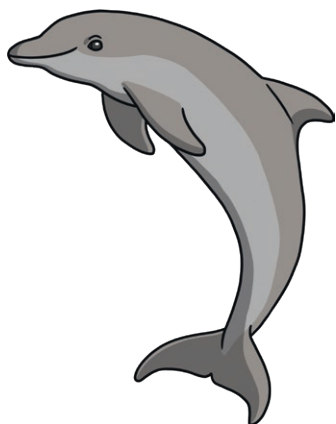
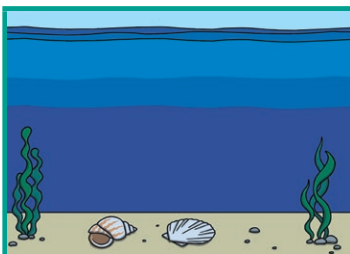


Dolphins



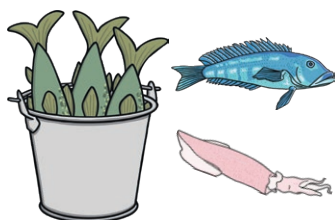
What do dolphins look like?

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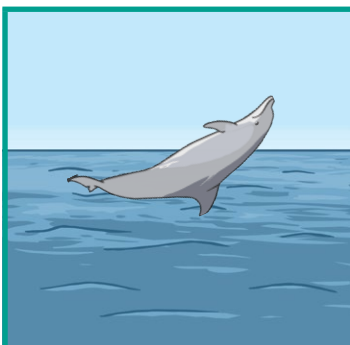
Where do dolphins live?

Dolphins live in seas and rivers. They live together in groups called 'pods'.



What do dolphins eat?

Dolphins eat fish. They wait for the fish to jump out of the sea into their mouth.



What do dolphins do?

Dolphins can jump out of the water and flip over to land on their back, belly or side. This is called 'breach'. They breach to let other dolphins know about food nearby.

Questions

1. Why do dolphins have two fins on the side and one on the back? Tick one.

- ☐ to help them to jump out the water
- ☐ so they can swim on their back
- ☐ to help them to swim fast

2. Why do dolphins have fat under the skin? Tick one.

- ☐ to keep them warm
- ☐ to make them bigger
- ☐ to help them swim down

3. What is the name of the nostril on the top of their head? Tick one.

- ☐ horn hole
- ☐ blowhole
- ☐ spray hole

4. What do dolphins eat? Tick one.

- ☐ plants
- ☐ toast
- ☐ fish

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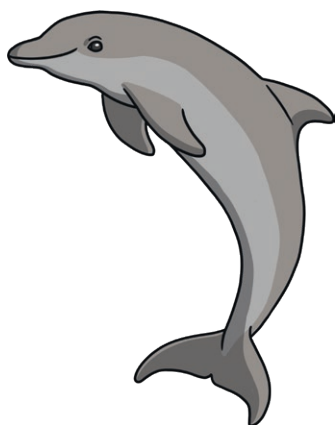
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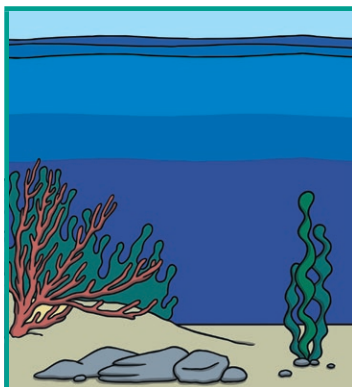
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Dolphins



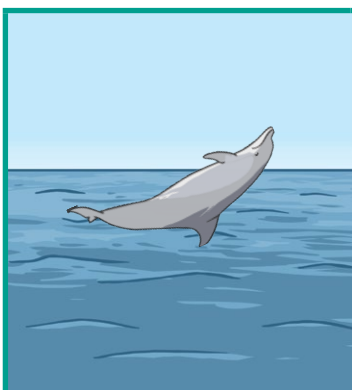
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A dolphin is a sea animal but they are mammals, not fish. They have two fins on their sides and a triangle shaped fin on their back that helps them to swim fast. They also have smooth, rubbery skin which can be a mix of black, white and gray in colour. A bottlenose dolphin is large with a dark grey back and a light gray belly with a short beak that can look like they are smiling. Dolphins have fat under the skin to keep them warm in the harsh, cold seas. They breathe through a single nostril on the top of their head called a blowhole.



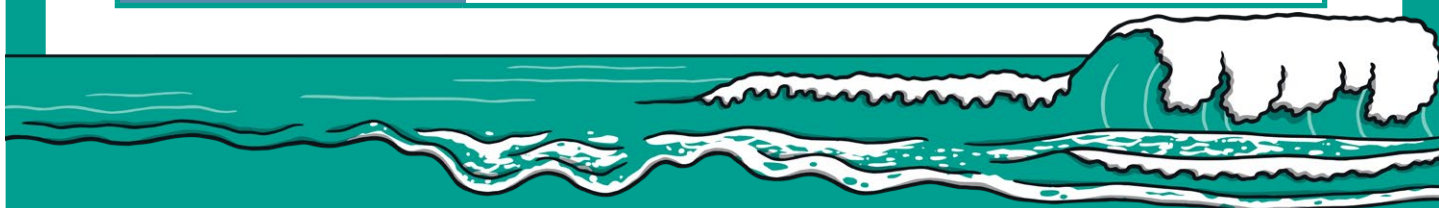
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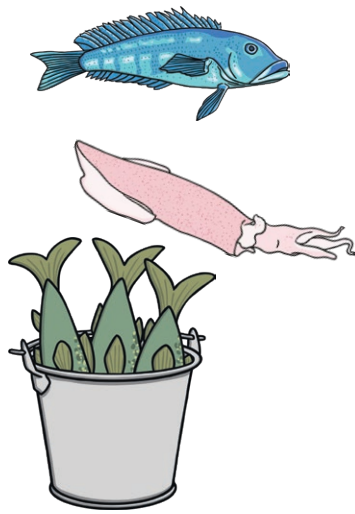
Dolphins live in the world's seas and in rivers too. They live together in groups called 'pods'. Some dolphin pods like to live where the land meets the sea, some live out at sea and some live in rivers or lakes.



