

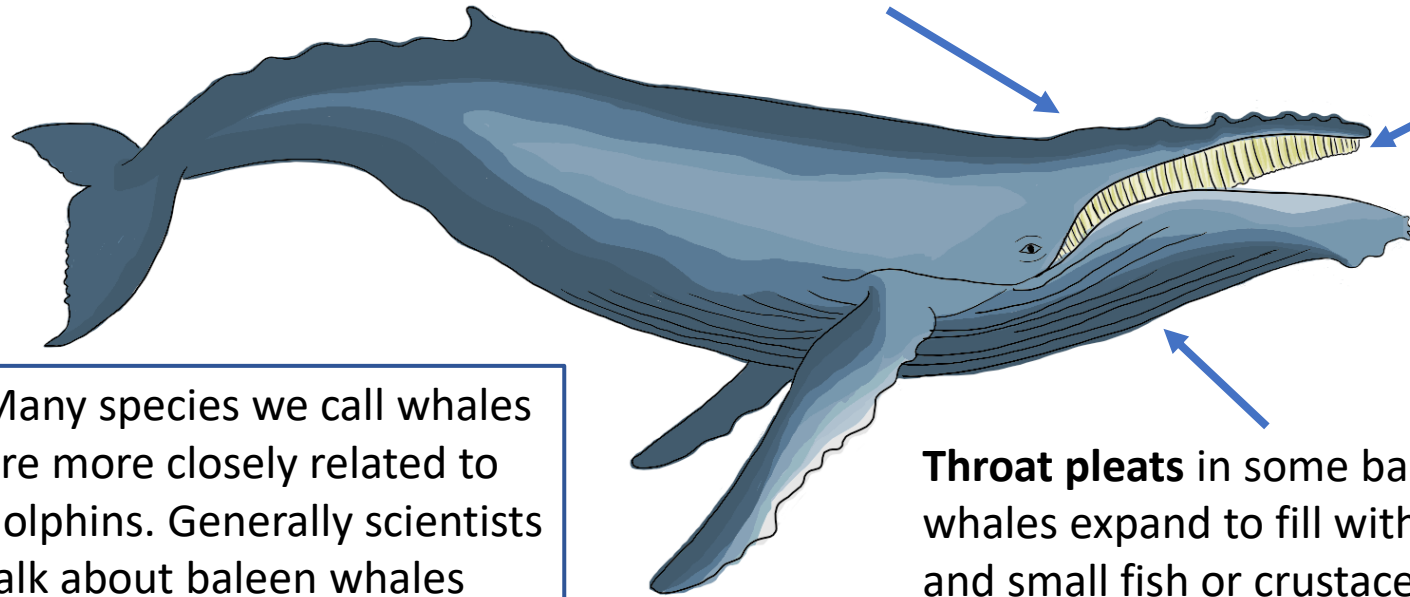


# What is the difference between a whale and a dolphin?

## Baleen Whale

**Two blowholes** to breathe air.

**Baleen** is the bristle like structure in a whale's upper jaw which it uses to filter small fish or crustaceans from the water.



Many species we call whales are more closely related to dolphins. Generally scientists talk about baleen whales and toothed whales. Toothed whales include sperm whales, beaked whales, and all porpoises and dolphins. Killer whales and pilot whales are actually dolphins.

**Throat pleats** in some baleen whales expand to fill with water and small fish or crustaceans and then contract, pushing the water back through the baleen.

**Teeth** on the upper and lower jaws to grab fish, squid or other prey. They use **echolocation** to find their food.

**Single blowhole** to breathe air.

## Dolphin

