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Dolphins Click and Whistle

Circle group

Dolphins live in the sea. They love to talk. They do not use words like we do. They use sounds and moves.

A dolphin can whistle. Each dolphin has its own whistle, like a name. The other dolphins know who is calling.

A dolphin can also click. The clicks go through the water. They hit a fish or a rock and bounce back. The dolphin hears the echo. It tells the dolphin where things are, even in cloudy water.

Dolphins use their bodies too. They may slap the water with a tail. They may leap in the air. They rub on each other to show they are friends.

A group of dolphins is a pod. Talking helps the pod stay together.

Questions

1. What sounds can a dolphin make?

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2. How is a dolphin's whistle like a name?

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3. What does a dolphin listen for after it clicks?

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4. What is a group of dolphins called?

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5. Why are clicks helpful in cloudy water?

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Words to know

echo: a sound that bounces back to you
pod: a group of dolphins
whistle: a high sound made by blowing air
leap: to jump high

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Dolphins Click and Whistle

Triangle group

Dolphins live in the sea, and they love to talk. They do not use words like we do. They use sounds and moves.

A dolphin can whistle. Each dolphin has its own whistle, a bit like a name. Other dolphins in the group know who is calling.

A dolphin can also make clicks. The clicks travel through the water and bounce off things, like a fish or a rock. The dolphin listens for the echo. This tells it where things are, even in cloudy water.

Dolphins use their bodies to send messages too. They may slap their tails on the water. They may leap high into the air. They may also rub against each other to show they are friends.

A group of dolphins is called a pod. Talking helps the pod stay together.

Questions

1. What kinds of sounds can a dolphin make?

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2. How is a dolphin's whistle like a name?

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3. What does a dolphin listen for after it clicks?

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4. What is a group of dolphins called?

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5. Why are clicks helpful in cloudy water?

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Words to know

echo: a sound that bounces back to you
pod: a group of dolphins
whistle: a high sound made by blowing air
leap: to jump high
message: information you send to someone

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Dolphins Click and Whistle

Square group

Dolphins live in the sea, and they are remarkably good at communicating. Instead of words, they rely on a mix of sounds and movements.

A dolphin can whistle, and each dolphin has its own special whistle that works somewhat like a name. When one calls out, the other dolphins in the group recognize exactly who it is.

Dolphins also make rapid clicking sounds. The clicks travel through the water, strike objects such as a fish or a rock, and bounce back. The dolphin listens carefully for the echo, which tells it where things are, even when the water is too cloudy to see clearly.

Dolphins send messages with their bodies as well. They may slap their tails against the water, leap high into the air, or rub against one another to show friendship.

A group of dolphins is called a pod, and all of this talking helps the pod stay together.

Questions

1. What kinds of sounds does a dolphin make?

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2. In what way is a dolphin's whistle like a name?

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3. What does a dolphin listen for after it makes a click?

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4. What word is used for a group of dolphins?

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5. Why are clicks so useful when the water is cloudy?

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Words to know

echo: a sound that bounces back to you
pod: a group of dolphins
whistle: a high sound made by blowing air
leap: to jump high
message: information you send to someone

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Dolphins Click and Whistle

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Dolphins Click and Whistle

Easier · 121 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.3

1. Whistles and clicks.
2. Each dolphin has its own whistle, so others know who is calling.
3. The echo.
4. A pod.
5. The echo tells the dolphin where things are when it cannot see well.

Triangle: Dolphins Click and Whistle

This passage · 134 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. Whistles and clicks.
2. Each dolphin has its own whistle, so other dolphins know who is calling.
3. The echo that bounces back.
4. A pod.
5. The echo tells the dolphin where things are, even when it cannot see well.

Square: Dolphins Click and Whistle

Harder · 151 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.6

1. Whistles and rapid clicking sounds.
2. Each dolphin has its own special whistle, so the group knows exactly who is calling.
3. The echo that bounces back from objects.
4. A pod.
5. The echo shows the dolphin where things are, even when it cannot see clearly.