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Important for learning more about species

Educate public on best behavior when interacting in the wild with marine mammals

Inspire next generation of stewards

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#### Con

Need more space

Need more mental stimuli

Family separated

Shouldn't be made to perform

What about sea pens/sanctuaries?



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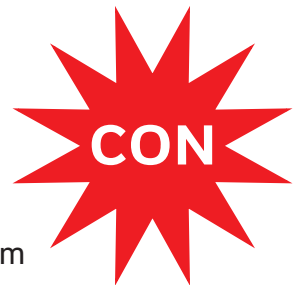
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## Debate Topic #2:

### Should swimming with dolphins and boat tours be allowed?

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Emotional connection to animals (especially if no longer in zoos/aquariums) so people will protect what they love

Education on ecosystems

Umbrella species: If you protect an apex predator you protect all the species that support it

#### Con

Disturbs animals when resting

Animals become to accustomed to boats

Teaches illegal behavior to guests

Dangerous to the animals



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## Debate Topic #3:

### Should offshore drilling be allowed?

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Creates domestic jobs

Self-sustainable/not relying on international trade

Society needs current fuel type

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Destructive to environment and animals

Amount of oil available not worth the energy and risk

Should look into alternative energy sources

**PRO**

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