

Wild Animal Kingdom

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WHALES**

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A Day in the Life

A **pod** of killer whales hunts for its next meal. The whales call quietly to each other. Their large black and white bodies glide through the water. They come to an icy beach.

One whale lifts partway from the water. It sees a group of seals on the beach. The whales make a huge wave. The waves wash seals into the water. Lunch!





Food and Fun

The whales share their catch of seals. Then it's time to play. They call loudly to each other. They leap and splash in the waves.

How Big Is a Killer Whale?



LENGTH
19 to 27
FEET
(6 to 8 meters)



Orcas

Killer whales are not actually whales. They are part of the dolphin family. Many people prefer to call these animals orcas. Like dolphins, killer whales are playful. When two pods meet, the animals might play together.

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A killer whale breathes through a blowhole. This hole opens when the whale comes up for air.

