

Matching Activity: Latin Edition

Background: Animals and plants are given common names in the local language and scientific names (often from Latin or Greek) to help scientists around the world communicate. Dolphins (common) are in the family Delphinidae (Latin).

Directions: Match common name (1st column) to the scientific name (2nd column). Then match the scientific name to the English meaning (3rd column).

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
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Indo-Pacific bottlenose	<i>Stenella attenuata</i>	ball head, large snout
Atlantic spotted	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	dolphin-appearance, hooked/curved
panropical spotted	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>	bottle beak, indistinct
spinner	<i>Orcinus orca</i>	dolphin-appearance, truncated
dusky	<i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i>	narrow, frontal muscle
killer whale	<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>	narrow, long rostrum
long-finned pilot whale	<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>	kingdom of the dead, whale
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