

## Words by Theme Self-assessment

Complete the article below with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

**Adjective:** distressed ethical intelligent superior unresponsive widespread

**Noun:** habitat instinct

**Verb:** cultivate obtain remedy thrive

### Set up a marine park to save the Chinese white dolphins

For thousands of years, Chinese white dolphins have been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the waters around the mouth of the Pearl River. They (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in these shallow, coastal waters where they can (3) \_\_\_\_\_ fish for food using their (4) \_\_\_\_\_ hunting skills such as agility and speed. Many dolphins have also been seen to follow fishing boats to get fish. Although it is not their natural (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to do this, they are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to learn that they can eat the fish that fishermen throw away.

In the last few decades, human activity has damaged the Chinese white dolphin's (7) \_\_\_\_\_. The latest survey found that only around 30 dolphins are still living in Hong Kong. One threat to the dolphins is pollution. A significant portion of this pollution consists of the harmful chemicals used by farmers to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ crops. When it rains, these chemicals are washed into rivers and eventually end up in the sea.

Another threat is ships. Over the years, conservationists have spotted dozens of Chinese white dolphins with injuries that were most likely caused by ships. In one case, a / an (9) \_\_\_\_\_ dolphin was seen swimming with its fin almost cut off. To (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this problem, conservation groups have called for a marine park to be set up, where ships cannot enter and the dolphins can remain safe. They believe that this is a / an (11) \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do, since the dolphins have a right to live safely and healthily. Yet, the government has been (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to this idea so far.

