Beluga Whale Question Sheet

The answers to the following questions can all be found by visiting: www.activewild.com/beluga-whale-facts/

(For each question, either underline or circle the correct answer.)

1. What is the beluga whale’s most distinctive characteristic?
   - White skin
   - Large fin on its back
   - Long tusk

2. What type of animal is a beluga whale?
   - Reptile
   - Fish
   - Mammal

3. Of which group of whales is the beluga whale a member?
   - Baleen whales
   - Toothed whales

4. What is the beluga whale’s closest living relative?
   - Killer whale
   - Narwhal
   - Humpback whale

5. Of which animal family is the beluga whale a member?
   - Delphinidae
   - Balaenopteridae
   - Monodontidae

6. To which of the following animals is the beluga whale most closely related?
   - Killer whale / orca
   - Humpback whale
   - Blue whale

7. What is the conservation status of the beluga whale?
   - Least Concern
   - Endangered
   - Near Threatened

8. Where is the beluga whale usually found?
   - Antarctica
   - Near The Equator
   - The Arctic
9. The bump on the beluga whale’s head houses an organ that is commonly known as...

• the grapefruit
• the melon
• the apple

10. ... what is this the purpose of this organ?

• Echolocation
• It is used as a weapon
• It is used as ballast, to help the whale stay close to the sea bed

11. What nickname do scientists give the beluga whale due to its high-pitched calls?

• Tweeter whales
• Sea canaries
• Whistling whales

12. Does the beluga whale have a dorsal fin (i.e. a fin on its back)?

• Yes
• No

13. True or false: The beluga whale usually lives alone

• True
• False

14. Which of the following isn’t part of a beluga whale’s usual diet?

• Dolphins
• Fish
• Squid

15. In 2018, a beluga whale paid an unusual visit to which river?

• Murray River, Australia
• River Thames, England
• Amazon River, Brazil