

For Advanced Kid Learners

Book 3

Time to Talk

Lesson 11 The Biggest Animal on the Earth



Warm-up questions.



1. Do you know these animals?
2. Which do you think is the biggest?



Read and learn.

The Biggest Animal on the Earth

The blue whale is the largest living animal on the Earth. It looks like a fish but it is a **mammal**.

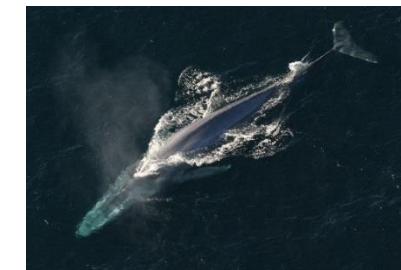
Blue whales are even bigger than the biggest dinosaurs.

They can grow up to 30 meters long and weigh 160 to 180 tons! Their hearts weigh **as much as** a car and their tongues as much as an elephant. Even the babies are **massive**.



mammal

- an animal that gives birth and feeds its young on milk.



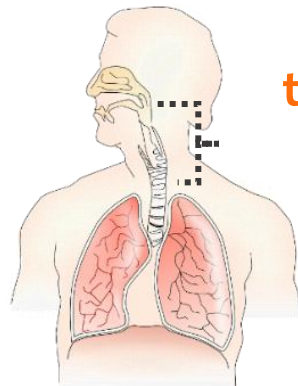
massive - very very big

Read and learn.

Blue whales have a very narrow **throat**. They are only interested in eating **krill** — a tiny creature looking like small shrimp. They can eat up to 40 million krill a day. Blue whales don't have teeth in their mouth. They **swallow** the krill whole.

The blue whale is also the loudest animal on the Earth. They use calls to communicate with each other. Their calls are much louder than a **jet plane** and can be heard many miles away!

krill



throat

swallow

- to let the food or drinks go from the mouth to the stomach

jet plane



Read and learn.

Humans are the only **threat** to blue whale. There used to be more than 200,000 blue whales. They are now **endangered**. There are less than 15,000 blue whales left in the world.



endangered

- plants or animals that are in danger of not existing anymore



threat

- something that causes harm or damage

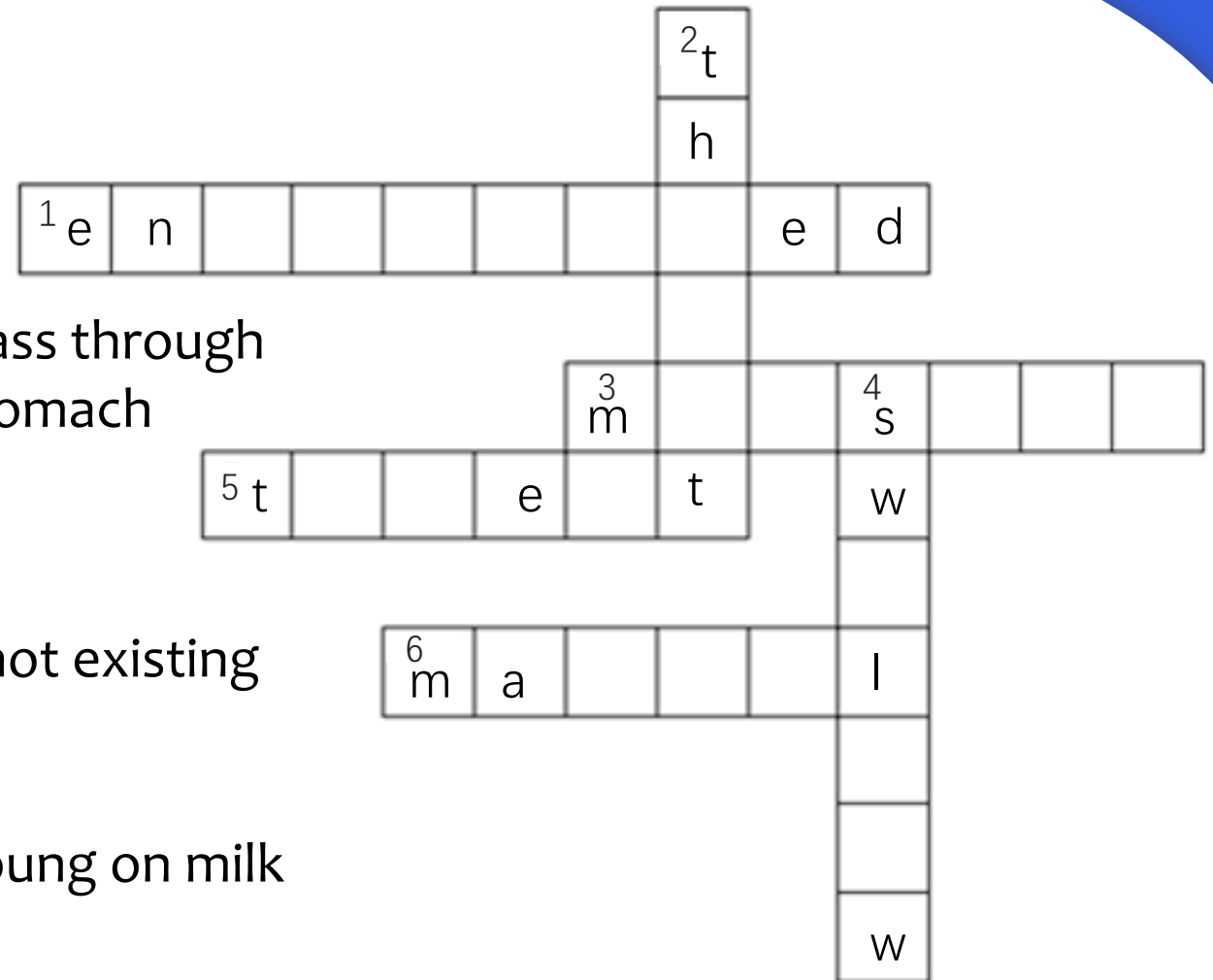
Read, guess and write.

DOWN:

2. a part of the neck where food and air pass through
4. to let food go from the mouth to the stomach

ACROSS:

1. plants or animals that are in danger of not existing
3. large or very big
5. something causing harm
6. an animal giving birth and feeding its young on milk



Grammar



as much/many as ...

used to express that the amount is equal to the other amount

Examples

A blue whale's heart weighs **as much as** a car.

A blue whale's tongue also weighs **as much as** an elephant.

She has **as many** books **as** Emily.

+ Give example sentences using “**as much/many as**”.

1. _____.



2. _____.



True or false.

1. Blue whales are fish.

2. Blue whale babies are massive.

3. Blue whales eat crabs and big fish.

4. They can grow up to 30 meters long.

5. Blue whales are bigger than dinosaurs.

6. Blue whales are now endangered animals.

7. There are still 200,000 blue whales around the world.