

The Diver and the Dolphins

SOL Writing Prep with
Technology Enhanced Items

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

(1) I had been diving for many years. (2) But never before had wild dolphins come near me in the water.

(3) As I watched, the three swam closer to me.

(4) There was a large male a smaller female and a baby dolphin. (5) As the three circled me, I could see the baby was bleeding from a deep wound near its tale where a long string of clear plastic fishing line trailed for several feet behind.

(6) The male and female dolphins was making a clicking noise as they swam nearer to me.

(7) Then they stopped and hovered.

(8) The clicking noise also stopped.

(9) The baby was between its mother and father. (10) All three looked at me with their little eyes over upturned mouths, reminding me of a human grin.

(11) I could see the baby had become tangled in the fishing line with a big hook that had snagged it between the dorsal fin on its back and fluke tail. (12) The shaft of the hook was sticking out of the bleeding wound, making a trail of green in the depth.

(13) Because all colors are filtered out in the ocean depths, the babys red blood looked green eighty feet below the surface. (14) My first reaction was one of awe. (15) My second thought was worry for the baby. (16) I knew it would either get snagged and drown or be tracked down and eaten by a shark.

(17) Dolphins are very intelligent and are abundantly happy in their wild domain. (18) They are loving and loyal and have close family ties, taking care of their young and their older, less able peers

(19) They seldom approach people in the sea and with good reason. (20) Humans are dangerous and can cause them harm. (21) But these dolphins were desperate

(22) The baby dolphin look scared and in pain. (23) Its little eyes rolled in their sockets as it watched me. (24) It was afraid of me, but its parents had brought it near. (25) I looked into the eyes of each of them as they hovered just three feet away, and thought about all the dolphins that had been needlessly killed by fishermen and their nets or caught on hooks. (26) All my life I have loved animals and have done my best to see they are respected or protected. (27) Perhaps the dolphins had sensed that I was a friend. (28) There were for other divers in the water all armed with weapons. (29) I was alone and unarmed.

Read sentence 1 and 2.

I had been diving for many years. But never before had wild dolphins come near me in the water.

In these sentences, many years. But never before should be written-

- A** for many years, but never before
- B** for many years never before
- C** for many years, and but never before
- D** as it is

Read sentence 4.

There was a large male a smaller female and a baby dolphir.

In this sentence, large male a smaller female and a baby dolphir should be written-

- F** large male, a smaller, female, and, a baby dolphin
- G** large male, a smaller female and a baby dolphin
- H** large male, a smaller female, and a baby dolphin
- G** as it is

Read sentence 5.

As the three circled me, I could see the baby was bleeding from a deep wound near its tale where a long string of clear plastic fishing line trailed for several feet behind

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A** Change deep to deeply
- B** Change its to it's
- C** Change tale to tail
- D** Change where to wear

Read sentence 6.

The male and female dolphins was making a clicking noise as they swam nearer to me.

In this sentence, was making should be written-

- F** is making
- G** are making
- H** were making
- J** as it is

Read sentence 9.

The baby was between its mother and father.

In this sentence, its should be written-

- A** it's
- B** its'
- C** it's'
- D** as it is

Read sentence 13.

Because all colors are filtered out in the ocean depths, the babys red blood looked green eighty feet below the surface

In this sentence, babys red blood should be written-

- F** babys' red blood
- G** baby's red blood
- H** babies' red blood
- J** as it is

Read sentence 18.

They are loving and loyal and have close family ties, taking care of their young and thier older, less able peers

In this sentence, They should be written-

- A** We
- B** Them
- C** Us
- D** as it is

Read sentence 22.

The baby dolphin look scared and in pain.

In this sentence, look should be written-

- F** looks
- G** looked
- H** looking
- J** as it is

Read sentence 28.

There were for other divers in the water, all armed with weapons.

Which correction should be made to this sentence?

- A** Change There to They're
- B** Change were to was
- C** Change for to four
- D** Change divers to diver

Directions: Click on the correct shaded area.

Which website would be most helpful for a student to find information about the way dolphins communicate?

Search: Dolphins

Results: 1-5 of 654, 322

Facts about Dolphins

Dolphin facts and information, feeding, habitat, distribution, and more...

Miami Dolphins

Miami Dolphins National Football League team center, home page for Miami Dolphins news, videos, etc...

Dolphins-ThinkQuest

Surprisingly Dolphins aren't fish! A dolphin is a mammal...

Dolphin Echolocation

Learn more about whales and dolphin communication with echolocation and body language...

Dolphin Pictures

Dolphins are a group of marine mammals that include dolphins and their relatives