



#NationalDolphinDay, #SayNoToDolphinCaptivity, #DolphinDay

Celebrated annually on April 14, National Dolphin Day began as a way to raise awareness and ultimately end the hunting of dolphins. One way to do that is to share facts about these beautiful sea creatures. Here are 10 interesting facts about dolphins:

- 1. There are actually *40 species* of dolphins, but the most common species is the Bottlenose.**
- 2. Dolphins stay with their mothers for a long time; some *stay up to eight years*.**
- 3. Dolphins are *nurturing* toward sick or injured animals in their pod.**
- 4. Dolphins are very social animals and swim in groups called “pods.” Some *pods* can have up to 1,000 dolphins.**
- 5. When *dolphins sleep*, only half of their brain sleeps at a time. This means one side of their brain stays “on” so they can breathe and stay alert.**
- 6. Dolphins have around 100 teeth, but they’re not used for chewing. They use them like fish hooks to grab fish in the water, but then *swallow them whole*.**
- 7. Research shows that *dolphins lived on land* hundreds of years ago and adapted to living in water more recently. This**
- 8. Dolphins only *migrate* if they are not getting enough food.**
- 9. They have *two stomachs*—one is for digestion and the other food storage.**
- 10. Even though their skin is delicate and easily injured, dolphins *heal remarkably fast*.**

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Children

Take & Make:

- [Dolphin Ocean Slime](#)
- [Dolphin Fact Spinner](#)
- [Dolphin Arts & Crafts](#)

Read:

De Silva, Kay (2016), **Dolphins: Amazing Pictures & Fun Facts on Animals in Nature**, Ctky Publishing Solutions, 978-0987597038

Rorby, Ginny (2017), **How to Speak Dolphin**, 978-0987597038

Stewarts, Melissa (2010), **National Geographic Readers: Dolphins**, National Geographic Kids, 978-1426306525

Activity:



DOLPHINS-WORLD Facts, coloring & more activities

Videos: [Dolphin Expresses Emotion Through Sound](#)

[How a Dolphin Hears with Sound](#)

Teen/Adult

Casey, Susan (2016), **Voices in the Ocean: A Journey into the Wild and Haunting World of Dolphins**, Anchor, 978-0345804846

Take & Make/Activity:



What can you do to save wild dolphins?

