

Dolphins and

OK, what is this...?



It isn't a big fish.

It's a dolphin – yes, it lives in the sea and looks like a fish – but it isn't a fish. It's a mammal. Mammal mothers feed their babies with milk – so yes, dolphin mothers feed their babies milk.

Fish mothers don't give milk – because, fish are fish.

[Whales are also mammals, by the way.]

Mammals and fish and all living animals and plants need oxygen to live.

Another difference between fish and mammals is, how they get their oxygen. Fish have special parts [which you can see] on their neck called 'gills' – these get oxygen out of the water.

Mammals are like you. You have to breathe in air and get oxygen out of the air in your lungs.

But, how do dolphins which are under the water, get enough air? Well, dolphins are not under the water all the time.

They have special holes in the top of their heads called ‘blowholes’ – these are like noses. They are holes which let air in. [Whales also have blowholes]

To get air, dolphins keep coming up to the top of the water – when the top of their head pops out of the water they take a breath of air.

Dolphins can hold their breath for a long time. But when they are going for a long swim they come up and down, up and down, in a straight line and you can see where they are heading.



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This fabulous picture was lent to us by Dolphin Watch Cruises. Look closely and you can see some bubbles – so this dolphin is breathing air out [making bubbles].

Sometimes, you can also see some water spurting out of the blowhole. When dolphins [and whales] go under the water, some water runs into their blowhole. When they come up they have to spray that water out before they can take a breath in.

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That is how people can see where to find these animals. Whales are bigger and their spurting can be seen from a long way away.

Have you ever heard an echo? If you are outside near rocks and mountains and you shout “Hello”, the noise you make may bounce off the rocks and come back to you – that is, you will hear “Hello” a moment later.

Or, in a bare house with no soft furniture – carpets or cushions – sometimes you can hear your footsteps coming back, or ‘echoing’.

Dolphins don’t have very good eyesight. But, they know what’s going on a long way away. That is because they make clicking noises, and when the clicks bounce off hard stuff and come back to them, they can tell what is in that direction. [Have you ever seen a dolphin wearing glasses? No. Well, they don’t like sitting in chairs to have their eyes examined.]

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Cambodia is a country north of Australia. They have many cities in the jungle which they have not used for about 700 years. The jungle has grown all over them.



We have seen these cities and buildings – they are pretty cool, don't you think?!





Q: What do you call a cow that plays a guitar?

A: *A MOO-sician.*

Q: What kind of cat likes water?

A: *An octo-PUSS.*

Q: What do you call a dog who goes to the beach in the summer?

A: *A hot dog.*

Q: Why do tigers have stripes?

A: *So they don't get spotted.*

Q: What time is it when people are throwing pieces of bread at your head?

A: *Time to duck.*

Q: What bone will a dog never eat?

A: *A trombone.*

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