

UNDERSEA WORLD

I. BEFORE YOU READ

a. Match the pictures with the names of some sea creatures.



1. a humpback whale
2. a dolphin
3. a shark
4. a lobster
5. a sea turtle
6. a sea horse
7. a crab
8. a star fish



b. Which of them are in danger and need to be protected now?

II. READING TEXT

Read the text and do the tasks that follow.

Dolphins live in the sea like fish but they are not fish - they are warm-blooded mammals like us. Dolphins are fascinating to many people. Stories of dolphins helping have been reported. For example, dolphins off the coast of Australia and Africa helped fishermen in fishing efforts or occasionally rescued victims of shipwrecks at sea.



Since 1988, dolphins at Dolphins Research Center in Australia have been assisting people in another special way. People with health problems-cancer, hearing or vision impairment, or stress-take part in a program to improve their life quality and strengthen their spirit. Children with Down's syndrome, which is a condition when people do not develop in a normal way, also show improvements after the program. Besides medical treatment, patients may spend time with dolphins. They feel

more positive and are able to forget about their stressful situation, learn new behaviors, and communicate more effectively with other people.

Despite the good things dolphins have brought to humans, many scientists are against using them for entertainments, medical treatment or any other purposes. They say dolphins are really wild animals that they should be treated with caution because contact with people changes their behavior. Their natural habits to protect themselves from danger in the wild are lost. They learn to beg for a living, lose their fear of human and can do dangerous things. While swimming with wild dolphins, we are disturbing these animals which may get angry and bite the hand that feeds them. In short, whether friendly or not, dolphins should be left to live in their natural habitat.

a. The following statements can be true (T) or false (F). Check (✓) the appropriate boxes. Then correct the false statements.

	T	F
1. Fish are cold-blooded animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Dolphin are fascinating animals because they are intelligent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Dolphins may help reduce stress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Patients playing with dolphins may get better without using medicine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Frequent contact with people is good for dolphins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Dolphins are friendly, so they do not harm people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Answer the following questions.

1. In stories about them, what did dolphins do to help people?
2. What is the purpose of the program set up by Dolphin Research Center?
3. What improvements can patients with Down's syndrome make after the program?
4. When can dolphins get angry and become dangerous?

5. Why should dolphins be left to live in their natural habitat?

c. Find the words and expressions in the text with the following meanings and write them in the space provided

1. animals that give birth to babies, not eggs _____

2. choose an easy way of finding food, though it's
the right way _____

3. upset or worry (someone) _____

4. communication _____

5. do bad things to people who have been good to them _____

6. carefulness, attention to avoid danger _____