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How Do Whales Move?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The fluke provides powerful propulsion, while the streamlined body reduces drag, making movement smooth and efficient.
2. Whales are excellent swimmers because of their strong tails, streamlined bodies, and ability to dive and surface easily.
3. Deep diving allows whales to reach food sources like squid or krill and avoid surface predators.
4. Whales' adaptations, such as their fluke and streamlined body, are perfectly suited to their aquatic environment, showcasing the relationship between physical traits and survival needs.

