

# Bottlenose Dolphin Adaptations Workbook

A printable AnimalSake activity pack

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Blowhole



Echolocation



Streamlined Body



Read



Label



Match



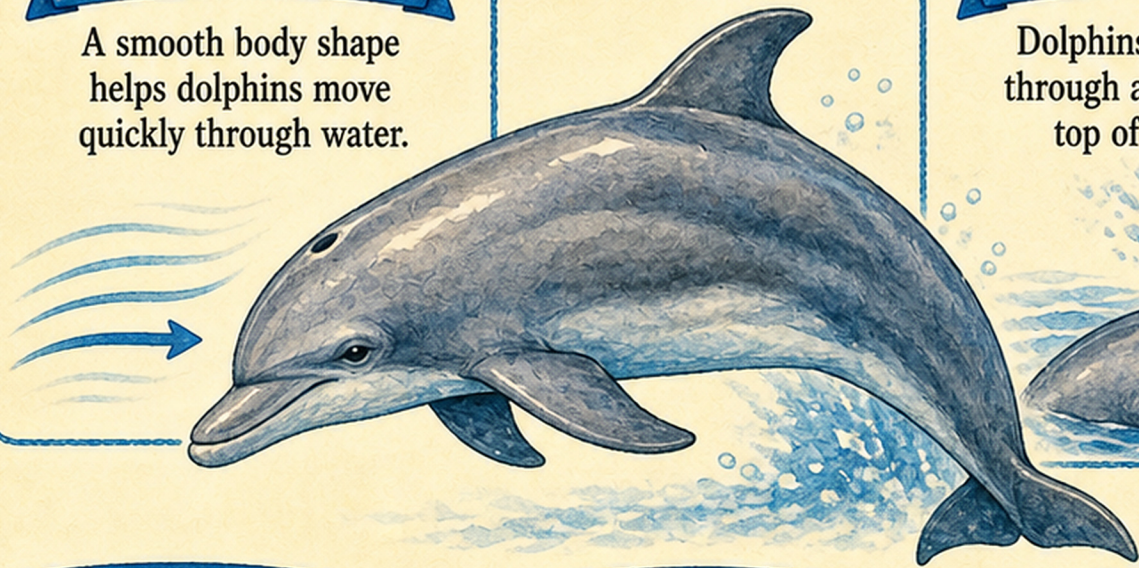
Quiz

# Built for Ocean Life

Bottlenose dolphins have adaptations for swimming, breathing, and sensing.

## Streamlined body

A smooth body shape helps dolphins move quickly through water.



## Blowhole breathing

Dolphins breathe air through a blowhole on top of the head.



## Echolocation

Dolphins make clicks and listen for echoes to sense objects.



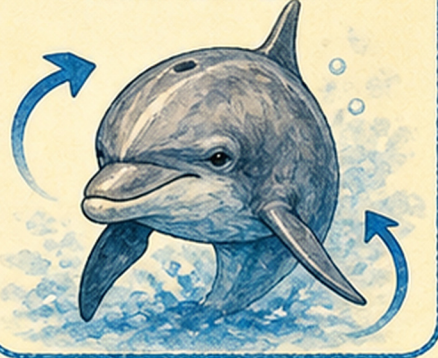
## Social groups

Dolphins live in groups called pods.



## Flexible flippers

Flippers help dolphins steer and turn.



