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What is Dolphins

Dolphins: Intelligent and Playful Sea Mammals!

DEFINITION

> Dolphins are highly intelligent marine mammals known for their playful behavior and social nature. They belong to the cetacean family, which includes whales and porpoises.

KEY CONCEPTS

Social Animals

Dolphins live in groups called pods, which help them communicate and hunt together.

Echolocation

Dolphins use echolocation to navigate and find food by emitting sounds and listening for echoes.

Communication

They communicate with each other using a variety of clicks, whistles, and body movements.

Diet

Dolphins primarily eat fish and squid, using their speed and intelligence to catch prey.

Breathing

Dolphins breathe air through a blowhole on top of their heads, surfacing regularly.

EXAMPLES

→ Dolphins can be seen jumping out of the water.

→ They often play with seaweed and surf in waves.

→ Dolphins work together to herd fish into tight groups.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'Dolphins Dance' to recall their playful nature and social behavior.

★ Think of 'Echoing Dolphins' to remember how they use echolocation.

★ Use the acronym 'S.C.E.B.' for Social, Communication, Echolocation, and Breathing.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing dolphins with fish, when they are actually mammals.

✗ Thinking all dolphins are the same; there are many species.

✗ Believing dolphins only live in warm waters; they can be found in various climates.

QUICK RECAP

Dolphins are intelligent marine mammals that live in pods and communicate through sounds. They use echolocation to find food and are known for their playful behavior in the ocean.