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# DOLPHIN

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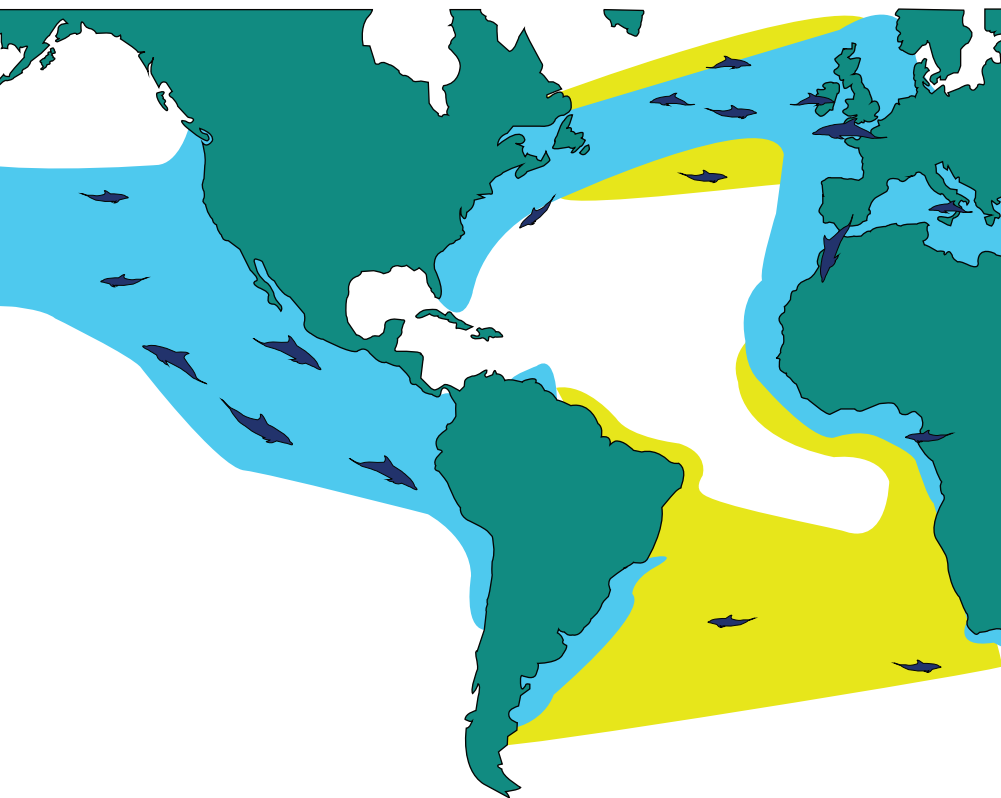
Hello Friends!

I am Dodo, the Dolphin. Let me tell you about my family, friends and me.

I live in the water, but do you know that I breathe air like animals living on the land.



My cousins and I live in most seas and oceans around the world and in some rivers too. Some of my cousins live in coastal areas too.



