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**Level 2** – 7th December 2023

## Scientists say dolphins have a seventh sense

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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Everyone knows we have five senses. Some people may have six senses. A sixth sense could be knowing something without using the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste. Researchers have discovered that some dolphins have seven senses. Dolphins can sense electricity produced by the heart beats of other sea creatures. This could help dolphins to find their next meal. This seventh sense may also help them to navigate using Earth's magnetic field. Dolphins also use their eyesight and sonar to sense what is around them.

The researchers conducted a study on two dolphins. Experiments tested what kinds of electricity the dolphins could detect. They sensed two kinds - direct current and alternating current. They were better at sensing direct current. All sea creatures produce direct current electricity. Being able to detect this means dolphins can sense how near other fish are to them. Dolphins could use this to hunt, even if they cannot see or hear well, or if they cannot use their other senses. The study has been published in a biology journal.

Sources: <https://www.iflscience.com/bottlenose-dolphins-become-one-of-few-known-mammals-with-a-seventh-sense-71824>  
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<https://gizmodo.com/bottlenose-dolphins-can-sense-electricity-study-finds-1851062859>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Everyone knows            | a. is around them        |
| 2. knowing something without | b. and taste             |
| 3. hearing, smell, touch     | c. to navigate           |
| 4. help dolphins to find     | d. we have five          |
| 5. help them                 | e. eyesight              |
| 6. Earth's magnetic          | f. using the five senses |
| 7. Dolphins also use their   | g. field                 |
| 8. sense what                | h. their next meal       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. researchers conducted a study | a. hear well             |
| 2. what kinds of electricity the | b. creatures             |
| 3. They were better at sensing   | c. their other senses    |
| 4. sea                           | d. on two dolphins       |
| 5. sense how                     | e. biology journal       |
| 6. even if they cannot see or    | f. dolphins could detect |
| 7. they cannot use               | g. near other fish are   |
| 8. published in a                | h. direct current        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Everyone (1) \_\_\_\_\_ five senses. Some people may have six senses. A sixth sense (2) \_\_\_\_\_ something without using the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Researchers have discovered that some dolphins have seven senses. Dolphins (4) \_\_\_\_\_ produced by the heart beats of other sea creatures. This could help dolphins to find (5) \_\_\_\_\_. This seventh sense may also help them to navigate using Earth's magnetic field. Dolphins also use their (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to sense what is around them.

The researchers (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on two dolphins. Experiments tested what kinds of electricity the dolphins could detect. They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ - direct current and alternating current. They were (9) \_\_\_\_\_ direct current. All sea creatures produce direct current electricity. Being able to detect this means dolphins can sense how (10) \_\_\_\_\_ are to them. Dolphins could use this to hunt, even if they cannot (11) \_\_\_\_\_ well, or if they cannot use their other senses. The study has been (12) \_\_\_\_\_ biology journal.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SENSES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231207-dolphins-seventh-sense-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about senses 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2312/231207-dolphins-seventh-sense-2.html>

Write about **senses** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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