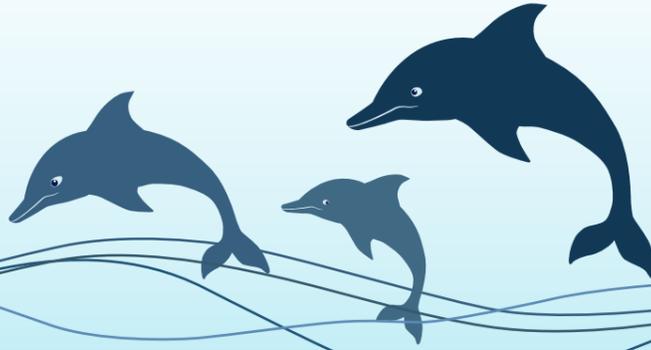
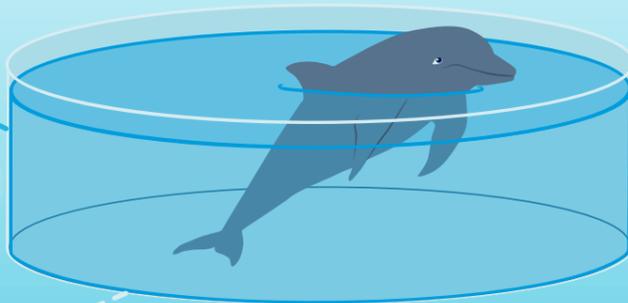


DOLPHINS IN CAPTIVITY

Dolphins are highly social and intelligent animals



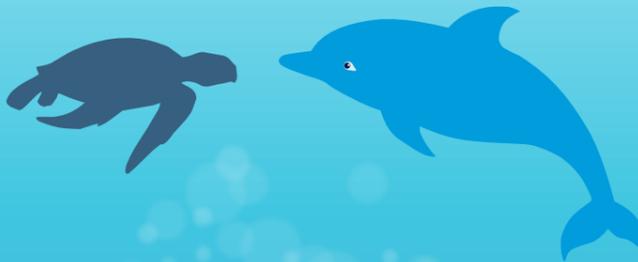
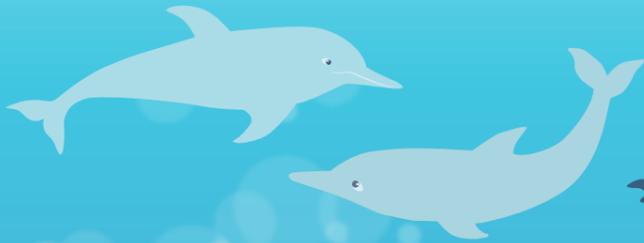
Dolphins are held captive in marine parks, aquariums & research facilities around the world



Dolphins held in captivity live in human made environments, such as tanks and pools

They may have to live in isolation, or socialise with unknown dolphins and other species, including humans

Captive dolphins can't dive at depth, swim large distances or forage for their own food



Most are bred in captivity, but some are caught from the wild



Capturing dolphins from the wild can cause stress, harm, and sometimes death

Some people argue that keeping dolphins in captivity is acceptable, as they have access to a clean environment with regular food, and it gives people the opportunity to learn more about dolphins and why they should be protected

Others argue that it is not ethically justifiable to keep dolphins in artificial environments where they can't exhibit the full range of their natural behaviour, and that it is better to see or study dolphins in the wild

A number of countries around the world have banned dolphin captivity, and some organisations are setting up sea sanctuaries as alternatives to pools and tanks



QUESTION, CONSIDER AND DISCUSS.

QUESTION whether it is ethical to keep marine mammals in limited captive environments.

CONSIDER the different views on this issue, and decide for yourself where you stand.

DISCUSS with your friends, family, classmates and teachers. Debating complex issues is healthy and helpful.