 Primary range  
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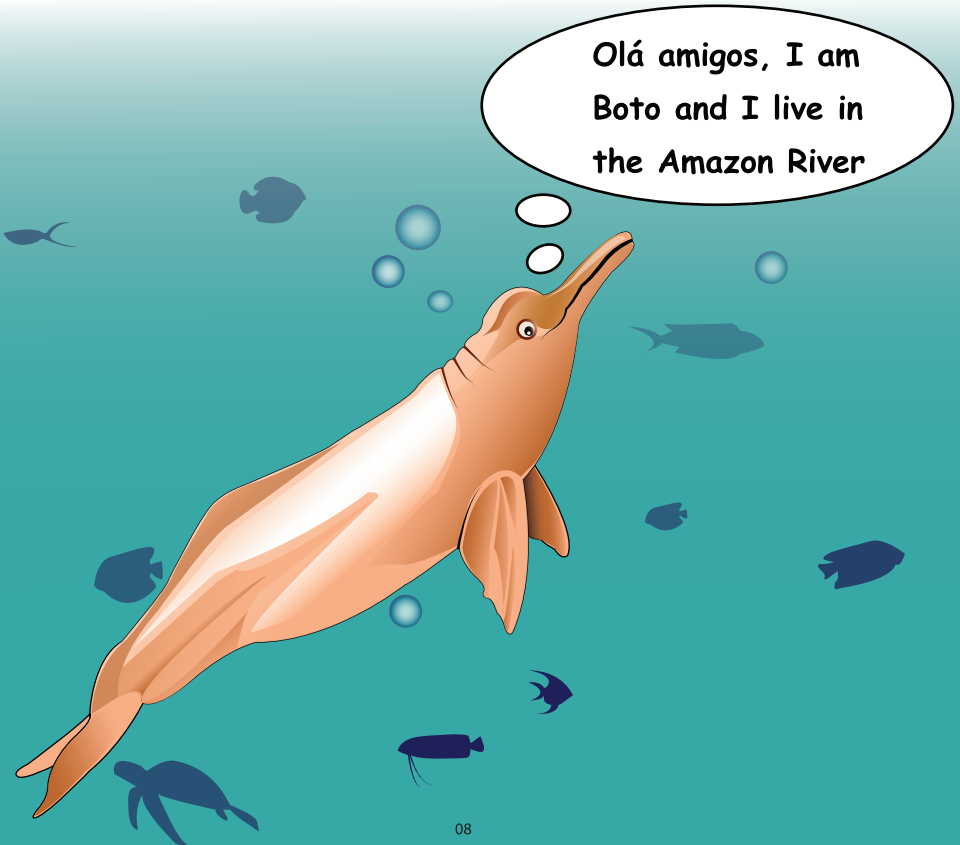
We are very friendly and funny aquatic mammals.



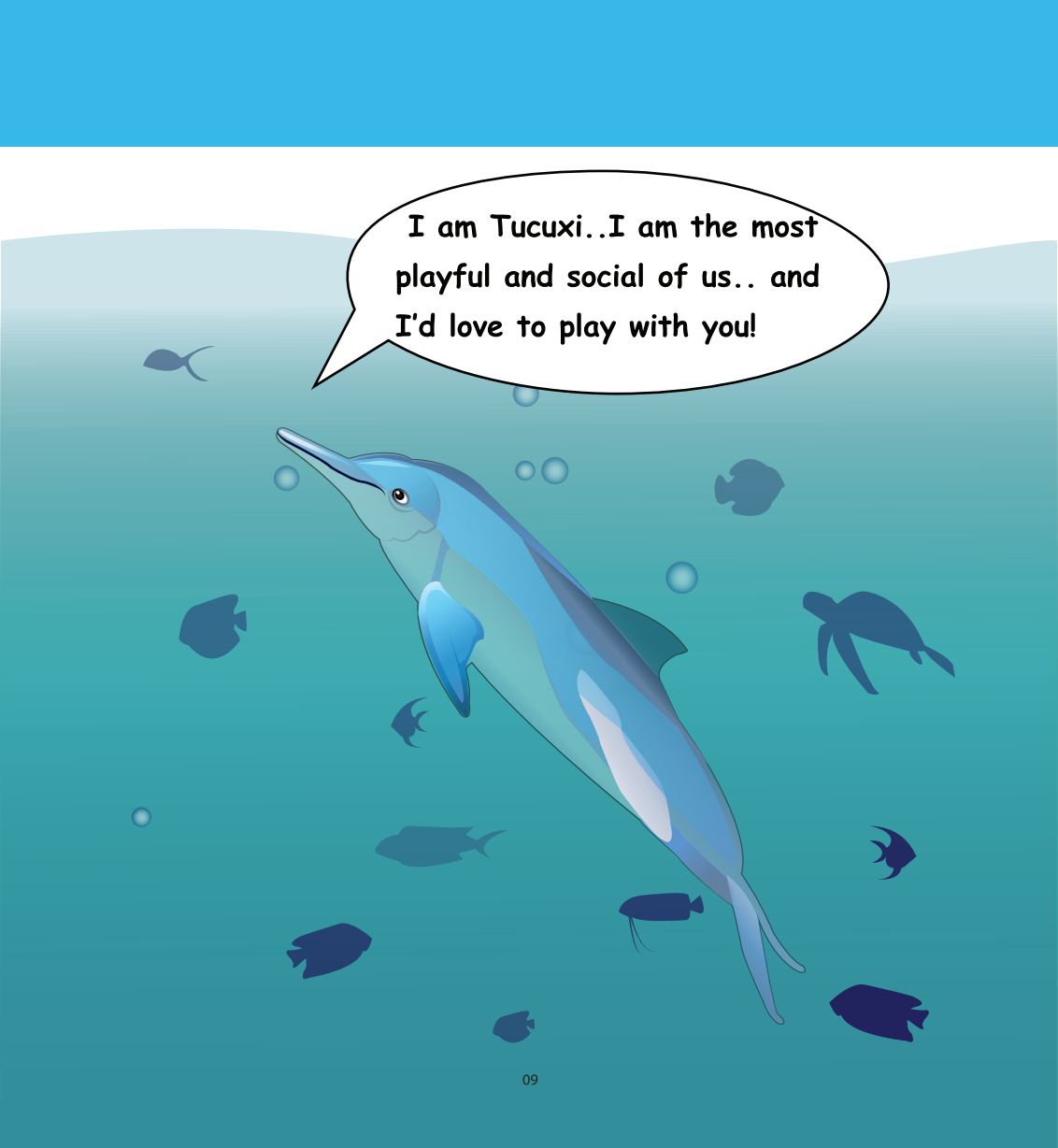
Whales, porpoises and we dolphins are from the same Genus. Though not related to us, there is a fish that goes by the name of Dolphinfish or Mahi-Mahi.



