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Read the passage and then fill in the chart below based on what you read.

Did you know that dolphins are mammals just like humans? Mammals give birth to live babies, produce milk, and have hair, among other characteristics. This means that dolphins have or do all these things. It may seem weird, but a dolphin is born with hair, even though it falls out as they start to grow. Young dolphins are called calves, but older dolphins are known as cows (female) and bulls (male). Dolphins live in families called pods that take care of each other and help one another out.

Dolphins are carnivores, they eat meat and though they have teeth they do not chew. These amazing creatures have excellent hearing and sight both in and out of the water. They do breathe air so they must often come to the surface of the water to get a breathe through their blowhole. Dolphins are considered highly intelligent when compared to other animals.

What is this passage about?

List 4 facts about dolphin families

List 3 facts about dolphins that are unrelated to the family

List 3 reasons we know dolphins are mammals

Answer Sheet

Passage is about dolphins

4 facts about families: Travel in pods, care for one another, mother called a cow, father a bull, baby a calf

3 facts about dolphins: Excellent hearing, excellent sight, breathe through a blowhole, carnivorous, very smart

3 reasons dolphins are mammals: Born with hair, born alive, produce milk