

## GP1 Reading & Speaking Practice Lesson #3

### Story

#### River Dolphins

Though most dolphins are **marine mammals**, four **known** species live in rivers. They share the **rounded** body shape, **pointed snout**, and sharp teeth of marine dolphins. However, because these dolphins live in

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caught in fishing nets have **led to** a drop in populations.

These Chinese river dolphins **is** now **thought to be extinct**. In India, the government is trying to **persuade** fishermen to change the way they fish. It hopes this will help to save the dolphins that live in the country's rivers.

## Vocabulary

marine

mammal

known

pointed

snout

under-developed

echolocation

bounce off

object

trail (v)

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dolphins?

*Because they live in cloudy water, their eyes are under-developed.*

2) How do river dolphins find their way around?

*They use echolocation—they make a clicking sound and listen to how the sounds bounce off objects.*

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### 3) What are threats to river dolphins?

*Pollution and getting caught in fishing nets are threats to river dolphins.*

### 4) What has happened to the Chinese river dolphins?

*Because of a drop in population, the Chinese river dolphin is thought to be extinct.*

### 5) How is the Indian government trying to save the

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*No, I don't. It is probably too difficult to persuade fishermen to change the way they fish.*

### 8) Are there any species in your area that are under threat of going extinct?

*Yes, there are many endangered animals such as ibis and the crane.*

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## 9) Do you anything else about dolphins?

*I know that dolphins are one of the smartest animals aside from humans.*

## 10) What lesson can we learn from this story?

*There are many interesting animals in the world that not many people have heard about, but they are quickly dying out.*

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