We have more than 42 branches of our family and occasionally some of us vacation together. There are seven species of porpoises, who are also related to us.

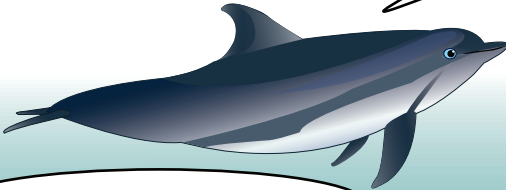




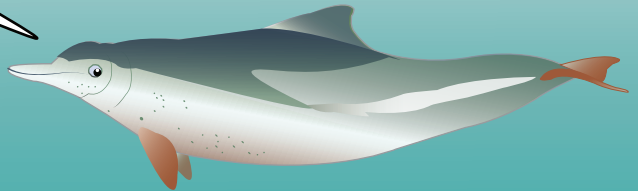


I am Tucuxi..I am the most  
playful and social of us.. and  
I'd love to play with you!

I'm the Bottlenose Dolphin

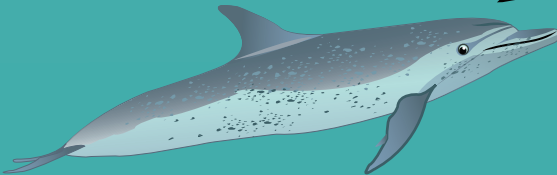


I'm the Humpback Dolphin

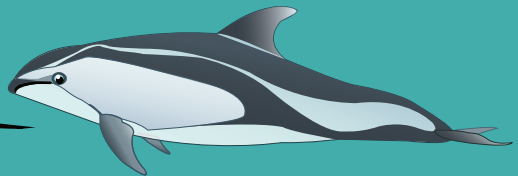


My other cousins are: Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Dolphin, White-sided Dolphin, Humpback Dolphin, and the list goes on....

They call me the Spotted Dolphin



And I'm  
White Sided Dolphin





Hurray!! Now let me tell you about some special things about my body, I have a dorsal fin on top of my body like sharks; so, some people confuse us with sharks! (chuckle...chuckle...).



We can find swimming routes and food in the dark with the help of our echolocation skills.  
(yaay!! we are not afraid of the dark!!!)



