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Whales: Giants of the Ocean

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The blowhole allows whales to breathe while surfacing, which is essential since they live in water but need air to survive.
2. Baleen plates filter small creatures like krill, while sharp teeth help toothed whales catch and eat larger prey.
3. Whales control prey populations and help maintain balance in the ocean ecosystem.
4. People can protect whales by reducing pollution, following boating laws, and supporting conservation programs.

