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Level 2

Dolphin language may have grammar

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THE READING

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Humans may not be the only ones to use language to communicate. Scientists think dolphins also use words and sentences to speak to each other. We know that dolphins can communicate. New research suggests that this communication is similar to our conversations. Scientists say the sounds that dolphins make look like sentences. These let dolphins send messages to each other. The dolphins use their language to identify themselves, have relations, and do things together. Scientists say that we may be able to understand dolphin language and talk to dolphins in the future.

Researchers in Crimea discovered that dolphins had their own language after they recorded two bottlenose dolphins. The scientists noticed that the dolphins listened to each other and then replied. Researcher Dr Vyacheslav Ryabov said: "This...resembles a conversation between two people." He added: "This language exhibits all the...features present in the human spoken language. This indicates a high level of intelligence and consciousness in dolphins." Dr Ryabov said the dolphins' language is, "a highly developed spoken language, like the human language."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Humans may not be the only | a. and sentences |
| 2. use language to | b. together |
| 3. dolphins also use words | c. communicate |
| 4. speak to | d. in the future |
| 5. similar | e. ones |
| 6. dolphins use their language to identify | f. to our conversations |
| 7. do things | g. themselves |
| 8. talk to dolphins | h. each other |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Researchers in Crimea | a. developed |
| 2. dolphins had their | b. between two people |
| 3. the dolphins listened | c. of intelligence |
| 4. a conversation | d. own language |
| 5. This language exhibits all | e. discovered that |
| 6. a high level | f. language |
| 7. highly | g. the features |
| 8. like the human | h. to each other |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Humans may (1) _____ ones to use language to communicate. Scientists think dolphins also use words and sentences (2) _____ other. We know that dolphins can communicate. New research suggests that this communication (3) _____ conversations. Scientists say the sounds that dolphins (4) _____ sentences. These let dolphins send messages to each other. The dolphins use their language to identify themselves, (5) _____, and do things together. Scientists say that we may be able to understand dolphin language (6) _____ dolphins in the future.

Researchers in Crimea (7) _____ dolphins had their own language (8) _____ two bottlenose dolphins. The scientists noticed that the dolphins listened to each other (9) _____. Researcher Dr Vyacheslav Ryabov said: "(10) _____ conversation between two people." He added: "This language exhibits all the...features present in the human spoken language. This indicates (11) _____ intelligence and consciousness in dolphins." Dr Ryabov said the dolphins' language is, "(12) _____ spoken language, like the human language."

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **dolphin language** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
