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# Dolphins — Smart Friends of the Sea

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A **dolphin** is a special animal that lives in the **sea**. It looks like a big **fish**, but it is not a fish at all! A dolphin has a long body, a short nose, and a big tail. It can be gray, blue, or even pink. Dolphins are some of the best swimmers in the world.

Dolphins love to swim very **fast**. They can **jump** high out of the water — sometimes as high as a small house! They use their strong tails to push themselves up into the air. People love to watch dolphins jump because they look so happy.

Dolphins like to eat small fish and tiny sea animals. A hungry dolphin can eat a lot of **food** every day. Dolphins also have to come up for air. They breathe through a small hole on the top of their head, not through their mouth like you and me.

Dolphins are very **smart**. They can make many fun **sounds** to talk to their **friends**. They use clicks, whistles, and other noises. Each dolphin even has its own special sound — just like the way your name is special to you!

Dolphins live with their **family** in big groups. They **play** games with each other and take good care of their babies. So if you ever see a dolphin in the sea, you are looking at one of the smartest and kindest animals in the whole world.

## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. sea ____    | a. the things that people and animals eat                      |
| 2. fish ____   | b. a group of people or animals that are related to each other |
| 3. fast ____   | c. something that you can hear with your ears                  |
| 4. jump ____   | d. to do something fun for enjoyment                           |
| 5. food ____   | e. the salty water that covers most of the Earth               |
| 6. smart ____  | f. an animal that lives in water and has fins for swimming     |
| 7. sound ____  | g. moving or able to move at high speed                        |
| 8. friend ____ | h. to push your body up into the air using your legs or tail   |
| 9. family ____ | i. able to think well and learn quickly                        |
| 10. play ____  | j. a person or animal you know well and like                   |

## B. True or False

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1. A dolphin is a kind of fish. \_\_\_\_
2. Dolphins live in the sea. \_\_\_\_
3. A dolphin has a long body and a big tail. \_\_\_\_
4. Dolphins cannot jump out of the water. \_\_\_\_
5. Dolphins eat small fish and tiny sea animals. \_\_\_\_
6. Dolphins breathe through a hole on the top of their head. \_\_\_\_
7. Each dolphin has its own special sound. \_\_\_\_
8. Dolphins live alone and have no family. \_\_\_\_
9. Dolphins are very smart animals. \_\_\_\_

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** fish, fast, family, sound, smart

1. Dolphins live in the sea and look like big \_\_\_\_\_ , but they are not.
2. Dolphins can swim very \_\_\_\_\_ and jump high out of the water.

3. Dolphins live in big groups with their \_\_\_\_\_ and take care of their babies.
4. Each dolphin has its own special \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to its friends.
5. Dolphins are very \_\_\_\_\_ animals that can learn many things.

#### **D. Comprehension Questions**

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1. What does a dolphin look like, and where does it live?
2. How do dolphins swim so fast and jump so high?
3. What do dolphins eat, and how do they breathe?
4. How do dolphins talk to their friends?
5. Why do you think dolphins live in big family groups?

#### **E. Discussion Questions**

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1. Have you ever seen a dolphin? Where was it?
2. What other smart animals do you know?
3. Why is it important to keep the sea clean for dolphins?

# Answer Key

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**A. Vocabulary:** 1-e, 2-f, 3-g, 4-h, 5-a, 6-i, 7-c, 8-j, 9-b, 10-d

**B. True/False:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-fish, 2-fast, 3-family, 4-sound, 5-smart

**D. Comprehension:**

1. A dolphin has a long body, a short nose, and a big tail. It can be gray, blue, or even pink, and it lives in the sea.
2. Dolphins use their strong tails to push themselves up into the air, so they can swim very fast and jump high out of the water.
3. Dolphins eat small fish and tiny sea animals. They breathe air through a small hole on the top of their head.
4. Dolphins make clicks, whistles, and other sounds. Each dolphin has its own special sound, just like a name.
5. Dolphins live in big family groups so they can play together, take care of their babies, and stay safe in the sea.