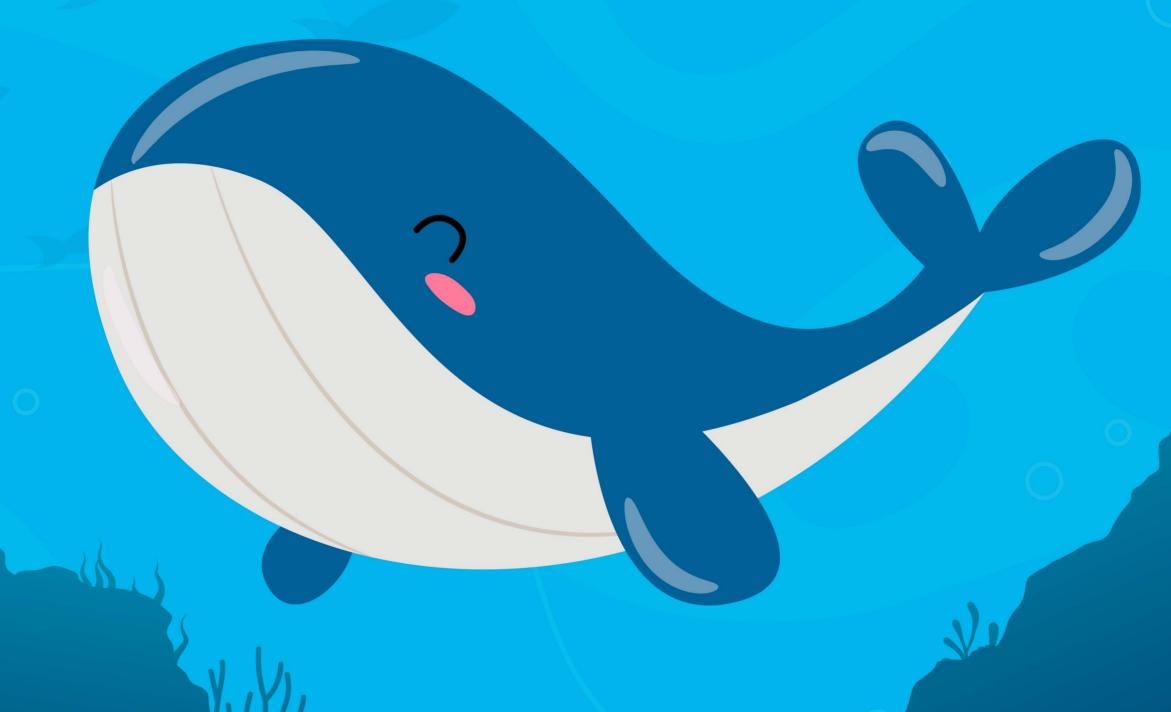
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Four Fun Facts about Whales



1. The blue whale is the largest known animal to have ever lived and can weigh as much as 40 elephants.



2. Whales help reduce climate change. Whale poop releases nutrients that phytoplankton need to survive.

Phytoplankton absorb around 40% of carbon from the atmosphere.



3. Whales are mammals.
This means they're warm-blooded.



4. Whales shut down half of their brain and keep only one eye closed while sleeping.

They are thought to do this to spot predators and to remember to breathe.

