



"A TALE OF TWO RISSO'S"

BEFORE THE FILM:

1. When you hear the word "dolphin", what image pops into your mind?  
Describe in words or sketch a dolphin.
2. Describe several ways in which humans interact with dolphins.
3. List, at least, FIVE things you know about dolphins. Don't worry about being right or wrong. You can list things that you've heard but aren't sure if they are true or not.

4. Dolphins are mammals. What characteristics make dolphins mammals?
5. How are dolphins similar to humans? What characteristics do we have in common?

#### VIDEO QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Pylorus Jack and why was he famous?
2. How are Risso's dolphins different from bottlenose dolphins? List, at least, three characteristics that are different.
3. Why do Risso's dolphins change colors as they age? (two reasons)
4. Risso's dolphins live in stratified groups, what does that mean? Give an example of a stratified group.
5. What is a nursery pod?

6. Explain how the dolphin hunters in Taiji push dolphins towards the cove.
  
7. Why are dolphin calves often taken back out to sea? What are their chances of survival?
  
8. Explain how the lives of Hamata and Casper are different, including aspects of their daily lives.
  
9. What are spindle neurons?
  
10. How will not buying a ticket to a dolphin show help end the capture of wild dolphins?

#### POST- VIDEO QUESTIONS:

1. There are many people who support keeping dolphins in captivity. What do you think their reasons might be? What are some possible positives about dolphin captivity?

2. Imagine you were going to participate in a debate on dolphin captivity. Choose a side to support and make a list of all the points you would make to support your side - pro or anti captivity.

3. What is your personal opinion on dolphin captivity and why?