



Dolphins

Dolphins **live** in water. But unlike sharks who also live in water, dolphins are not fish. Dolphins, in fact, (1) mammals, like us. They love to play (2) members of their group and are friendly, even to humans. They also usually play with other animals living in the water. Dolphins are considered one of the world's (3) clever animals because they have their own way of communicating. Dolphins need to live (4) they can surface to breathe air, so people have seen dolphin pods near shore. Dolphins give birth to one baby at a time; the baby is usually born tail first unlike most mammals. Baby dolphins live with their mother for a long time (5) leaving the group. Some can even stay with their mother for up to eight years!