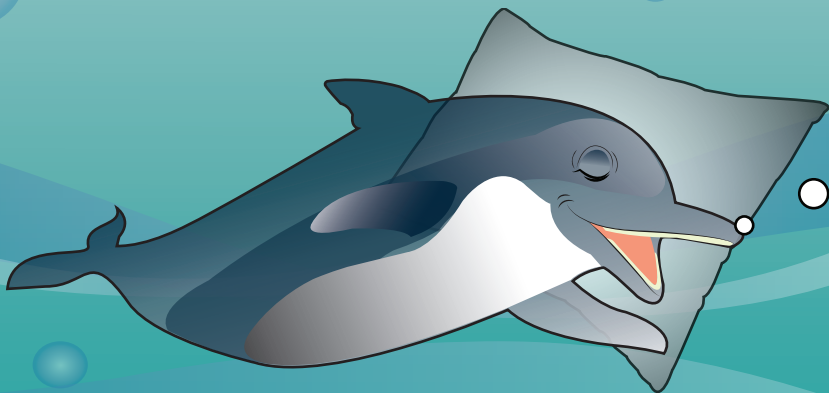


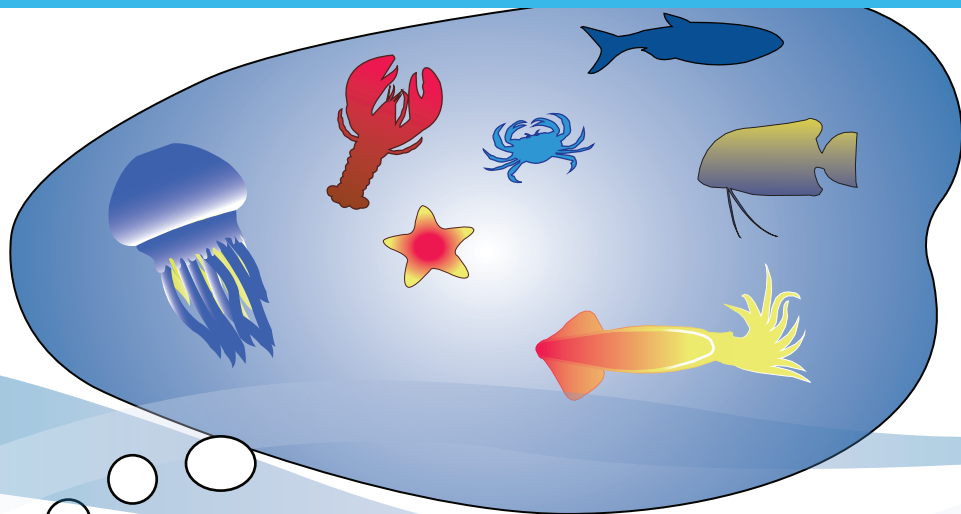
PhewwwwwW....

I will tell you a secret! We breathe through a hole on top of our head, can you see it? This is called a blow hole. We open it when we come to the surface to breathe and close it every time we dive. (Yippee!!!)

I am hungry! Come on lets eat, do you know what we have for food?

We love fishes, but we eat a lot of other things too..





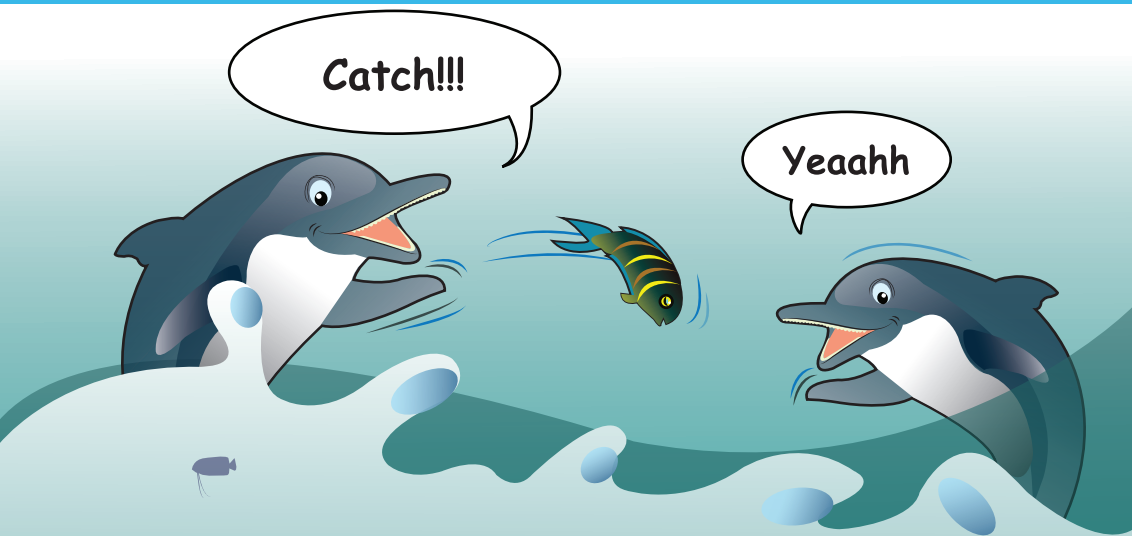
Like a variety of squids, crustaceans like shrimps, and so on. We love to hunt fish in groups. We sometimes encircle a large school of fish and herd them into a small, dense mass. Then we take turns to charge through the school and feed!.


