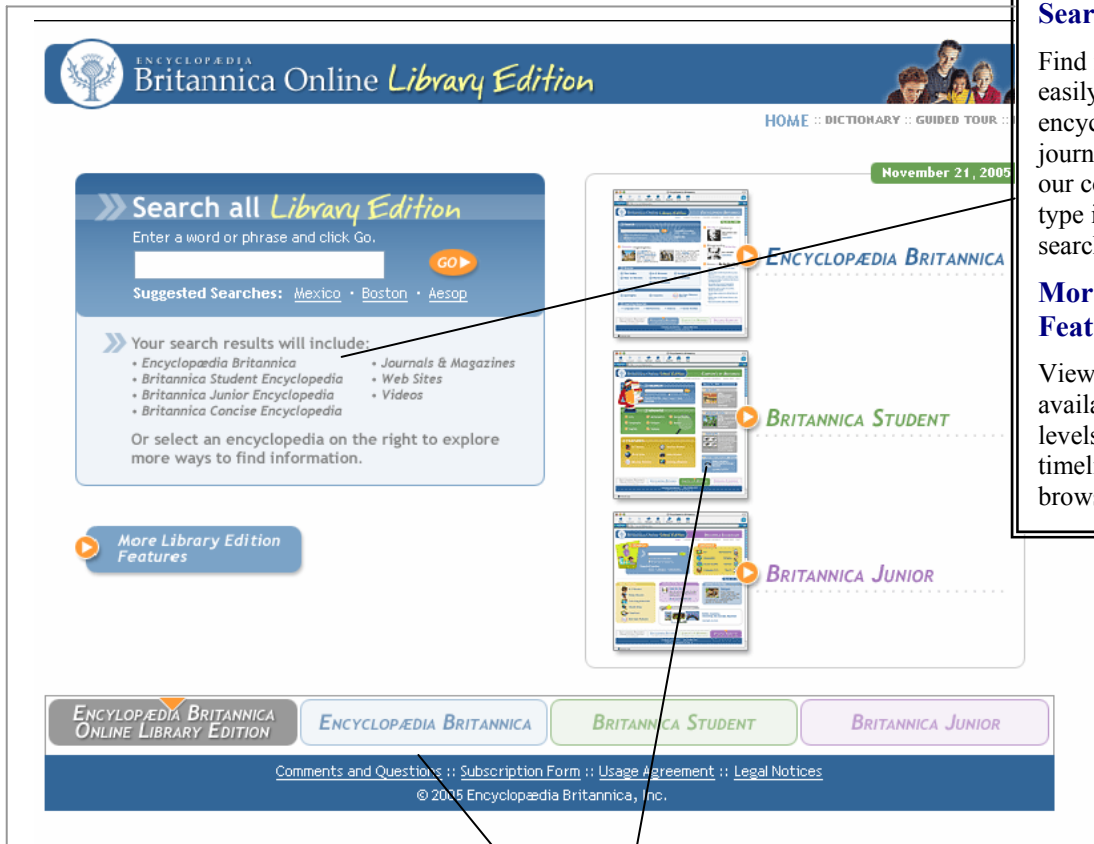


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any of the larger species of aquatic mammals belonging to the order Cetacea. The term **whale** can be used in reference to any cetacean, including porpoises and dolphins, but in general it is applied to ...

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(family Cyamidae), any of a small group of highly specialized peracaridan crustaceans (order Amphipoda) related to the familiar skeleton shrimp found in shallow marine habitats. **Whale lice** are ...

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baleen whale

any cetacean possessing unique epidermal modifications of the mouth called baleen, which is used to filter food from water.

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fin whale



a slender baleen **whale**, second in size to the blue **whale** and distinguishable by its asymmetrical coloration. The **fin whale** is generally gray with a white underside, but the right side of the head has ...

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whale shark



the largest fish in the world. The **whale shark** is the only member of the family Rhincodontidae, which is in the carpet shark order, Orectolobiformes. The sole member of the genus *Rhincodon* as well, the **whale shark** has the scientific name *R. typus*.

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The toothed **whales** include more than 65 species in six different families. Among these are the true dolphins (family Delphinidae), which includes the pilot **whales** (genus *Globicephala*) and the killer **whale** (*Orcinus orca*), largest of the oceanic dolphins. Killer **whales** prefer coastal waters to

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