

AMAZING ANIMALS: DOLPHIN

Dolphins love to learn new things. When a dolphin learns a new trick they will often teach it to others.



A wild dolphin was hurt and needed to get better, so she was kept at a water park. She was in the same water tank with other dolphins who had been taught to perform tricks.

While at the park, she saw other dolphins

‘walking’ on their tails (swimming upright with their heads and bodies above water). Nobody taught the wild dolphin how to do the trick, but when she was released into the wild, not only could she walk on her tail, but she was also able to teach other wild dolphins how to do the same trick!



Dolphins love to play!
They form bubbles which they burst with their nose, just for fun.



Dolphins like to help others. Several people who were about to be attacked by sharks at sea have said that dolphin pods swam around them in a circle to protect them from the sharks.

Dolphins have helped people lost at sea by guiding them to the shore. They also sometimes help whales when they are in danger of being attacked.



Dolphins need to come to the surface to breathe. They also have to sleep, so how do they do this without drowning?

Dolphins let half of their brain sleep at a time. While one half sleeps the other half is awake enough to keep the dolphin from drowning.



A mother dolphin and her calf

Discuss the answers to the following questions:

1. What do you find the most amazing about dolphins? Why?
2. Why do you think dolphins teach other dolphins what they know?
3. Why do you think dolphins help others?



Now write three facts that you have just read into your book. Then write how you feel about what you have learnt.