

whale

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1. [weɪl] *n*1. **зоол.** кит (*Cetacea*)

bull whale - кит-самец

cow whale - самка кита

whale catcher - китобойное судно

2. **разг.** нечто выдающееся (*по величине или качеству*)

a whale of a story - замечательный рассказ

a whale of a fellow - отличный парень

a whale of a difference - огромная разница

to have a whale of a time - замечательно провести время

to be a whale on /at, for/ - быть знатоком *или* любителем (*чего-л.*)

a whale for work - неутомимый труженик; работяга

a whale at tennis - мастер тенниса

a whale on reading - человек, которого не оторвёшь от книги

he's a whale for facts - его ничто не интересует, кроме фактов

3. (Whale) **асгр.** Кит (*созвездие*)◇ very like a whale - **урон.** ну конечно!, как же может быть иначе! (*выражение сомнения*)2. [weɪl] *v*

бить китов

II

[weɪl] *v* **амер. разг.**

1. бить, пороть; ударять сплеча

2. разбить противника

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

whale [whale whales whaled whaling] *BrE* [weɪl] ^ˈ *NAmE* [weɪl] ^ˈ **noun**a very large animal that lives in the sea and looks like a very large fish. There are several types of **whale**, some of which are hunted

• whale meat

see also ↑blue whale, ↑killer whale, ↑pilot whale, ↑sperm whale**Idiom:** ↑have a whale of a timeWord Origin:

Old English hwæl, of Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- We saw a whale blowing a jet of spray high in the air.
- management and conservation of whale stocks

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I. **whale** ¹ /weɪl/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [countable][**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** hwæl]

1. a very large animal that lives in the sea and looks like a fish, but is actually a ↑mammal

2. **have a whale of a time** *informal* to enjoy yourself very much

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COLLOCATIONS■ **adjectives**• **a beached/stranded whale** (=one that is stuck on land) The beached whales are quite obviously very distressed.■ **verbs**• **go whale-watching** You can go whale watching off the coast.• **hunt whales** Some countries continue to hunt whales, even though they have no real use for them and the whales are in danger of extinction.• **save the whales** Greenpeace campaigns to save the whales.• **a whale breaches** (=comes up through the surface of the water) He got a picture of a whale breaching, with droplets of water glittering in the sun.■ **phrases**• **a school/pod of whales** (=a group of whales) A school of sperm whales was sighted.■ **whale + NOUN**• **whale music/song** (=sounds made by whales) Scientists believe that whale song is used to communicate.• **whale oil** (=fat from whales that has been made into oil) Whale oil was used in lamps.• **whale meat** Whale meat was once part of the local people's diet.• **whale blubber** (=fat from whales)II. **whale** ² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb** [intransitive] *American English*[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Origin:** Perhaps from wale 'to mark someone's skin by hitting them' (15-20 centuries), from wale 'weal', ⇨ ↑weal]**whale into/on somebody/something** to start hitting someone or something

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