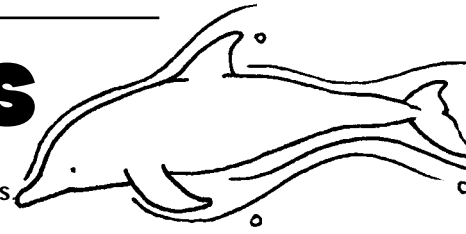


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SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS

At least 26 different kinds of dolphins live in the world's oceans and—in some cases—rivers. Find out more about these highly intelligent animals at www.scholastic.com/cyberhunt/kids. Click directly on each Web link to find the answers, then write them in the spaces below.



1. Did you know that dolphins and whales are close cousins? Both belong to a group of mammals called _____, from a Greek word meaning "whale." In fact, dolphins are *toothed whales*.

[HTTP://TEACHER.SCHOLASTIC.COM/DOLPHIN/ABOUT2.HTM#Q1](http://teacher.scholastic.com/dolphin/about2.htm#Q1)

2. Porpoises are also related to dolphins, but they are very different animals. You can tell them apart because dolphins have a prominent _____ and a curved or hooked _____.

[WWW.ACSONLINE.ORG/EDUCATION/CURRICULUM/DOLPHINS-PORPOISES.HTML](http://www.acsonline.org/education/curriculum/dolphins-porpoises.html)

3. Dolphins, like other mammals, need air to survive. Instead of a nose, they use a blowhole located _____ . This lets them take breaths quickly and easily while they swim.

[HTTP://LIBRARY.THINKQUEST.ORG/17963/RESPIRATORY-SYSTEM.HTML](http://library.thinkquest.org/17963/respiratory-system.html)

4. The famous killer whale, or *orca*, is actually a dolphin, the biggest dolphin in the world. Its babies are about _____ feet long at birth. That's bigger than most other kinds of adult dolphins!

[HTTP://TEACHER.SCHOLASTIC.COM/DOLPHIN/ABOUT3.HTM#Q1](http://teacher.scholastic.com/dolphin/about3.htm#Q1)

5. The most recognizable type of dolphin in the world is the gray *bottlenose*, which gets its name from its _____ . [WWW.ENCHANTEDLEARNING.COM/SUBJECTS/WHALES/SPECIES/BOTTLEDOLPHIN.SHTML](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/whales/species/bottledolphin.shtml)

6. Bottlenose dolphins live in groups called pods. They are social animals who love to "talk" to one another! How? _____

[WWW.NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM/KIDS/CREATURE_FEATURE/0108/DOLPHINS2.HTML](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/creature_feature/0108/dolphins2.html)

7. A dolphin has a special way of navigating. It uses an organ called the _____ to send out high-pitched clicks, then "hears" the sounds bouncing back.

[WWW.ENCHANTEDLEARNING.COM/SUBJECTS/WHALES/GLOSSARY/ECHOLOCATION.SHTML](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/whales/glossary/echolocation.shtml)

8. Dolphins are very active animals and fast swimmers, so they need a lot of energy. In a single day, most dolphins eat 13 to 33 pounds of _____, while orcas eat as much as 100 pounds!

[HTTP://TEACHER.SCHOLASTIC.COM/DOLPHIN/ABOUT4.HTM#Q1](http://teacher.scholastic.com/dolphin/about4.htm#Q1)

9. Dolphins are sometimes called "ambassadors of the sea." Why do you think they are so popular with humans? Write your answer on the back. [HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/DOLPHIN#DOLPHIN_BEHAVIOUR](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/dolphin#dolphin_behaviour)