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What Do Whales Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Baleen whales eat tiny organisms because they are abundant and provide the energy needed for their large size.
2. Climate change and overfishing reduce food availability, making it harder for whales to find enough to eat.
3. If whales disappeared, the marine food web would be disrupted, affecting other species that depend on plankton and small fish.
4. Orcas hunt in pods because working together makes it easier to catch large or fast prey.

