Internet: Whale Question and Answer
Grades: 3–5, 6–8

Overview
A web-based inquiry into whale size, habitat, anatomy and other features, and comparison to other animals.

Of all the marine animals, the whale seems to inspire the most awe. These enormous mammals of the deep are interesting not only for their size, but also for their living habits.

Go to The South Australian Whale Centre at http://www.sawhalecentre.com/. Under Whale Information click on "Whale Facts." Read carefully to answer the following questions.

- What is the difference between the baleen and toothed whales. Make a list of which whale species belongs to each group.
- Why are whales able to grow to such enormous size?
- How are whale bones different from the bones of land animals?
- How do whales keep warm?
Return to the home page of the Whale Centre. Research the latest sighting of a whale. What type of whale was seen and where was it seen?

Think of a question that you would like to ask about whales. Post your question in Welcome to Whale Net at http://whale.wheelock.edu/whalenet-stuff/ASK_SCI.html.

Subjects:
Research Skills, Fish and Marine Life, Mammals, Habitats and Ecosystems, Reading, Online Sources, Science