

National Geographic Kids Reader: Dive, Dolphin!

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book with your child, look at the front cover and talk about the leaping dolphin. Discuss experiences that your child has of diving and leaping in water, or even of seeing dolphins on the television, or in real life, and establish the link between leaping and diving.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, making it fun and exciting to find out about dolphins.
 - Help with unfamiliar words and practice saying the dolphin body parts and names on page 22 aloud.
 - Encourage them to sound familiar words out. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
 - Talk about new and interesting concepts, e.g. what a blowhole is used for.
 - Encourage them to use the pictures and think about what word would make sense.
 - If your child gets stuck, read and enjoy the book together, so that they don't lose their confidence.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- This book has lots of unfamiliar dolphin and place names on the habitat map on page 22. Read these to your child and help them to say the names aloud.
- Ask your child to recount what features all dolphins have and how they can be different from each other.

Pronunciation guide: Irrawaddy (ir-uh-wod-y), Yangtze (Yang-tz-ee)