



Read each passage and decide: did the author write to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain? Answer the questions in complete sentences.

Dolphins: Sounds of the Sea



Dolphins are very smart ocean animals. They live in the big, wide sea all around the world. Dolphins love to swim fast and jump high out of the water!

These amazing animals use special sounds to talk to each other. They make clicks and whistles to find food and stay safe. This special way of "seeing" with sound is called **echolocation**. Baby dolphins, called calves, learn these important sounds from their mothers.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What is the MAIN purpose of this passage?

- (A) To make me want to get a dolphin as a pet.
- (B) To teach me about how dolphins talk.
- (C) To tell a funny story about a dolphin.
- (D) To show me how to swim like a dolphin.

(2) The author wrote this passage mainly to _____ the reader.

— continue writing on the lines below



(3) Which detail from the passage BEST shows the author's purpose?

- (A) Dolphins love to swim fast and jump high out of the water!
- (B) They make clicks and whistles to find food and stay safe.
- (C) They live in the big, wide sea all around the world.
- (D) Baby dolphins, called calves, learn these important sounds from their mothers.

(4) How do you know the author's purpose? Use TWO details from the passage to support your answer.

(5) If you were writing about the same topic, which purpose would YOU choose — to persuade, inform, or entertain? Explain why.

