📖 Orcas & the Salish Sea: Vocabulary Picture Cards (Level 2)

Name: _____

Cut on the dashed lines. Use the cards to match, sort, or quiz a partner.



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Orca

Killer whale. A top predator that lives in family groups called pods.



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Salmon

Southern Resident orcas eat mostly Chinook salmon.

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Salish Sea

The sea between Washington and British Columbia, home of the Southern Residents.

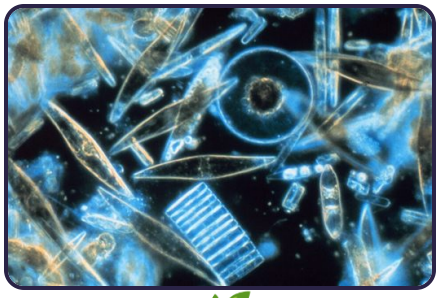
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Pod

A group of orca families that travel together. Southern Residents have J, K, and L pods.

Food web

All the food chains in a place, linked together. Arrows show energy moving.



Phytoplankton

Tiny algae that make food from sunlight. The base of the food web.

Toxin

A harmful chemical. PCBs are toxins found in orcas.

Biomagnification

Toxins get more concentrated at each step up a food chain.

Echolocation

Orcas make clicks and listen to echoes to find fish.

Noise pollution

Extra noise from boats and ships that makes it hard for orcas to hunt.