

Amazon River Dolphin

8 You have probably heard of the friendly, ocean-dwelling
18 dolphins of the sea, but did you know some dolphins
28 live in rivers? The Amazon river dolphin is a fascinating
37 creature found along the length of the Amazon river
38 system.



42 Other names: boto, bufeo

46 Scientific name: *Inia geoffrensis*

54 Average length: around 3 metres – males; around 2
56 metres – females

65 Average weight: around 150 kg – males; 100 kg – females

73 Sometimes called the pink river dolphin, these charming
82 mammals have shiny, smooth skin, which has a light,
90 rosy hue. Relying mostly on their specialised echolocation
100 system to find their way through the murky waters they
109 inhabit, Amazon river dolphins have very small eyes and
112 are virtually blind.

Questions



1. Where do these river dolphins live?



2. Find and copy a word which means 'a method of finding your location using sound or echos'.



3. List two facts you learnt about Amazon river dolphins from this text.

1. _____

2. _____



4. What did you find surprising about the Amazon river dolphin?
