

Bottlenose dolphins

Complete the first two components, Pre-Reading Zone In and Pre-Reading Predicting, before reading the complete text. Then undertake the remaining components, from During Reading My Connection. Each component will open the relevant pages of text, if applicable, but you can go back to any part of the text at any time.

Tab 1 Pre-Reading Zone In

Tab 2 Pre-Reading Predicting

Tab 3 During Reading My Connection

Tab 4 Visualising

Tab 5 Questioning

Tab 6 Summarising

Tab 7 Monitoring

Here are some ideas to discuss with students after they've suggested ways to help read a factual text.

Before reading:

Read the title first so you know what the subject is.

Read key headings to tune you into the topic.

Scan the information before reading.

Look at pictures and headings to provide you with ideas about the topic.

Identify key questions and tasks relating to the text so you are aware of information to focus on.

While reading the text carefully:

Highlight key information and unknown words.

Check the meaning of unknown words.

Then ask yourself the following questions:

Could I teach someone else about this topic?

Does this make sense?

What have I learned?

Do I need to read more about the topic?

Tab 9 Assessment

The first three questions are literal questions, so the correct statement can be found in the text. The next two are interpretative or inferential questions, meaning that students need to interpret or infer from the text to find the correct statement. The final question is an applied or evaluative question, so students need to apply or evaluate the information from the text to choose an answer, and there may be no "correct" answer.

Here are the answers for the assessment task.

Literal

1. a Bottlenose dolphins are actually small toothed whales.
2. c Bottlenose dolphins are called this because of their short rounded snout.
3. a Bottlenose dolphins can live to be over 30 years of age.

Interpretative or inferential

1. a Bottlenose dolphins are sleek and streamlined so they can move quickly through water.
2. b Bottlenose dolphins are social creatures living in groups called pods.

Applied or evaluative

c Bottlenose dolphins are highly intelligent and well adapted to their marine environment.

As an additional assessment task, ask each student to read the following text out loud. Then mark any errors and work out the percentage of accuracy to see how well each student can read aloud.

This text is 95 words. To convert to a percentage of accuracy, divide the number of words pronounced correctly by 95 and multiply by 100.

Bottlenose dolphins are sleek and streamlined and can travel at speeds of up to 35 kilometres per hour. They have a prominent dorsal fin, which can be seen slicing through the water. In general, dolphins have a dark grey back and light grey belly. This helps to camouflage the animal so, when potential predators (such as killer whales or sharks) look up from the deep, the light grey belly blends in with bright surface waters. An adult bottlenose will weigh between 150 and 650 kilograms. Bottlenose dolphins can live to over 30 years of age.