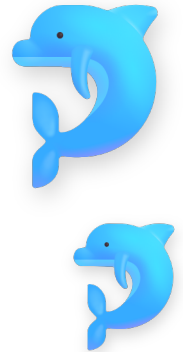




Read the animal report. Then classify each statement as **FACT** or **OPINION** — and explain your reasoning.

Scientific facts: measurements, classifications, behaviours confirmed by research. Opinions: what researchers, guides, or writers believe about an animal.

The Clever Bottlenose Dolphin



Bottlenose dolphins are marine mammals that live in oceans all over the world, especially in warm and temperate waters. They are known for their playful nature and their distinctive "bottlenose" snout. These intelligent creatures often live in groups called pods, which can have anywhere from 2 to 15 dolphins. They use a special type of sound, called echolocation, to find food and navigate underwater.

Dolphins are carnivores, meaning they eat meat. Their diet mainly consists of fish, squid, and crustaceans. Dr. Lena Hanson, a marine biologist, has studied dolphins for twenty years. She states, "I believe bottlenose dolphins are the most fascinating animals in the ocean because of their complex communication skills." She has observed them using a variety of whistles and clicks to talk to each other.

An adult bottlenose dolphin can grow to be about 6 to 12 feet long and weigh between 300 and 1,400 pounds. They can live for 40 to 60 years in the wild. Many people enjoy watching dolphins leap and play in the waves. In the opinion of many boat tour guides, these dolphins are the most exciting sight for tourists, making them very important for coastal tourism.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1)



**"Bottlenose dolphins live in oceans all over the world." Is this a FACT or OPINION?
Circle the correct answer.**

- A Fact B Opinion

(2) "I believe bottlenose dolphins are the most fascinating animals in the ocean." Is this a FACT or OPINION? Circle the correct answer.

- A Fact B Opinion

(3) "An adult bottlenose dolphin can grow to be about 6 to 12 feet long." Is this a FACT or OPINION? Circle the correct answer.

- A Fact B Opinion

**(4) "These dolphins are the most exciting sight for tourists." Is this a FACT or OPINION?
Circle the correct answer.**

- A Fact B Opinion

(5) In your own words, explain the difference between a fact and an opinion. Use an example from the passage. 🗨️

