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Level 0

Dolphin language may have grammar

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Humans may not be the only ones to use language. Dolphins also use words and sentences. Dolphins send messages to each other. They use sounds to identify themselves, have relations, and do things together. We might understand dolphin language and talk to dolphins in the future.

Researchers recorded two bottlenose dolphins. The dolphins listened to each other and then answered. It was like a conversation between two people. It was like human spoken language. This shows that dolphins are very clever. Dolphins' language is developed, like human language.

Sources: <http://www.techtimes.com/articles/177382/20160913/dolphins-talk-just-like-humans-dolphins-speak-in-words-and-complete-sentences.htm>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Humans may not be the only | a. language |
| 2. words | b. relations |
| 3. They use sounds to identify | c. future |
| 4. have | d. and sentences |
| 5. do things | e. ones |
| 6. We might understand dolphin | f. themselves |
| 7. talk to | g. together |
| 8. in the | h. dolphins |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Researchers recorded two | a. two people |
| 2. The dolphins listened | b. developed |
| 3. It was like a | c. bottlenose dolphins |
| 4. between | d. to each other |
| 5. It was like human spoken | e. language |
| 6. This shows that dolphins are very | f. conversation |
| 7. Dolphins' language is | g. language |
| 8. like human | h. clever |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Humans may not (1) _____ ones to use language. Dolphins also (2) _____ sentences. Dolphins send messages (3) _____. They use sounds to identify themselves, (4) _____, and do things together. We (5) _____ dolphin language and talk to dolphins (6) _____.

Researchers (7) _____ bottlenose dolphins. The dolphins listened (8) _____ and then answered. It was like (9) _____ between two people. It (10) _____ spoken language. This shows that dolphins (11) _____. Dolphins' language is developed, like (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DOLPHIN LANGUAGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dolphin language 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) _____

