

THE DOLPHIN

*Moving through the water, a skilled swimmer,
Seemingly taking pride in what he does.
Travelling by an up and down movement of the tail,
He leaps around furiously
And races with a companion,
Chasing after fish,
Hungry for adventure.*

*They join the school like excited children,
Frolics about happily without a care in the world.
Suddenly danger looms,
An enemy is near.
They move to another part of the water,
Where they play together,
Safe and content.*

Choose the **best word** or **phrase** each time. Underline your answers.

- 26** The poem makes me feel that dolphins are
aggressive playful nervous fierce
- 27** The poet believes that dolphins are
always racing continually on the move
unhappy most of the time slow movers in water
- 28** Taking pride in what he does means
swimming about all day taking care about what he does
being safe and content feeling good about himself

Give **three verbs** from the poem which describe how a dolphin moves.

29 _____ **30** _____ **31** _____

Find words in the poem which mean:

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| 32 Expert at something | _____ |
| 33 An exciting event | _____ |
| 34 Peril, hazard, risk | _____ |
| 35 Springs, bounds, vaults | _____ |
| 36 A friend or partner | _____ |
| 37 Unexpectedly, without warning | _____ |