

## Lesson 8: Are there **TRANSITIONAL FOSSILS?**

- **Fossils tell of fascinating creatures that lived in the past.**  
**What do we learn by examining fossils? Activity: Examine classroom fossil samples.**
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- **We don't find "TRANSITIONAL FORMS" sometimes called "INTERMEDIATE FORMS."**  
**We find fossils of creatures that are fully formed.**



**Activity: Examine your homemade fossils.**

Do you see ½ scales ½ feathers ... *SCEATHERS?*

Do you see ½ legs ½ wings ... *LINGS?*

Do you see ½ feet ½ flippers ... *FEEPERS?*

- **Darwin knew this was a problem for his theory.**  
**But he thought eventually more fossils would be discovered that proved Evolution.**

"Those who believe the geological record is in any degree complete, will undoubtedly ...  
reject my theory... The fossil record assuredly does not show it." - Charles Darwin

- What about **WHALE "EVOLUTION?"**

School textbooks often cite Whale evolution as *fact*. They say that fossils prove that whales evolved from a furry wolf-like creature. They describe ancestors like Pakicetus (who had a bone in his ear that indicated he could go underwater), Ambulocetus, Basiliosaurus etc.

Watch this video illustrating the theory  
of whale evolution:

<https://youtu.be/UKbC7QSjWfE?si=LUtPBpRi7No0JH5l>

From Feet to Flippers: The Evolution of Whales



## WHALE “EVOLUTION?” (continued)

This whale story has been revised many times. Since 1990 many evolutionists have changed their mind – saying that the whales’ ancestors were actually animals like the hippo. Charles Darwin thought the whale may have evolved from the bear.

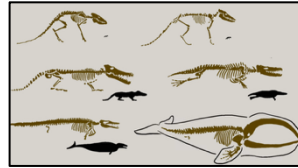
But still...

- **Fossils don’t prove Whale Evolution!**

Video:

[https://youtu.be/wq\\_oYftA2ow?si=Q32Kqal-JkPDXhDo](https://youtu.be/wq_oYftA2ow?si=Q32Kqal-JkPDXhDo)

Whale Evolution: Good Evidence for Darwin?  
(Long Story Short, Ep.2) by Discovery Science



- **Imagine all the changes (mutations) required for a 100-pound wolf-like creature to become a 360,000-pound blue whale!**

A little tail would have to turn into a giant \_\_\_\_\_.

Feet would have to turn into \_\_\_\_\_.

Respiratory system would have to change to breathing through their mouth and a \_\_\_\_\_.

Lungs would have to be able to collapse so as not to be crushed when \_\_\_\_\_.

Teeth would have to change to \_\_\_\_\_.

They would have to adapt to living their whole life \_\_\_\_\_.

They would have to be able to give birth and \_\_\_\_\_ their baby under water.

These are just *some* of the changes.

**Activity: Read “The Evolution of a Whale (A Satire) by Daniel C. Hardin**

**WHALE: DESIGNED OR EVOLVED...  
WHICH IS MORE REASONABLE TO BELIEVE?**

### Junkyard Evolution

What if one day I decided to do a fossil dig at the junkyard? As I dig, I come across a bunch of cool stuff like bicycles, wagons, cars, etc. At the end of the day it hits me that these items have evolved from one another. To make my case, I begin to line them up:

First came the wheel itself. Next, it grew a seat and became a unicycle. Then a second tire, making it a little more stable. Then through an accident, a bicycle ended up with a third wheel, becoming a tricycle. Then four wheels become even more useful. Eventually a large change happened as it became a VW Bug. And that led to a beautiful red sports car.

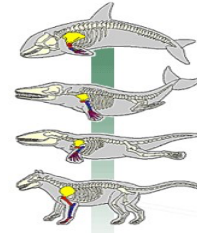
When I line them up like that, I can make a convincing story that a wheel, over enough time, evolved into a sports car. But the truth is, each one was made fully formed with its specific purpose.

Likewise, various fossils can be lined up to tell an evolutionary story. But what if each creature was actually designed fully formed from the beginning for a specific purpose?



These creatures can be lined up so that an evolution story seems to emerge. But it doesn't mean that it's true!

### YOUR THOUGHTS:



What questions could you respectfully ask in class when discussing "Whale Evolution"?

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Another video you might enjoy:

<https://youtu.be/1ICQwrXDYEA?si=npQ3wyzFuf3J15oWY>

Debunking Evolution – Whale Evolution by Genesis Apologetics

