

Worksheet 2

Dr Wow in Atlantis

Facts about Mammals

“Harry, we’re about to be eaten by a fish.” “Don’t be silly, Billy. Listen to that sound. That’s no fish. That’s a Balaenoptera musculus.” “A what?” “A blue whale. Don’t you know anything, Billy? A whale is a mammal, like us. They’re the biggest animal on the planet, and quite harmless.”

Did you know that a whale is not actually considered a fish, but a mammal? Did you also know that the same is true for dolphins, walruses and seals? They are also considered not fish, but marine mammals.

Mammals are a group of animals that share the same features. Many different kinds of animals are considered mammals for a variety of reasons.

Research facts about mammals and create an informative text about what you have discovered. Include the following information:

- What defining features make an animal a mammal?
- Where do mammals live?
- What do mammals eat?
- What are the three different types of mammals?
- What is the smallest mammal?
- Which mammals are considered quite intelligent?
- What is your favourite mammal? Why?

Present your research as a slide show, mind map or poster. Include pictures, illustrations and other interesting facts about mammals.

