

Dolphins



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Let's Learn About...

1 Dolphins are sea animals. They do not lay eggs to have children. They give birth like many animals on the land, and feed small dolphins milk. That is why they are called mammals. They also breathe normal air. They come up to take a some air and go down again. They can stay under the water for fifteen minutes.

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2 As a fish, dolphins have three fins, two on their sides and one on their back. They have a tail with small fins. Their colour is usually grey. The upper part of their bodies is darker than the lower. Dolphins do not have fur or hair to keep them warm, but they have a thick layer of fat under their skin.

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Mammals:

Animals give birth to babies and feed them milk.

unique: special, it is one of a kind.

pollute: make it dirty.



Dolphins nowadays are in danger.

Numbers of river dolphins are becoming smaller and smaller. People are reason behind this. First, people throw dirt in water and pollute it. Secondly, in some countries, people kill dolphins because they eat fish. Sometimes dolphins get stuck in the fishing nets that people put in the sea. Baiji is a kind of dolphins and it died out.

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Dolphins are clever animals. They use a unique system to know where a food (fish) and if there is something in their way. Dolphins send out waves forward and wait for them to return. They can know how far the object is. This is called an echolocation.

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Dolphins live in schools. They are groups of dolphins living together. These groups are like families. In their families, dolphins help each other looking for food, looking after small dolphins and travelling to different places.

Dolphins can live in rivers as well as seas. They can live for fifty years. But most dolphins live

11 the age of
seventeen.



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