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## WHALE DNA ACTIVITY

Warm-Up: Put these species in order by how closely related to whales you think they are. Start with the MOST closely related and end with the LEAST closely related:


Camel Porpoise Peccary



Pig


Hippo


Whale


Deer


Cow


Giraffe

Cut out the DNA strips for each species. Carefully line them up and COUNT how many differences there are in the genetic code compared to the right whale. Record your findings on the chart to the right.


Based off of this chart, which LAND animal are Right Whales most closely related to? What is your evidence. Explain in 2-3 sentences:
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|  | Differences <br> compared to <br> Right Whale <br> genetic code |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sperm Whale |  |
| Porpoise |  |
| Giraffe |  |
| Hippo |  |
| Cow |  |
| Camel |  |
| Deer |  |
| Pig |  |
| Peccary |  |
| Rhino |  |

# DNA SEQUENCES <br> Cut apart the 11 strips for aligning pairs and counting differences. 

1: Right Whale<br>AATCCCCAAAGCTAAGGAGACTATCCTTCCTAAGCATAAAGAAATGCCCTTCCCTATATC

## ఒ: Sperm Whale

AGTCCCCAAAGCTAAGGAGACTCTCCTTCCTAAGCATAAAGAAATGCCCTTCCCTAAATC

## 3: Porpoise

AGTCCCCAAAGCTAAGGAGACTATCCTTCCTAAGCATAAAGAAATGCGCTTCCCTAAATC

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4: Giraffe
AGTCTCCAAAGTGAAGGAGACTATGGCTCCTAAGCACAAAGAAATGCCCTTCCCTAAATA
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## 5: Hippo

AGTCCCCAAAGCAAAGGAGACTATCCTTCCTAAGCATAAAGAAATGCCCTTCTCTAAATC

## 6: Cow

AGTCCCCAAAGTGAAGGAGACTATGGTTCCTAAGCACAAGGAAATGCCCTTCCCTAAATA

## 7: Camel

TGTCCCCAAAACTAAGGAGACCATCATTCCTAAGCGCAAAGAAATGCCCTTGCTTCAGTC

## 8: Deer

AGTCTCCGAAGTGAAGGAGACTATGGTTCCTAAGCACGAAGAAATGCCCTTCCCTAAATA

## 9: Pig

AGATTCCAAAGCTAAGGAGACCATTGTTCCCAAGCGTAAAGGAATGCCCTTCCCTAAATC

## 10: Peccary

AGACCCCAAACCTAAGGAGACCGTTGTTCACAAGCGTAAAGGAATGTCCTCCCCTAAATC

## 11: Rhino

AGTCCTCCAAACTAAGGAGACCATCTTTCCTAAGCTCAAAGTTATGCCCTCCCTTAAATC

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