## Quick Words



**Blowhole:**  
breathing opening  
on top of the head



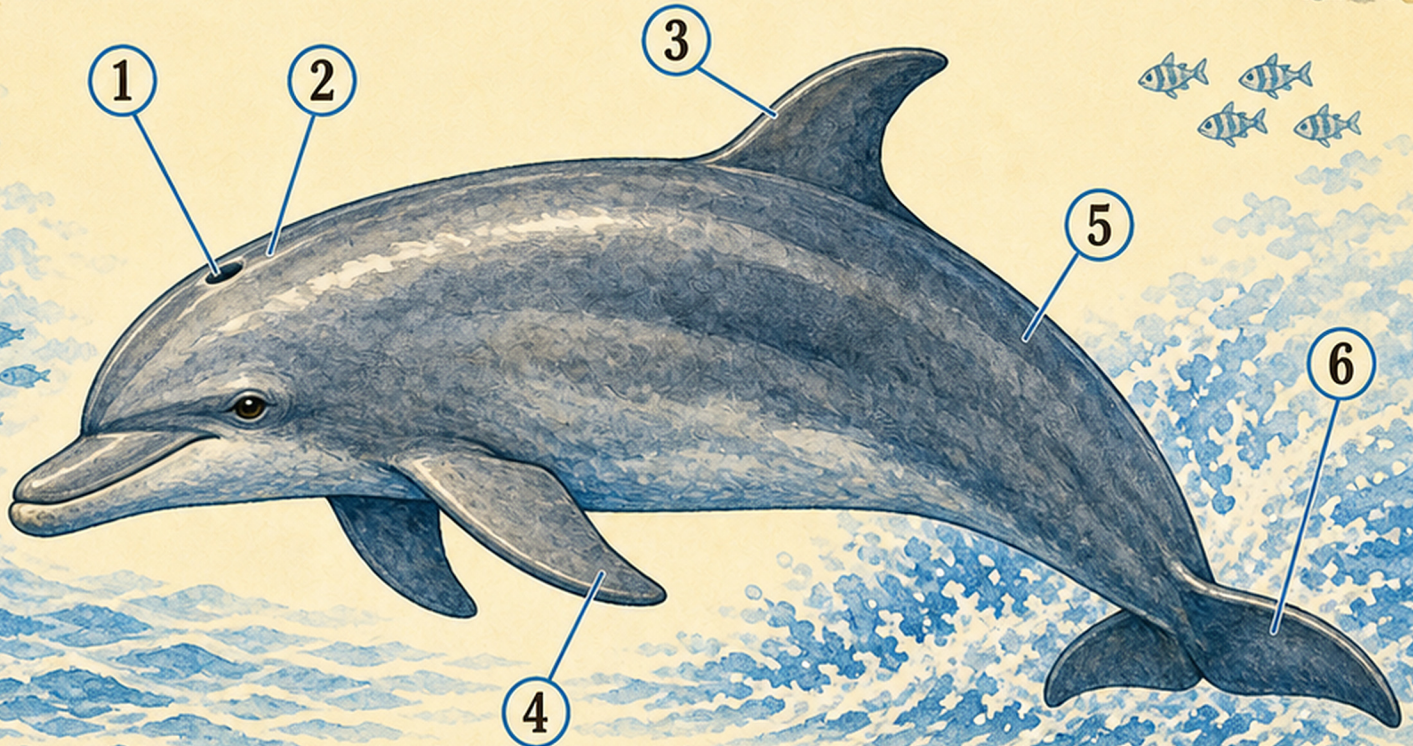
**Pod:**  
a group of  
dolphins



**Echolocation:**  
using sound echoes  
to sense things

# Label the Dolphin

Use the word bank to label each body part.



## Word Bank

blowhole

melon

dorsal fin

flipper

fluke

beak

1. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Body Clue

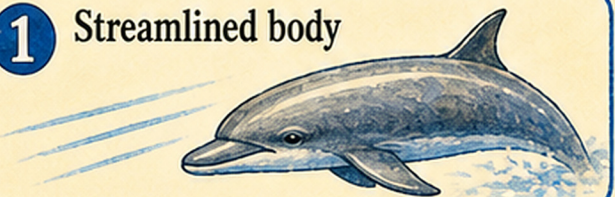
The fluke moves up and down to push the dolphin forward.

# Match the Dolphin Adaptation

Draw a line from each feature to how it helps.

## Feature

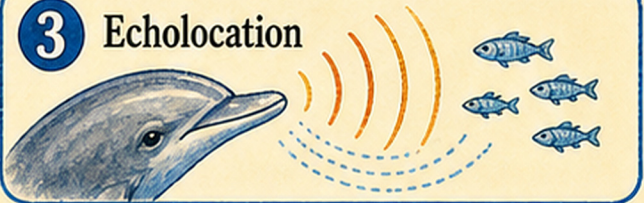
1 Streamlined body



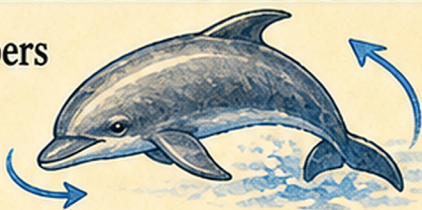
2 Blowhole



3 Echolocation



4 Flippers

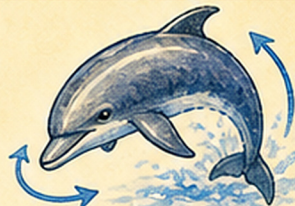


5 Fluke



## How it helps

A Helps steer and turn



B Pushes the dolphin forward



C Helps move fast through water



D Helps breathe air at the surface



E Uses echoes to sense objects



## Think Like a Scientist



Which feature helps a dolphin find fish?

My answer: \_\_\_\_\_





# Dolphin Observation Log

Observe from a video, aquarium, boat trip, book, or article.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Source: video / aquarium / boat / book / article



Group size: \_\_\_\_\_

## Habitat clues I saw:



waves



fish



seagrass



open water



boat



shoreline

## What was the dolphin doing?



swimming



surfacing



jumping



clicking



traveling in a pod

## Draw the dolphin behavior

Large dashed-line box for drawing the dolphin behavior.



I noticed: \_\_\_\_\_



Question I have: \_\_\_\_\_

## Care note

Watch marine mammals from a respectful distance.



# Dolphin Quick Quiz

Circle the best answer.

1 What do dolphins use to breathe air?

- A blowhole     B gills     C leaves



2 What is echolocation?

- A using sound echoes to sense things     B sleeping in a den  
 C growing feathers



3 What is a pod?

- A a group of dolphins     B one dolphin egg     C a coral plant



4 Which part helps a dolphin steer?

- A flippers     B paws     C claws



5 What body shape helps dolphins swim quickly?

- A streamlined body     B square body     C spiky body



## Bonus Draw

Draw a dolphin adaptation.



## Answer Check

1 A

2 A

3 A

4 A

5 A