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Where Do Whales Live?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Whales are found in every ocean because different species are adapted to a wide range of environments, from polar to tropical waters.
2. Baleen whales feed on krill in nutrient-rich waters, while toothed whales dive deep to hunt squid or fish. Belugas thrive in cold waters, and orcas can adapt to many environments.
3. If the oceans continue to warm, some whales may lose access to their food sources or suitable breeding grounds, leading to population declines.
4. Protecting whale habitats helps maintain ocean ecosystems, supports biodiversity, and ensures the survival of these important marine mammals.

