



# Taiji and Captivity

## Study Guide

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STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Write down THREE facts about dolphins:

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2. Write down THREE special characteristics of dolphins:

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3. What are TWO reasons dolphins are hunted in Taiji?

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4. Of these two reasons, which one do you think makes the most PROFIT for the dolphin hunters of Taiji? Why?
  
  
  
5. What is wrong with the meat from dolphins caught in Taiji?
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Knowing that dolphins are VERY sensitive to sound, what do you think the long "banger" poles you can see on each boat are for? Hint: each boat also carries a hammer
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Sound is greatly magnified underwater, what do you think the banging sounds like to the dolphins and how do you think they would react to the sound?
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Explain how a dolphin pod is driven from the open ocean into the Cove?
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. After watching the clip of a dolphin being taken for captivity, write down your reaction. How do YOU feel about it? How do you think the dolphin feels about it?

10. What do you think life is like for a dolphin in captivity? How do trainers get dolphins to do "tricks?"

Write a paragraph, give your own OPINION on dolphin captivity. Do you think it is OK or wrong to keep dolphins in captivity for human entertainment? Support your answer.