

Elementary Reading Comprehension Test 01

For many years people believed that the cleverest animals after man were chimpanzees. Now, however, there is proof that dolphins may be even cleverer than these big apes.

Although a dolphin lives in the sea it is not a fish. It is a mammal. It is in many ways, therefore, like a human being.

Dolphins have a simple language. They are able to talk to one another. It may be possible for man to learn how to talk to dolphins. But this will not be easy because dolphins can not hear the kind of sounds man can make. If man wants to talk to dolphins, therefore, he will have to make a third language which both he and the dolphins can understand.

Dolphins are also very friendly towards man. They often follow ships. There are many stories of dolphins guiding ships through difficult and dangerous waters.

Question 1: Which animals do people think may be the cleverest?

- A) Mammals
- B) Chimpanzees
- C) Big apes
- D) Dolphins

Question 2: What other beings are dolphins like in many ways?

- A) Fish
- B) Reptiles
- C) Men
- D) Animals

Question 3: What have scientists discovered about dolphins?

- A) They can teach men their languages.
- B) They understand simple language.
- C) They can speak to one another.
- D) Men can now talk to them.

Question 4: Why is a third language necessary if man wants to talk to dolphins?

- A) Most men do not speak English.
- B) Men want to talk to dolphins in secret.
- C) The dolphins language is hard to learn.
- D) Dolphins cannot hear men speaking.

Question 5: In what way are dolphins friendly to man?

- A) They seem to like stories.
- B) They often jump on to ships.
- C) They often follow ships.
- D) They like interesting things about man.

Answer Keys

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| 1 | D |
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| 4 | D |
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