READING COMPREHENSION & VOCABULARY

A Welcome from a Dolphin

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Part 1: Reading Passage

*Read the text carefully. Pay special attention to the key vocabulary words highlighted in **bold**.*

At the Dolphin Centre, guests have the opportunity to interact with **bottlenose** dolphins. There are 28 dolphins at the facility and several different programs available. While the narrator and their friend reserved the Royal Swim—an activity that requires you to be a **competent** swimmer—those with weaker swimming skills can still meet the animals in **shallow** water, and non-swimmers can pose for photos with them.

Prior to approaching the dolphins, visitors are required to sit through a short educational talk and **quiz**. During this session, guests discover fun facts, such as the fact that dolphins are **piscivorous** (meaning they strictly eat fish, rather than being **omnivorous**, **herbivorous**, or generally **carnivorous**), which is why trainers strictly forbid feeding them anything other than fish.

Trainers also go over essential rules for interacting with the animals. Although dolphins are sociable and like being petted, visitors must never touch their eyes, ears, or blowholes. Guests also learn to place their hands over their **stomach**—known as the "safety position"—to signal to the dolphin that they pose no threat.

Meeting Manilou

When it was finally time for the encounter, the visitors were **split** into smaller groups with a **maximum** limit of six people per dolphin and led out into the bay. Their **instructor**, a young man from South Africa named Brad, instructed everyone to enter the water. Soon, a large grey figure swam up beside them—it was Manilou, their dolphin. Brad demonstrated how to gently **rub** her back, which felt smooth, glossy, and firm, much like a giant **aubergine**.

Manilou was very endearing, and the group immediately grew fond of her as she allowed them to pet, lift, and embrace her. As their photographs later captured, it is nearly impossible to be next to a dolphin without grinning widely. The dolphins appear genuinely cheerful around their caretakers and are **keen** to show off their abilities.

Part 2: Multiple-Choice Questions

Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D) for each question based on the passage above.

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Part 2: Multiple-Choice Questions SECTION B: VOCABULARY

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1. To take part in the Royal Swim, visitors must be _____ swimmers.

A. sociable
B. competent
C. shallow
D. glossy

2. Dolphins are described as _____ because they feed exclusively on fish.

A. herbivorous
B. omnivorous
C. carnivorous
D. piscivorous

3. Visitors with limited swimming skills can meet the dolphins in _____ water.

A. shallow
B. firm
C. glossy
D. deep

4. Dolphins are naturally _____ animals, so they enjoy interacting with people.

A. dangerous
B. independent
C. sociable
D. nervous

5. Before touching the dolphins, visitors place their hands over their stomachs to show that they _____.

A. are ready to swim
B. pose no threat
C. want to feed them
D. are experienced swimmers

6. The dolphin's skin felt smooth and _____, almost like a polished surface.

A. glossy
B. shallow
C. rough
D. weak

7. The young girl found the dolphin so _____ that she immediately became fond of it.

A. competent
B. firm
C. piscivorous
D. endearing

8. The trainer warned visitors never to touch the dolphins' eyes, ears or _____.

A. stomachs
B. fins
C. blowholes
D. backs

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