My Dolphin Fact File

Read the dolphin fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a dolphin

Dolphin facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. echolocation ____	A. a group of dolphins that swim and live together
2. blowhole ____	B. a special whistle each bottlenose dolphin uses like a name
3. pod ____	C. animals caught by accident in fishing gear meant for other fish
4. signature whistle ____	D. finding things by making sounds and listening for the echoes
5. bycatch ____	E. the nostril on top of a dolphin's head that it breathes through

The most amazing thing I learned about dolphins

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Answer Key

Dolphin Fact File

Dolphin facts

Scientific name:	Bottlenose: Tursiops truncatus
Size:	Bottlenose: 6–13 ft (2–4 m)
Weight:	Bottlenose: 300–1,400 lb
Lifespan:	Bottlenose: about 40–60 years
Diet:	Fish, squid, crabs, shrimp
Habitat:	Bays, coasts and open ocean
Where:	Warm and mild seas worldwide
Status:	Varies; bottlenose Least Concern

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–E, 3–A, 4–B, 5–C

Wow facts to share

- Each bottlenose dolphin has its own signature whistle, like a name.
- Dolphins rest one half of the brain at a time.
- The orca, or killer whale, is the biggest dolphin of all.