

## ★ Literature:

### Ch - 13: The Dolphin Dance / Lament

#### ★ Dictation words:

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| 1) Bhushuk    | 2) freshwater |
| 3) Lurk       | 4) shallows   |
| 5) muddy      | 6) breathe    |
| 7) thrive     | 8) Lament     |
| 9) sewage     | 10) garbage   |
| 11) blockages | 12) abound    |
| 13) flesh     | 14) churn     |
| 15) chop      | 16) noises    |
| 17) wealth    | 18) weep      |
| 19) aquarium  | 20) dolphin   |

#### ★ Word Meanings:

1. Freshwater — waters of rivers and lakes, which is not salty like seawater
2. Lurk — to hide and wait

3. shallows - an area of a water body which is not very deep
4. thrive - grow and do well
5. sewage - waste water, gutter water
6. abound - to be there in large numbers
7. churn - to move a liquid with lot of force
8. chop - cut
9. weep - cry

★ Answer these questions:

Que 1. The dolphin says 'sounds give me sight'. What do you think this means?

Ans 1. Dolphins use echolocation/sonar to see better underwater. This means that they can 'see' by interpreting the echoes of sound waves that bounce off objects near them in the water. Hence, the dolphin says 'sounds give me sight'.

Que 2. Where does the sewage in the water come from?

Ans. 2. The sewage in the water comes from domestic waste water which comes from homes and apartments and industrial wastewater which comes from industries.

Que3. The dolphin says 'you churn and chop the river' referring to some human activity. Which activity can it be?

Ans3. 'Chop and churn the river' probably refers to motorised boats and steamers on the river which cause a lot of waves and noise, and disturb the creatures living in the water.

Que4. Oral discussion

Que5. Why do you think the poet decided to write this poem about the dolphin in two parts. Discuss.

Ans5. The poet wrote this poem about dolphins in two parts, because she wanted to highlight the difference between the normal happy life of the river dolphin, and the troubles that they face due to human activity and pollution.