



An Interview with a Dolphin

We recently met an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin at The Mirage Dolphin Habitat. Here is what he had to say:

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

A: I like to play with the other dolphins most of the day. I also like to get exercise with my trainers everyday. That is why I am in such good shape.

Q: How do you swim through the water?

A: I use all my fins to help me swim through the water.

Q: How many fins do you have?

A: I have 1 dorsal fin, 2 pectoral fins and 2 tail flukes.

Q: Can you see underwater?

A: Yes, I can see very well under water with my eyes. I can also see without my eyes using ECHOLOLOCATION.

Q: Can you hear underwater?

A: Yes, I have 2 ears just behind my eyes. They are tiny slits on the side of my head. I use them to hear very well both above and below the water.

Q: Can you breathe underwater?

A: No, I am a mammal just like people. I breathe air. I cannot breathe underwater, but I can hold my breath for up to 7 minutes. I breathe through my blowhole on top of my head.

Questions of the Day

Fill in the blank with the correct number.

Eyes on a dolphin _____ Ears on a dolphin _____ Blowholes on a dolphin _____

Dorsal Fins on a dolphin _____ Pectoral Fins on a dolphin _____ Tail Flukes on a dolphin _____

BONUS QUESTION:

What type of dolphins are at the Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat? _____

Hint: It has something to do with an ocean.