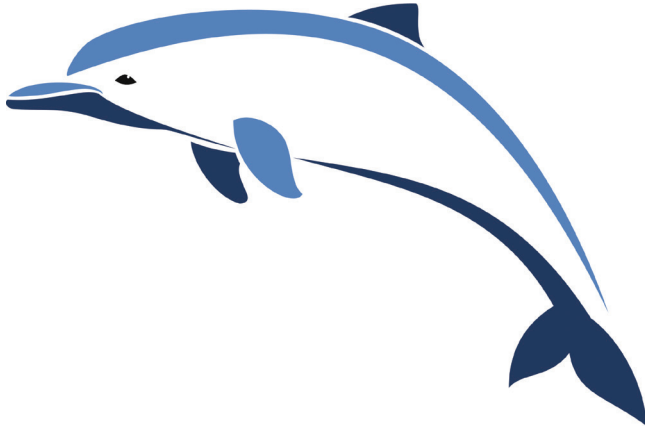


The Lion and the Dolphin



A Lion roaming by the seashore saw a Dolphin in the water. He suggested that they should become best friends and help each other in times of need because one was the king of beasts on the earth and the other was the ruler of the ocean. The Dolphin gladly agreed. Not long afterward, the Lion got into a fight with a wild bull and called on the Dolphin to help him. Although the Dolphin was willing to help, he was unable to do so because he couldn't reach the land. The Lion then growled at the Dolphin and called him a traitor. But the Dolphin replied, "No, my friend. Don't blame me, blame Nature, for while Nature made me the ruler of the sea, it has not given me any power over living upon the land."

The Lesson:

Your place in the world is very important to who you are.

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Questions to Discuss

1. Why did the Lion think that he and Dolphin should be best friends?
2. What is a traitor?
3. Why did the Lion call the Dolphin a traitor?
4. Why couldn't the Dolphin help the Lion?
5. What if Dolphin had gotten into a fight in the ocean? Would Lion have been able to help him? Why or why not?
6. What lesson does this story teach?