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Among BC's resident (fish-eating) orcas, each whale has the same set of calls, or dialect, as other members of its pod. The only other mammals known to have true dialects are humans, some monkeys, and the sperm whale.

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Dialects of most resident pods can be distinguished either by ear or with a sound analyser. Test your ability to distinguish orca calls at [www.killerwhale.org](http://www.killerwhale.org) (click on acw-20(.0(s)-20(s)-20(s)-20(s)-20(s)-20(s)-20(s)-20(s)-20(i)-208

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