## Make Your Own Whale Tail?

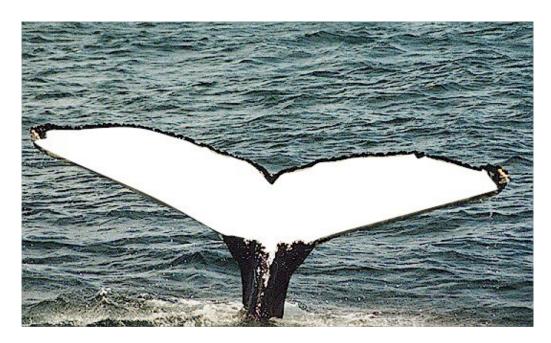


"Falcon"

Whale researchers tell humpback whales apart using the black-and-white tail pattern on their tails (flukes). More than 8,000 whales in the Atlantic Ocean have been given names based on their tail pattern. Make your own whale tail below!



"Pinball'



My Whale's Name:	
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I named it that because:	

## Rules scientists follow when naming whales:

- 1. Must represent a feature on the whale. For example Ladder a Fin whale we used to see in the Gulf of Maine was named for a scar he had that looked like a ladder.
- 2. The name cannot be a name you'd give to a human (you probably don't have a friend named Pinball but there is a Humpback whale with that name!)
- 3. The name must work for a boy or a girl whale. When identifying whales you can't easily tell if it is a male or female whale at the time you name it.



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