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DOLPHIN PROJECT.

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Dolphin Facts

Answer the following questions as you read:
https://dolphinproject.com/resources/about-dolphins/dolphin-facts/

1.   How is a dolphin different from a fish?
2.   How do you think marine ecosystems would be affected if there were no dolphins?
3.   Why do you think dolphins are popular in human culture?
4.   Why do you think orcas/killer whales are classified as dolphins? What structures do they have that other "whales" do not have?
5.   What does "sentient" mean and how do we know that dolphins are sentient?
6.   Describe echolocation and what it is used for?
7.   Write a paragraph describing what you think a day is like in the life of a dolphin.
8.   How is the way dolphins sleep different from the way humans sleep?
9.   What is a signature whistle?
10. Vaquitas and Hector's dolphins are critically endangered and the Yangtze River dolphin is now extinct. What is the difference between endangered and extinct? List some reason you THINK may have caused the population of these three species to decline.
11. If you have been to a dolphin show, describe the behaviors that you saw the dolphins do. If you haven't been to a dolphin show, find a partner who has been to explain to you what he/she saw or explain what you think a dolphin show might be like.
12. Describe how life in captivity is different than life in the ocean for a dolphin. Be as descriptive as you can.
13. Why do you think people go to dolphin shows?
14. What do you a dolphin show teaches children about dolphins?
15. Do YOU think it's okay to keep dolphins in captivity? Why or why not? This is YOUR OPINION, explain your answer.

RESEARCH:
Using the internet, remembering to cite any website you get information from, find out the following:

·   Find out three more facts about dolphins
·   Explain how dolphins are used in captivity, other than for dolphin shows. Find, at least, three different reasons. For each reason, explain whether YOU think it is okay to keep dolphins in captivity for this reason. Make sure to explain why you feel this way.