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## Whales and dolphins

**W**hales, dolphins and porpoises are related. We live in the water all the time, but we are mammals—definitely not fish. Here you can read you about our lives: what we eat, how we hunt our prey, why we have a habit of leaping out of the water, and lots of other curious things about us!



# Why do dolphins leap?

We dusky dolphins live in warm southern seas. We often swim together in large groups, called pods.

I move my fluke (that's my tail) up and down to drive myself forward.

We often leap high out of the water when we swim. That's because it's easier to move through air than water—so we can save energy on long trips.

My back fin keeps me steady in the water. I use my flippers to steer.

# What do humpback whales eat?



I am one of the largest animals in the world. I can grow to more than 15 metres long and weigh about the same as five buses. Despite my great size, I feed mostly on tiny krill. As you can imagine, I need to eat millions of them to satisfy my great appetite ...

This is a krill. It's like a small shrimp, no more than two centimetres long.

