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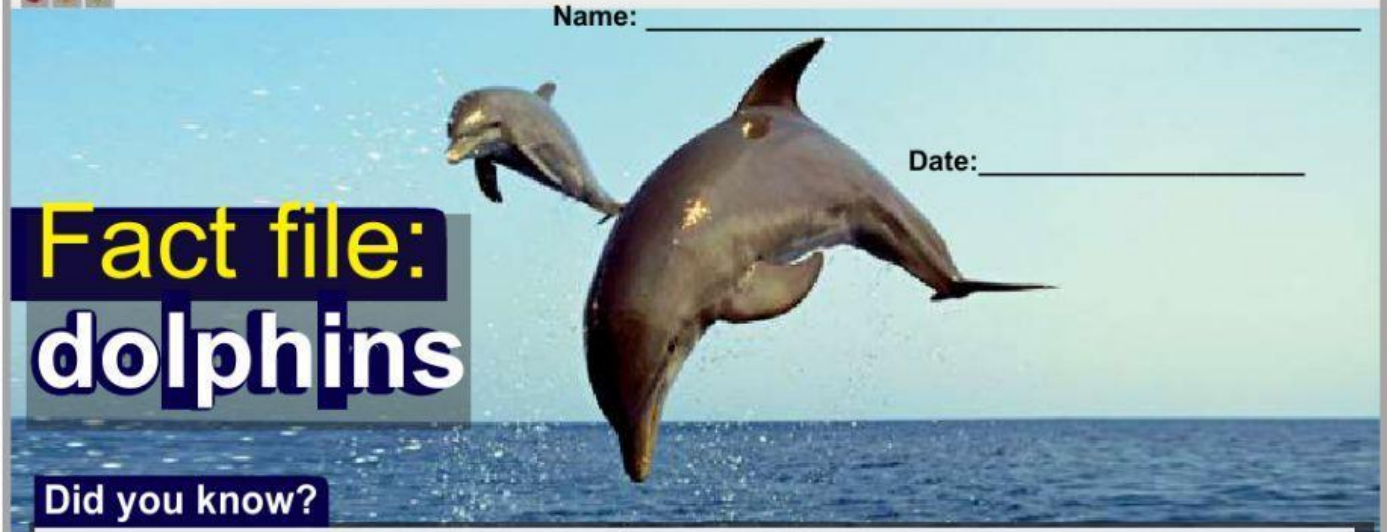

Fact file: dolphins

Did you know?

- There are 36 different kinds of dolphin in the world: 32 are marine dolphins and live in the sea and the other 4 kinds live in rivers.
- Bottlenose dolphins are the most common type of dolphin. Killer whales (also known as orcas) are also actually a type of dolphin.
- Dolphins live in *schools* or *pods* of up to 12 individuals.
- Female dolphins are called *cows*, males are called *bulls* and young dolphins are called *calves*.
- They eat almost any kind of fish and have about 100 teeth that they use for catching food, but not for eating it because they swallow fish whole.
- Dolphins don't drink seawater because it has too much salt in it and can make them sick or even kill them; they need water to survive but they get most of it from their food.
- Unlike humans, dolphins cannot breathe through their mouths; they only breathe through their blowholes, which is a small hole on the top of their heads.
- While dolphins have little or no sense of smell, they have excellent eyesight and they can hear far better than humans.
- Dolphins are not slow creatures and can swim at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour when they are in a hurry, although they usually only swim at a speed of 8 miles per hour.
- Unlike fish, which move their tails from side to side, dolphins swim by moving theirs up and down.
- Compared to other animals, dolphins are believed to be very intelligent. They have large brains and are very good at communicating. Dolphins communicate with each other by clicking, whistling and making other sounds.
- The life expectancy of a dolphin can be from 10 to 70 years. The bottlenose dolphin can live over 40 years, and the orca dolphin can live to be 70.

1 **Read the fact file quickly and complete the sentences with the correct numbers.**

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1 There are____different kinds of dolphin that live in the sea.
2 Dolphins have approximately____teeth.
3 The maximum number of dolphins in a group or pod is ____ .
4 The maximum speed a dolphin can swim is____miles per hour.
5 Bottlenose dolphins can live for more than____years.
6 The normal speed a dolphin swims at is____miles per hour.
7 Orca dolphins can live to the age of____.

2 **Complete the sentences with one word from the text.**

1 Not all dolphins are marine animals. Some live in _____ .
2 Bottlenose dolphins are more_____than other kinds of dolphins.
3 *Cow* is the name for a_____dolphin.
4 Dolphins don't use their_____to eat their food.
5 Drinking_____can kill dolphins as it is too salty.
6 Their_____gives them most of the water they need.
7 Dolphins do not use their_____to breathe.
8 Dolphins can see and_____very well.
9 A dolphin's_____moves up and down when it is swimming.
10 Dolphins use_____such as clicking to communicate with each other.

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