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### Whales and Dolphins



Whales and dolphins are both mammals that can be found in the water. Both types of creatures are very social and like to interact with other animals and often, people.

Dolphins are much less fearful of humans than whales. Dolphins are usually smaller

than whales, ranging from 4 to 30 feet long. Whales can be small, around 11 feet, but the largest ones at up to 115 feet long. Both types of animals are thought to be highly intelligent. Dolphins and whales often feed on the same types of food, such as fish and seaweed, but dolphins have conical teeth while some whales have baleen teeth. Both creatures are sometime victims of fishermen nets, but whales are often hunted and killed for their blubber.



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	Whales	Dolphins	Both
Can grow up to 115 feet long			
Are very social creatures			
Eat fish			
Killed for blubber			
Can get tangled in fishermen's nets			
Less fearful of humans			
Mammals			
May be only 4 feet long			
Live in the water			