Dolphin Fin Facts!

**Distribution**
Bottlenose dolphin Range

**Toothed Whales**

Bottlenose dolphins are members of the Toothed Whale family, called the Odontocetes.

**Eyesight**
Dolphins can see clearly underwater, like you do when wearing a mask.

**Echolocation**
Dolphins listen for echoes to tell them about their watery world. They can use them to define size, shape, texture & density of objects and also to hunt & navigate.

**Hunting**
Dolphins use a variety of strategies to hunt their prey, catching fish by themselves (below) or working as a team to attack thousands of fish in a dense baitball (above).

**What defines a mammal?**
- Nurse Their Young
- Warm-Blooded
- Breathe Air
- Born Live
- Hair

**Power & Speed!**
Scientists believe the ancestors of dolphins walked on land over 53 million years ago. The pectoral fin (above) has five digits, just like you have in your hand.

**Walk on land?**
A mother nurses her calf near the surface with the calf sucking from the nipples concealed in the mammary slits. Calves usually nurse at least two years.

**Nursing?**

**Protect Dolphins**
For a clean, healthy ocean, practice the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle!

**Learn more about bottlenose dolphins!**