

Cornish Holiday Blog by Kate Ruttle

So, here we are in Newquay. We arrived yesterday and spent the afternoon wandering around the town and looking at its famous harbour. One of the first things we did was to book a boat trip to look for dolphins. After all, that's one of the reasons we came to Cornwall! OK, Sam wanted to go surfing, but for me it was all about the dolphins.

So, this morning, we boarded a catamaran called *Atlantic Diver* and set off on our ocean safari. We were pretty much guaranteed to see seals – we've seen seals loads of time before – but I kept my fingers crossed we'd see dolphins too.

Our luck was in. No sooner had we left the harbour than we could see shapes swimming in the sea in front of the boat – and sometimes even underneath the boat. People were saying that it was a pod of dolphins. Although everyone else was excited, I was disappointed. I saw the ghost-like shapes, but I wanted to see dolphins leaping and playing.

Then, suddenly, there was a cheer from everyone on board when the first dolphin jumped up right beside the boat. Then others joined it. Soon, dolphins were jumping, diving and playing in front of the boat. It was a dream come true!

The pod stayed with us for about 15 minutes, then they just disappeared. After that, seeing the famous Newquay grey seals basking on their rocks was a bit tame. But I didn't mind. We had seen my dolphins.

Next stop – surfing. This is going to be a memorable holiday!



- 1 Look at the first paragraph.
Find and copy a word that means the same as *well-known*.

2a

1 mark

- 2 Why did the writer keep her fingers crossed?

2b

1 mark

- 3 “No sooner had we left the harbour than we could see shapes swimming in the sea.”
What did the writer use the words “no sooner than” to show? Choose **one**.

The dolphins were near the boat when they boarded it.

They did not see anything when they were in the harbour.

They saw the dolphins early in their trip.

It took a long while before they saw the dolphins.

- 4 Why did everyone cheer when the first dolphin jumped up?

2g

1 mark

- 5 The writer really wanted to see dolphins.
Find and copy two pieces of evidence for this statement.

2d

1 mark

- 6 Number these things to show the order the writer saw them.

catamaran

dolphins jumping

ghost-like shapes

seals on rocks

2d

2 marks

2c

1 mark