

Excellent 3

Topic: Interesting facts about dolphins and whales

Pre-reading task:

T.: Look at the pictures



What can you see?

Are dolphins fish?

Where can you see dolphins?

Can dolphins jump?

Reading: read the text about dolphins and whales and say what these words mean:

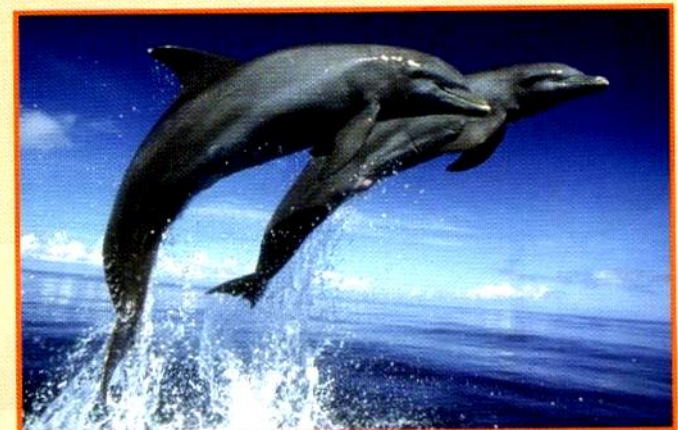
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In this issue of **EXCELLENT!** we look at dolphins and whales.

FUNFACTS Dolphins and whales

- Dolphins and whales aren't fish. They are mammals.
- Dolphins and whales breathe through a nose or nostril on the top of their heads. This is called a blowhole.
- Whales and dolphins don't sleep because they need to be awake to breathe. Half their brain is awake and half goes to sleep.
- Blue whales are the largest animals. They can be twenty-seven metres long. A blue whale weighs as much as 6,000 children. You could park a car in its mouth!
- Dolphins live in groups called schools. They are friendly and like playing. They sometimes carry pebbles as 'toys'.
- Some whales can dive under water for five hours. Dolphins can stay under water for about five minutes.
- Dolphins 'talk' through special sounds and jumps.
- Dolphins can jump five metres. The Spinner Dolphin in Hawaii can jump up and make sixteen turns in the air.
- Dolphins 'see' by making sounds called 'clicks'. Humans can't hear these. When the click sound 'hits' something the dolphin follows it looking for food.
- Some dolphins live in rivers in China and South America.
- Dolphins can't see fishing nets so they often get caught in them.



a blowhole, a school of whales, dive under water, pebbles, fishing nets.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Dolphins and whales breathe through _____

- a) mouth**
- b) nose**
- c) eyes.**

2. _____ are the largest animals.

- a) white bears**
- b) blue dolphins**
- c) blue whales.**

3. Dolphins can dive for _____.

- a) 5 min**
- b) 10 min**
- c) 5 hours.**

4. Dolphins can see by _____

- a) their tail**
- b) making sounds**
- c) eyes.**

5. Dolphins live _____

- a) in the ocean only.**
- b) in the river only**
- c) in the sea and some rivers.**

6. _____ can't see fishing nets.

- a) Dolphins**
- b) whales**
- c) fish**

7. It is possible _____ in the whale's mouth.

- a) to park a bus**
- b) to buy a car**
- c) to park a car.**

Post-reading:

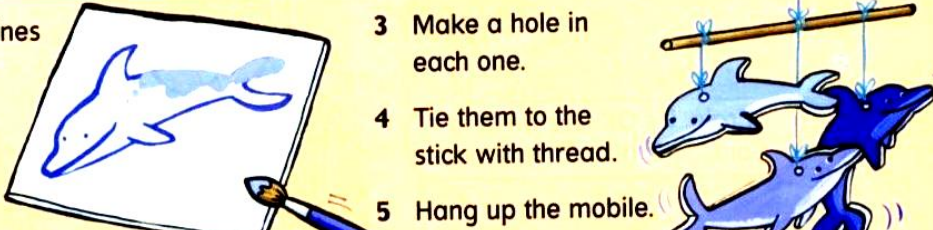
1. Split into groups, in each group choose one person – expert, ask him/her questions about dolphins.
2. Make a dolphin mobile:

Make and Do **Make a dolphin mobile.**

You need:

- card
- scissors
- a stick
- thread
- paint

- 1 Draw dolphin outlines onto card.
- 2 Paint them on both sides and cut them out.
- 3 Make a hole in each one.
- 4 Tie them to the stick with thread.
- 5 Hang up the mobile.



Show your mobile to other pupils and tell a story about dolphins (home task).

