

# Have a whale of a time

Whaling is illegal in New Zealand because hunting has endangered these marvellous mammals. In the 1800s, whales provided many valuable resources for those skilled enough to catch them.

Whale oil was used for making candles, lighting lamps, and frying food. Whale bones were used for clothing and whale teeth for making carvings called scrimshaws.

Three of the most popular whale species for hunting were the fin whale, sperm whale, and southern right whale. Can you correctly figure out which of these three whales are which?

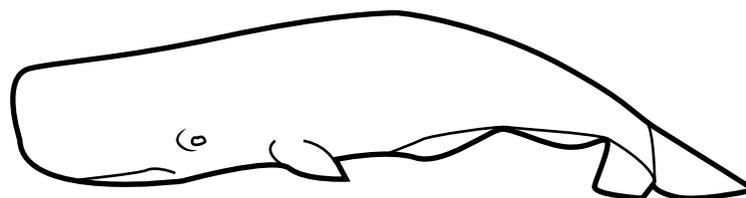
## What to do:

Read these clues and see if you can correctly label all three whales.

1. Only the fin whale has a fin on the top of its body. It is torpedo-shaped and is one of the fastest animals in the world.
2. The southern right whale has callosities on its head. Callosities look like big bumps. These whales were easy to hunt because they are slow swimmers and often live close to the shore.
3. Sperm whales have a blunt, block-shaped head. They have teeth that they can use to eat giant squid.

**What you need:**  
Printer  
Pen

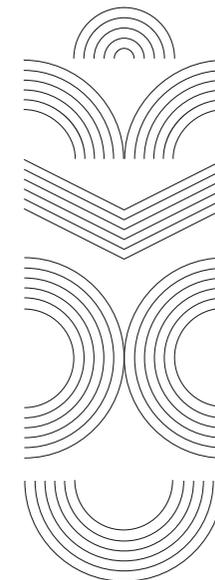
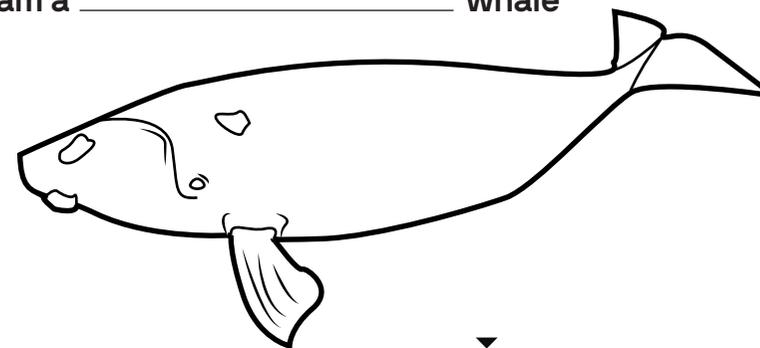
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**Did you know?**  
As well as the fully articulated fin whale in our Maritime Gallery, we also have a sperm whale jawbone in the Southern Land, Southern People Gallery!