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The Dolphin



Can **dolphins** talk? Maybe they can't talk with words, but they talk with **sounds**. They **show** their **feelings** with sounds.

Dolphins **travel** in a **group**. We call a group of fish a "school." They don't study, but they travel **together**. Dolphins are mammals, not fish, but they swim together in a school.

three or more people
or animals

Dolphins talk to the other dolphins in the school. They give information. They tell when they are happy or sad or afraid. They say "Welcome" when a dolphin comes back to the school. They talk when they play.

They make a few sounds above water. They make many more sounds under water. People cannot hear these sounds because the sounds are very, very high. **Scientists** make tapes of the sounds and study them.

Sometimes people catch dolphins for a large aquarium. (An aquarium is a zoo for fish.) People can watch the dolphins in a show. Dolphins don't like to be away from their school in an aquarium. They are sad and **lonely**.

There are many stories about dolphins. They help people. Sometimes they **save** somebody's life. Dolphin meat is good, but people don't like to kill them. They say that dolphins bring good **luck**. Many people **believe** this.



a Vocabulary

Put the right word in each blank. The sentences are from the text.

together	luck	travel	believe
dolphins	lonely	group	feelings
save	show	sounds	scientists

1. Dolphins _____ in a _____.
2. Sometimes they _____ somebody's life.
3. Can _____ talk?
4. They are sad and _____.
5. They _____ their _____ with sounds.
6. _____ make tapes of their sounds and study them.
7. Many people _____ this.
8. They don't study, but they travel _____.
9. Maybe they can't talk with words, but they talk with _____.
10. They say dolphins bring good _____.

b Vocabulary: New Context

Put the right word in each blank. These are new sentences for the words in the text.

lonely	dolphin	together	save
sounds	believe	scientists	stories
show	travel	feels	group

1. The _____ is a mammal, but it lives in the sea.
2. Many students at a large university feel _____. They don't have many friends.
3. Do you like to _____ to different countries?
4. Please _____ me your picture.
5. Children like to play _____ in the snow.
6. There is a _____ of Omani students in our class.
7. Is it true? Do you _____ it?
8. _____ study animals and many other things.
9. She _____ happy today because it's warm outside.
10. You must _____ your money. Don't spend it on a new car.
11. It is difficult to pronounce some English _____.



C Vocabulary Review

Put each word in the correct group in the chart. Some words go in both groups.

eyelashes hump wing feather
tail beak nose arm
leg stomach hand eyes

Parts of an Animal's Body	Parts of a Person's Body

d Questions

The asterisk (*) means you have to think of the answer. You cannot find it in the text.

1. Can dolphins talk?
2. What is a school of dolphins?
3. What do dolphins talk about?
4. When do they say "Welcome"?
5. Do they make more sounds above water or under water?
6. Can people hear dolphin sounds? Why?
7. How does a dolphin feel in an aquarium?
- *8. Do dolphins bring good luck?
- *9. Dolphins are not fish. What is the difference between dolphins and fish?



e Comprehension: Multiple Choice

Put a circle around the letter of the best answer.

- Dolphins talk with _____.
a. words b. their hands c. sounds d. music
- Dolphins talk when they _____.
a. play b. listen c. show d. kill
- They make more sounds _____.
a. above water b. under water c. for tapes d. in school
- Scientists study _____ of dolphins.
a. shows b. schools c. aquariums d. tapes
- Dolphins like to be _____.
a. at an aquarium b. in their school c. lonely d. on a tape
- What sentence is *not* true?
a. A dolphin can save a person's life.
b. People like to watch dolphins.
c. Dolphins always bring good luck.
d. A dolphin can talk with sounds.

f Main Idea

Circle the number of the main idea of the text.

- Dolphins use words to show how they feel and to give information.
- Dolphins travel together and talk with sounds.
- Dolphins live in the sea and in aquariums.
- The dolphin is a mammal, and scientists can tape it.



Word Study

a Possessive Pronouns

Possessive pronouns show that something belongs to somebody.

Examples: **My** car is new. **Their** hair is thick.

Singular	Plural
I – my	we – our
you – your	you – your
she – her	they – their
he – his	
it – its	

Put the right pronoun in each blank.

1. The camel stores food in _____ hump.
2. Maria likes _____ classes this year.
3. I use _____ dictionary every day.
4. Polar bears use _____ front legs like arms.
5. Do you have _____ cassette tapes with you?
6. Scientists listen to _____ tapes.
7. Carlos and his family swim in _____ pool every day.
8. David drives _____ car to class.
9. We go to the university on _____ bicycles.
10. A baby hippo rides on _____ mother's back.



b Verbs: Present Tense

Put an *s* on the simple verb to make the present tense. Do not put an *s* on the simple verb if it goes with **I, you, we, or they**.

a dolphin	plays	I	play
a girl	plays	you	play
a man	plays	we	play
she	plays	they	play
he	plays		
it	plays		

c Spelling

1. When a simple verb ends in **y** with a consonant before it, change the **y** to **i** and add **-es**.
fly – flies study – studies
2. When a simple verb ends in **y** with a vowel before it, add **-s**.
play – plays say – says
3. When a simple verb ends in **s, ch, sh, x, or z**, add **-es**.
catch – catches finish – finishes
4. Irregular verbs:
be – am, is, are go – goes do – does have – has

Change each sentence to make a new one. Use the word or words in parentheses. Sometimes you must change other words, too.

Example: (I) They study every day.
I study every day.

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| (a polar bear) | 1. We catch fish and eat them. |
| (they) | 2. Mike usually flies home. |
| (I) | 3. Betty has a beautiful plant in her living room. |
| (people) | 4. David likes dolphin shows. |
| (we) | 5. They travel only in the summer. |
| (a dolphin) | 6. You play in the water. |
| (they) | 7. We go swimming in a lake in summer. |
| (Tom) | 8. I usually finish my work early. |
| (a mammal) | 9. People are born alive. |
| (Ann and Bill) | 10. Ali does his homework in the afternoon. |