What do dolphins do?

Dolphins can jump out of the water as high as 4.9 metres, flipping over to land on their backs, bellies or sides. This is called 'breach'. They breach to let other dolphins know about food nearby.



**What do dolphins eat?**

Bottlenose dolphins hunt their prey by swimming around in big circles near fish, beating their tails down hard to stir up the seafloor making the water cloudy. The dolphins swim around, making the circle smaller and smaller, trapping the fish like a net. As the fish jump out, the other dolphins catch them in their mouth.



Questions

1. What type of animal is a dolphin? Tick one.

- ☐ fish
☐ mammal
☐ reptile

2. Find and copy the name of the dolphin that has a short beak.

3. Dolphins live together in groups. What is the name of a dolphin group? Tick one.

- ☐ pack
☐ swarm
☐ pod

4. Number the statements from 1-3 to show the order in which a dolphin hunts their prey.

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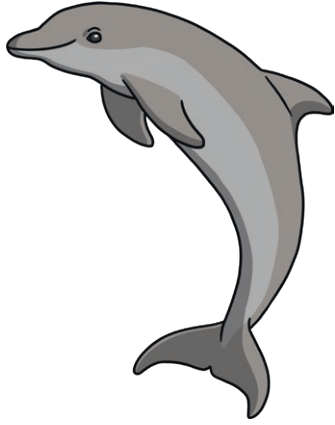
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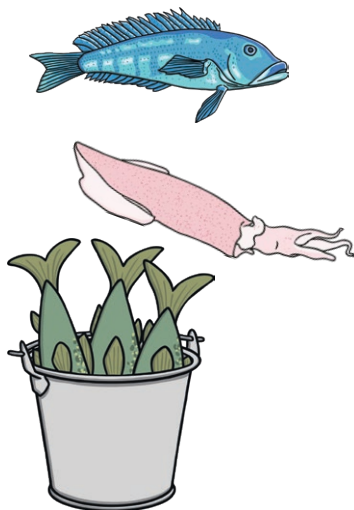
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Dolphins



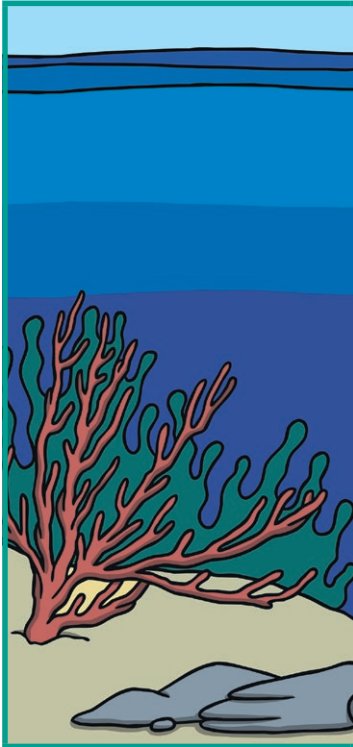
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What do dolphins eat?

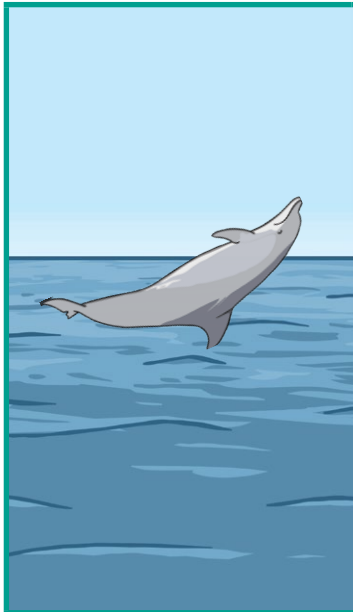
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Where do dolphins live?

Dolphins live in the world's seas, oceans and in rivers too. They like to be with other dolphins and live together in groups called 'pods'. Some dolphin pods like to live in coastal areas, others choose to live in shallow waters away from the coast further out at sea.

The Amazon river dolphin prefers to live in freshwater rivers and lakes. Other dolphins, such as the bottlenose dolphin may visit lakes and can be seen close to cities.



What do dolphins do?

Dolphins can jump out of the water as high as 4.9 metres, flipping over to land on their backs, bellies or sides. This is called 'breach'. They breach to let other dolphins know about food nearby. Dolphins are very playful and both young and old dolphins like to chase each other, carry objects, blow air out their blowhole to spray water, toss seaweed and practise catching food.



Questions

1. What is the texture of a dolphin's skin? Tick one.

- ☐ soft, wet skin
- ☐ rough, dry skin
- ☐ smooth, rubbery skin

2. What features does a bottlenose dolphin have to help them to swim fast?

3. Fill in the missing word.

Dolphins are _____, not fish, so they are warm-blooded.

4. Find and copy the name of the dolphin that has a short beak.

5. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence. One has been done for you.

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They like to be with other dolphins and live	●	world's seas, oceans and in rivers too.
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think scientists say dolphins are playful because they like to live together in groups called pods and because there are lots of dolphins together, they can play together.