

Animal Intelligence. Vlog-style mediation

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Oral Mediation (3 people)

You and your partners have a vlog called **Curious minds**. For this week's episode, you've decided to post **a video on animal intelligence**. Students **A** begin and focus on **dolphins and crows**. Students **B** take the baton and focus on **elephants and octopuses**. Students **C** take over focusing on the **African Gray Parrot and chimps** and wrap up the programme. (6 to 8 minutes)

Watch the video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcsUWc8UF00>) below:

Notes for Student A

Dolphins

- Social intelligence
- Complex communication (clicks, whistles, "names")
- Teamwork in pods
- Tool use (marine sponges)
- Cooperative hunting
- Altruism (helping injured members, rescuing others, even individuals from other species)

Crows

- Advanced problem-solving
- Tool use and tool creation
- Urban adaptability
- Strategic behavior (using traffic to crack nuts)
- Facial recognition (remembering humans)

Notes for Student B

Elephants

- Long-term memory (routes, water sources)
- Knowledge transmission across generations
- Emotional intelligence
- Empathy and mourning
- Self-awareness (mirror recognition)

Octopuses

- Problem-solving skills
- Escape behavior
- Maze navigation
- Observational learning
- Advanced camouflage (color and texture change)
- Creative solutions (e.g., short-circuiting lights)

Notes for Student C

African Gray Parrots

- Mimicry with understanding
- Concept learning (numbers, shapes, colors)
- Object identification
- Simple sentence formation
- Reasoning abilities

Chimpanzees

- Advanced tool use and manipulation
- Hunting cooperation
- Food sharing
- Empathy and fairness
- Sign language learning
- Human-like social behavior