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Marine Mammals / Mamíferos marinos

Dolphins live in water. They are some of the smartest animals in the world. There are more than 30 kinds of ocean dolphins. A few kinds of dolphins live in rivers. Large fins help them swim through the water.

Los delfines

viven en el agua. Son de los animales más inteligentes del mundo. Hay más de 30 tipos de delfines oceánicos. Pocos tipos de delfines viven en los ríos. Las aletas grandes les ayudan a nadar en el agua.

Bottlenose dolphins are the most common ocean dolphins.

Los delfines mulares o nariz de botella son los delfines oceánicos más comunes.







Small, cone-shaped teeth help dolphins grasp food in their mouths.

Los pequeños dientes en forma de cono ayudan a los delfines a agarrar los alimentos.

Most dolphins have smooth, gray skin. Others have white, pink, or black skin. Some have spots or other markings. Dolphins have many small teeth. Their **snouts** are shaped like beaks. They breathe through **blowholes**.

La mayoría

de los delfines tienen una piel suave y gris. Otros tienen piel blanca, rosa o negra. Algunos tienen manchas u otras marcas. Los delfines tienen muchos dientes pequeños. Sus **hocicos** tienen forma de pico. Respiran a través de **espiráculos**.

blowhole the hole on top of a dolphin's head that opens for breathing

espiráculo el agujero en la piel en la parte superior de la cabeza de un delfín que se abre para permitirle respirar

snout the projecting part of an animal's face that includes the nose and mouth

hocico la parte sobresaliente de la cara de un animal que incluye la nariz y la boca



Sizing Up Dolphins / Evaluemos los delfines

The **smallest**

dolphins weigh less than 100 pounds (45.4 kg). Dolphins like the

bottlenose are bigger.

Male bottlenose dolphins weigh more than 1,000 pounds (454 kg)!

Females weigh about 600 pounds (272 kg).

Los delfines **más pequeños**

pesan menos de 100 libras (45,4 kg). Los delfines como los mulares son más grandes. ¡Los delfines mulares machos pueden pesar más de 1.000 libras (454 kg)! Las hembras pesan alrededor de 600 libras (272 kg).

Male dolphins are almost always bigger than females.

Los delfines machos son casi siempre más grandes que las hembras.

