


# How big is a whale?



We are going to look at three types of whale found in the seas around the UK:

Species of whale	Average length of adult male (metres)	Number of people
Fin Whale	19	
Hump Back Whale	13.25	
Killer Whale	7.6	

The average height of a UK citizen is 1.7m.

**Calculate** how many people it would take to be as long as the whale.



**Question** How do these compare to a Blue whale (not usually found in the seas around the UK coast) at 29m long?



**Research** How can we group these creatures? The pictures show a blue whale and a sperm whale. They may seem quite similar at first glance. What features do they have in common? What are the differences between the species?

*Think about ... what they eat, where they live, how they breathe ....*

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