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## **Level 4**

### **Swimming with dolphins may be banned**

**31st August, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160831-dolphins-4.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160831-dolphins-4.html>

Hawaii might ban the tourist activity of swimming with dolphins. Dolphins have been a magnet for tourists over the past decades. However, officials say tourism harms the dolphins because they cannot rest or socialize. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) wants to stop swimming with, or approaching within 50 metres of, dolphins. That would end many tour activities, such as sailing alongside the dolphins and snorkeling with them.

The NMFS said the ban would not have a big impact on Hawaii's tourist trade. It said: "We think that by identifying 50 metres as the minimum distance, there still can be a viable tourist industry." Tour operators disagree. One warned: "It would be the end of legitimate dolphin swimming. We couldn't offer the people the quality interaction that they expect." Dolphins are most active at night and sleep and relax during the day.

Sources: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/26/us/federal-officials-look-for-ban-on-swimming-with-spinner-dolphins-in-hawaii.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160831-dolphins-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. tourist               | a. within 50 metres       |
| 2. Dolphins have been a  | b. harms the dolphins     |
| 3. over the past         | c. alongside the dolphins |
| 4. officials say tourism | d. magnet for tourists    |
| 5. they cannot rest      | e. many tour activities   |
| 6. approaching           | f. activity               |
| 7. That would end        | g. or socialize           |
| 8. sailing               | h. decades                |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the ban would not have a big | a. tourist industry   |
| 2. Hawaii's tourist             | b. during the day     |
| 3. the minimum                  | c. the end            |
| 4. there still can be a viable  | d. trade              |
| 5. Tour                         | e. interaction        |
| 6. It would be                  | f. distance           |
| 7. quality                      | g. impact             |
| 8. relax                        | h. operators disagree |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160831-dolphins-4.html>

Hawaii might ban (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of swimming with dolphins.

Dolphins have been a magnet for tourists over (2) \_\_\_\_\_.

However, officials say (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins because they

cannot (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The National Marine Fisheries Service

(MNFS) wants to stop swimming with, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ within 50

metres of, dolphins. That would end many tour activities, such as sailing

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ and snorkeling with them.

The MNFS said the ban would not have (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Hawaii's

tourist trade. It said: "We think that (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 50 metres

as the minimum distance, there still can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ tourist

industry." Tour operators disagree. One warned: "It

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ of legitimate dolphin swimming. We couldn't

offer the people the quality interaction (11) \_\_\_\_\_."

Dolphins are most active at night and sleep and relax

(12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DOLPHINS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1608/160831-dolphins-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about dolphins in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

