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## The Dolphin Question

### *Can dolphins talk to each other?*

In this episode we discover that dolphins are mammals like humans, except they live their whole life in the water. Dolphins love to play games and are very intelligent. They can't talk to each other using words, but dolphins can understand one another in different ways. They communicate by using clicks, whistles and by blowing bubbles.

### Wonder some more ...

1. What is a group of dolphins called?
2. What are mammals?
3. How do dolphins play?
4. What do dolphins eat?
5. How do dolphins use a blowhole to breathe?
6. Is an Orca a whale or a dolphin?



### Time to explore...

- **TALK LIKE DOLPHINS:** Listen to online audio recordings of dolphins communicating with each other. Provide a variety of sound makers (e.g. castanets, slide whistle, straw in a cup of water) and encourage children to make and record their own dolphin noises using an app on a tablet device.
- **PLAY A GROUP GAME:** Explore how dolphins use [echolocation](#) to find food by sending out sound vibrations. One child wears a blindfold and pretends to be a dolphin by clapping twice, to send an *echo sound*. Other children pretend to be fish and clap twice to return the sound. The "dolphin" then guesses where they think the "fish" are hiding, using their sense of hearing only.



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### Read and wonder...

- *In My Ocean* (2011) by Sara Gillingham & Lorena Siminovich
- *Dolphin Baby!* (2014) by Nicola Davies
- *Little Dolphin* (2013) by Mark Wilson

Link to EYLF Learning Outcomes including 2.1, 4.1, 5.1 and 5.5.