

# Did You Know Dolphins and Porpoises Are a Lot Like You?

Dolphins and porpoises are both highly intelligent marine mammals that are closely related to whales. They are often seen as being very similar to each other, but there are actually some key differences between the two animals.

Here are just a few of the things that you might not know about dolphins and porpoises:



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### 1. Dolphins are larger than porpoises.

Dolphins typically range in size from 6 to 8 feet long and weigh between 150 and 300 pounds. Porpoises, on the other hand, are typically smaller, ranging in size from 4 to 6 feet long and weighing between 100 and 150 pounds.

## **2. Dolphins have more teeth than porpoises.**

Dolphins have between 88 and 104 teeth, while porpoises have between 44 and 60 teeth. The teeth of dolphins are also more pointed than the teeth of porpoises.

## **3. Dolphins have a more rounded dorsal fin than porpoises.**

The dorsal fin of a dolphin is typically rounded, while the dorsal fin of a porpoise is more triangular. The dorsal fin of a dolphin is also located closer to the middle of its back than the dorsal fin of a porpoise.

## **4. Dolphins are more social than porpoises.**

Dolphins are highly social animals that live in large groups called pods. Pods of dolphins can range in size from a few individuals to several hundred individuals. Porpoises, on the other hand, are less social animals and typically live in smaller groups of up to 10 individuals.

## **5. Dolphins are more intelligent than porpoises.**

Dolphins are considered to be one of the most intelligent animals on the planet. They have a large brain and are able to learn complex tasks. Porpoises are also intelligent animals, but they are not as intelligent as dolphins.

## **6. Dolphins are more playful than porpoises.**

Dolphins are known for their playful behavior. They often engage in activities such as jumping out of the water, swimming in circles, and playing with objects. Porpoises are also playful animals, but they are not as playful as dolphins.

## **7. Dolphins are more likely to be found in warm waters than porpoises.**

Dolphins are typically found in warm waters, such as the tropical and subtropical oceans. Porpoises, on the other hand, are more likely to be found in cooler waters, such as the Arctic and Antarctic oceans.

## **8. Dolphins are more likely to be seen by humans than porpoises.**

Dolphins are more likely to be seen by humans than porpoises because they are more likely to come close to shore. Porpoises, on the other hand, are more likely to stay away from shore.

## **9. Dolphins are more likely to be kept in captivity than porpoises.**

Dolphins are more likely to be kept in captivity than porpoises because they are more popular with humans. Dolphins are often kept in aquariums and marine parks, where they can be seen by visitors.

## **10. Dolphins are more likely to be used for therapeutic purposes than porpoises.**

Dolphins are more likely to be used for therapeutic purposes than porpoises because they are more friendly and interactive with humans. Dolphins are often used in dolphin therapy, which is a type of therapy that uses dolphins to help people with disabilities.

Dolphins and porpoises are both fascinating animals that are a lot like you. They are both intelligent, social, and playful creatures that are capable of learning complex tasks. While there are some key differences between the two animals, they are both amazing creatures that deserve our respect and admiration.

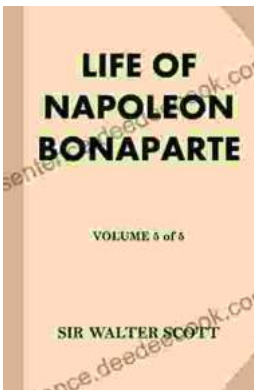


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