

Dolphins

Aufgaben:

1. Fill in the gaps with the right words!
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Use all gap words!



Dolphins are part of the whale family and are _____. They can be between one and a half and four meters long. The _____ is the biggest dolphin and can even get to be eight meters long. The most well-known _____ is probably the bottlenose dolphin. Many people think that dolphins are _____. Three things show that they are not fish, but mammals: They drink milk from their _____, they need to breathe air, and they don't have scales, but skin.

Dolphins live in all of the earth's _____. However, some dolphins live in rivers too. Dolphins swim very fast, up to 55 kilometers per _____. Dolphins swim very far every day, so it's unnatural and cruel to keep them in a small _____.

Dolphins eat fish and crabs. They are fast meat-eaters. They have a special _____ in their head: the "melon". The melon sends an echo out that bounces off things such as _____. That's how dolphins know what's close to them.

Dolphins, like other whales, live in _____, or pods. They communicate by vocalizing. With dolphins, only one half of the _____ sleeps at once. The other half controls the dolphin's breathing. Also, one _____ stays open and looks around.

Dolphin mothers carry only one baby at a time. Like other _____, they spray milk into their baby's mouth because the baby has no lips to suck. After a few _____, the pup can look for its own food. It stays with its mother for about six years.

The biggest _____ to dolphins is fishing nets. They can get stuck in them and drown. Mostly the _____ don't want to catch dolphins, but tuna. In some places like Japan, though, people eat dolphin _____. Other dolphins die because people catch them. They don't survive being caught because of the _____ they are transported, or they die in captivity.

There are also _____ who train dolphins to fight in the water or to find mines. Most dolphins are caught to serve as _____ in zoos. A natural danger is the depth of the water or mud on the ocean _____. Mud prevents dolphins from receiving their own echoes. As a result, they get washed up on _____. Their natural predators are orcas and sharks. Also, dolphins can catch diseases or get infected by _____.

land	way	danger	floor	meat	fish	orca	mother	fishermen	dolphin	oceans
soldiers	months	groups	eye	brain	attractions	whales	prey	fungi	mammals	
organ	hour	enclosure								