But we don't chew our food - just break it into small pieces and swallow. Rest of the digestion is taken care by our four stomach compartments.

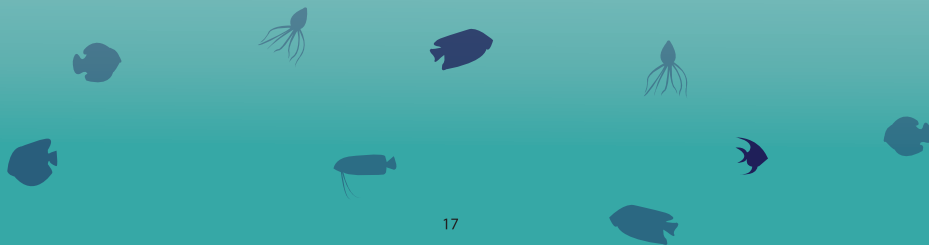
Don't tell my mom,



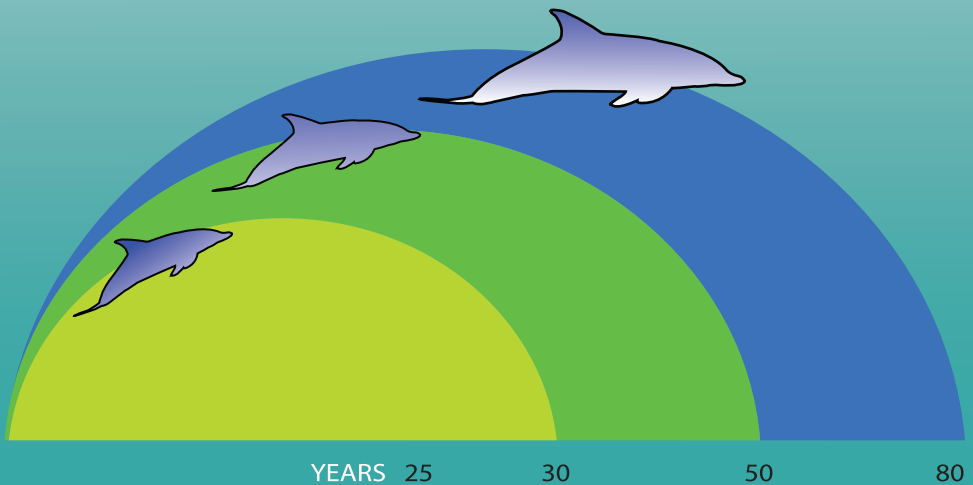


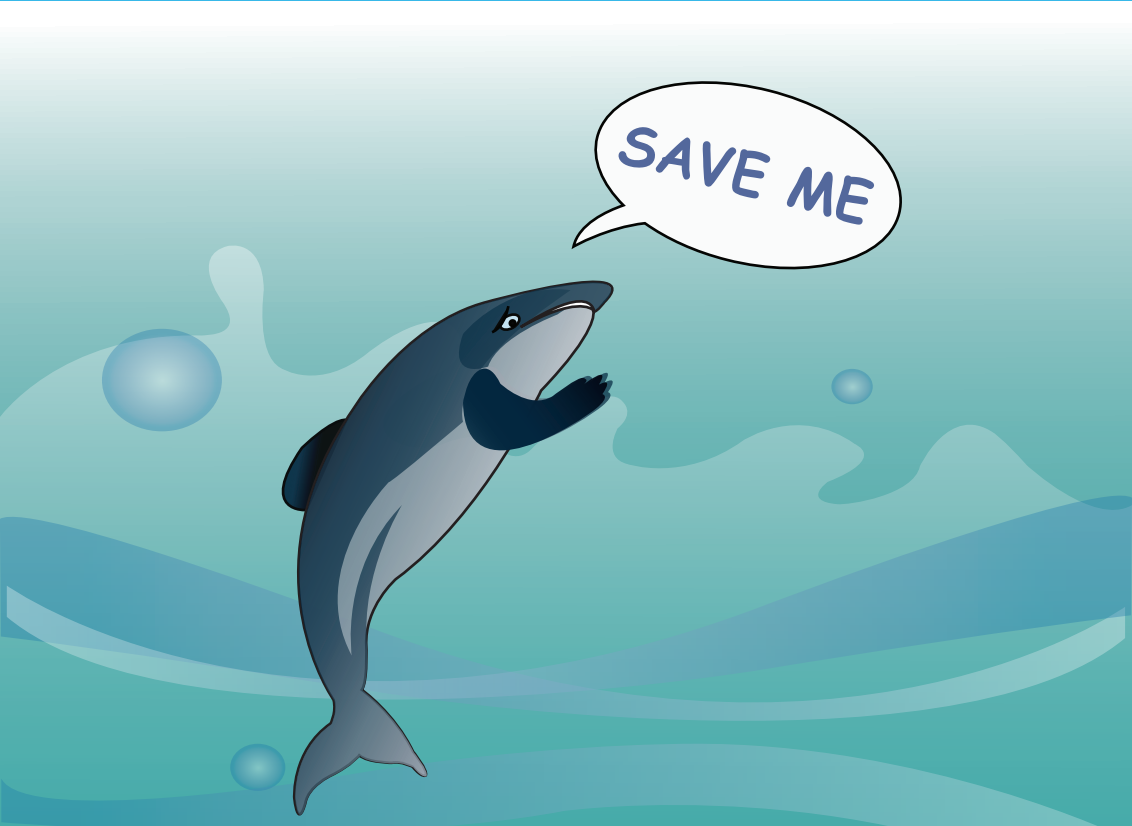


Like cats, some of us like to play with food. We toss  fishes on ocean or river beds and eat them when they are stunned by being out of water..



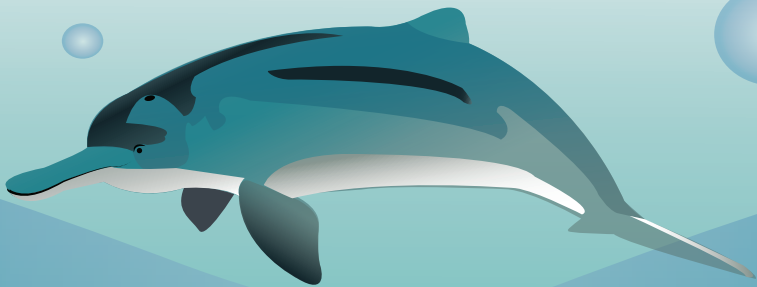
Do you know that smaller dolphins live for about 20 to 50 years and the bigger ones for about 80 or more years!





Friends, it is important for you and me to join the cause to save nature and help save all species including mine.

BAIJI or Yangtze River dolphin is sadly believed to be extinct, sacrificed to population pressures and industrialisation.



Please help us survive by protecting our habitat.

Dams and industrialisation are the most common reasons that destroy river dolphins.

## Quiz

1. Can dolphins live in Fresh Water?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
2. How many species of porpoises are related to dolphin?
  - a. 2
  - b. 5
  - c. 7
  - d. 9
3. Where can you find dolphins?
  - a. Oceans
  - b. Coasts
  - c. Rivers
  - d. All of the above
4. What do dolphins eat?
  - a. Fish and Squid
  - b. Fish, squid and crustaceans
  - c. Fish and Seagrass
  - d. Fish only
5. How do Dolphins breathe?
  - a. Gills
  - b. Mouth
  - c. Blow hole
  - d. Skin

Answers:

5-c

4-b

3-d

2-c

1-a

6. How long do dolphins live?

- a. 5 to 10 years
- b. 5 to 10 years
- c. 20 to 50 years
- d. 100 years

7. How do Dolphins find food in the dark ?

- a. Eyesight
- b. Smell
- c. Echolocation

8. Do Dolphins chew their food?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Answers:

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