

Dolphins

Dolphins are highly intelligent marine mammals and are well known for their agility and playful behavior. They are found worldwide, mostly in shallow seas of the continental shelves, and are carnivores, mostly eating fish and squid. Dolphin coloration varies, but they are generally gray in color with darker backs than the rest of their bodies.



Dolphins live in social groups of five to several hundred. They use echolocation to find prey and often hunt together by surrounding a school of fish, trapping them and taking turns swimming through the school and catching fish. Dolphins will also follow seabirds, other whales and fishing boats to feed opportunistically on the fish they scare up or discard.



Discussion Points:

1. Do you like to swim with dolphins?
2. What do dolphins mostly eat?
3. What do they use to find their prey?