



Read the passage about two animals. Then answer the questions — tell what is the same and what is different about them.

Look for clue words like "both," "but," "however," "while," and "unlike" that show similarities and differences.

## Dolphin vs Porpoise: Ocean Relatives



Dolphins and porpoises are marine mammals, often confused. **Both** belong to the same order, Cetacea, meaning they are warm-blooded, breathe air, and give birth to live young. They live in oceans worldwide and hunt fish and squid.

**However**, their bodies look different. Dolphins have sleek bodies with a curved dorsal fin and cone-shaped teeth. **Unlike** dolphins, porpoises have stouter bodies, a smaller, triangular dorsal fin, and spade-shaped teeth.

Their social lives also vary. Dolphins are very social, living in large groups called pods, and often leap playfully. **While** porpoises are generally shyer, preferring smaller groups or living alone, and rarely perform acrobatic leaps.

A key similarity is their use of echolocation. **Both** dolphins and porpoises send out sound waves to navigate and find food in dark ocean depths. This adaptation is vital for survival.

Ecologically, they share a similar predator role. Many dolphin species are common.

**However**, porpoises are often more vulnerable to fishing nets, and several species are endangered or threatened.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which one typically has a curved dorsal fin?



A Dolphin    B Porpoise    C Both    D Neither

(2) Which one uses echolocation to find food?

A Dolphin    B Porpoise    C Both    D Neither

(3) 'Dolphins live in large pods, while porpoises prefer smaller groups.' Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

A Similarity    B Difference

(4) 'Both dolphins and porpoises are warm-blooded marine mammals.' Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

A Similarity    B Difference

(5) Name **ONE** way dolphins and porpoises are the same. Use a detail from the passage.

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(6) Would you rather be a dolphin or a porpoise? Use **TWO** facts from the passage to explain your answer.

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