

Dolphins and Whales

Around the world, there are 76 different species of whales and dolphins. Whales and dolphins are not fishes, despite the fact that they are aquatic animals. They are mammals with warm blood, just like cats, dogs, and people. Their offspring are born living and drink their mother's milk, just like other animals. Unlike fish, which can breathe underwater, mammals can only breathe the air. After many minutes, the majority of whales and dolphins must surface for air, or they would drown. However, some people can survive for an hour or longer. Dolphins and whales can be divided into two groups: those with teeth and those without. Sharp teeth are used by toothed whales to catch, bite, and kill their prey. On the other hand, baleen whales lack teeth. Instead, they have a mouthful of baleen, which are hanging plates that resemble large brushes or combs. These are used to remove food particles from water. One of the handsome marine animals is the killer whale. It doesn't resemble other dolphins very much because they are either entirely black or a drab gray. The killer whale is the largest dolphin and may be identified by its distinctive black and white pattern. However, it is still considerably smaller than baleen whales.

Answer the following questions.

Q1. How many species of dolphins and whales are there around the world?

A: _____

Q2. Dolphins and whales are not fishes. What are they?

A: _____

Q3. Name two characteristics of warm-blooded mammals.

A: _____

Q4. Dolphins and whales can be divided into two groups. What are they? The ones with teeth, and the ones without teeth.

A: _____

Q5. What are sharp teeth used for?

A: _____