Dolphins Answer Key

Anatomy and Conservation

1. How does counter-shading help dolphins survive in the wild?

It helps the dolphins avoid predators by helping them blend into their environment.

1. Why is the blowhole on top of the dolphins head?

It is an adaptation for the dolphin to help the dolphin expend less energy to take a breath.

1. What is a chuff?

A forceful exhale, almost like a cough.

1. How do you tell dolphins apart?

The dorsal fin.

1. Why do dolphins not have long arms and legs like humans?

It would slow them down.

1. What is something that dolphins can do to help them navigate and find food in their environment? What other animal can do this?

Echolocation. Bats.

1. Why is conservation important?

So that animals do not go extinct.

1. What is the Vaquita?

A species of dolphin going extinct.

1. What are two reasons you should not feed wild dolphins?

They become “beggars” and can get sick from the human food.

1. List two ways you can help the animals, like dolphins, in the ocean.

Use reusable cups, bags, straws. Turn off water while brushing teeth.