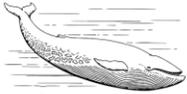


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cheapest	smallest	largest	ugliest	
darkest	longest		trendiest	
newest				

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Three-or-more-syllables-adjective.

most + adjective

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