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Orcas, also called "killer whales", live in our oceans.



These mammals can be found in all oceans, but are most often spotted in cold water, close to coasts.

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A pack of orcas is called a pod. Orcas make a number of sounds, such as clicks or pops. These loud sounds can help an orca locate or stay close to its pod.

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Pods are often found hunting as a team. One method they use is to herd fish into a tight space. An orca will then strike the fish with its tail to stun them.

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An orca baby is called a calf. A calf will join its mom's pod once it's born. Orcas are loyal. Adults in the pod will stay around the calf, and protect it if needed.

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After about ten weeks, a calf's teeth will come in. These teeth are sharp, and ideal for grasping and ripping food.



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Orcas can swim deep under the water, but they must come up for air. Many orcas enjoy jumping out of the water, which is called "breaching".



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If you visit the coast,
try scouting for orcas!



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