

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,
Frolic 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:

- 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 _____