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# DOLPHINS

Dolphins are mammals. Like most mammals, dolphins need to breathe air. Dolphins use a type of sound called echolocation. They use it to talk to other dolphins. Sometimes people mistake dolphins for porpoises. But they can be different in many different ways. Porpoises will usually have a more rounded head than dolphins. Porpoises also have a short, blunt fin while dolphins have more of a long, pointed fin.

Not all dolphins live in the ocean! River dolphins live in the rivers of South America and Asia. They have extremely long beaks and tiny eyes. They can be grey or creamy-white in color. But some are completely pink! I've only learned about 3 types of dolphins, and there are 27 more out there.

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