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## **Level 1**

### **Dolphin language may have grammar**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1609/160915-language-1.html>

Humans may not be the only ones to use language. Scientists think dolphins also use words and sentences to speak to each other. New research shows this communication is similar to our conversations. The sounds that dolphins make look like sentences that let dolphins send messages to each other, identify themselves, have relations, and do things together. We may be able to understand dolphin language and talk to dolphins in the future.

Researchers discovered that dolphins had their own language after they recorded two bottlenose dolphins. The dolphins listened to each other and then replied. A researcher said: "This...resembles a conversation between two people...This language exhibits all the...features present in the human spoken language. This indicates a high level of intelligence...in dolphins." He said the dolphins' language is highly developed like the human spoken language.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1609/160915-language-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Humans may not be the only           | a. other                |
| 2. similar                              | b. language             |
| 3. The sounds that dolphins             | c. themselves           |
| 4. send messages to each                | d. the future           |
| 5. identify                             | e. to our conversations |
| 6. do things                            | f. ones                 |
| 7. We may be able to understand dolphin | g. make                 |
| 8. talk to dolphins in                  | h. together             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. dolphins had their             | a. between two people  |
| 2. they recorded two              | b. intelligence        |
| 3. listened to each other and     | c. own language        |
| 4. resembles a conversation       | d. language            |
| 5. This language exhibits all the | e. bottlenose dolphins |
| 6. a high level of                | f. developed           |
| 7. highly                         | g. features            |
| 8. the human spoken               | h. then replied        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Humans (1) \_\_\_\_\_ only ones to use language. Scientists think dolphins (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and sentences to speak (3) \_\_\_\_\_. New research shows this communication (4) \_\_\_\_\_ our conversations. The sounds that dolphins make look like sentences that let dolphins send messages (5) \_\_\_\_\_, identify themselves, have relations, and do things together. We (6) \_\_\_\_\_ understand dolphin language and talk to dolphins in the future.

Researchers discovered that dolphins (7) \_\_\_\_\_ language (8) \_\_\_\_\_ two bottlenose dolphins. The dolphins listened to each other (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A researcher said: "This...resembles a conversation between two people....This language exhibits (10) \_\_\_\_\_ present in the human spoken language. This indicates a high level (11) \_\_\_\_\_...in dolphins." He said the dolphins' language is highly developed (12) \_\_\_\_\_ spoken language.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DOLPHIN LANGUAGE SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1609/160915-language-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dolphin language in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

