

Sea Lion Facts



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Sea lions live in many parts of the world, always near the ocean. They sleep and take care of their babies on the land, but their food comes from the sea.



They don't have feet like most mammals. Their short legs end in flippers. Their toes are long and webbed together.



Sea lions are not true seals. A sea lion's ears stick out from its head. Seals just have holes for sound to go into. Can you see the tiny ear of this sea lion?



This animal is a true seal, not a sea lion. Do you see a small slit in the side of its head? That's what a seal uses to hear sounds.



Sea lions can't walk very well on land. They stand up on their four flippers and hop and flop along as they walk.



Seals can't walk on land as well as sea lions can. Their back flippers are turned to the side. They use their short front flippers to help them wiggle along on their tummies.



Sea lions are slow on land, but in the water sea lions move fast! Their front flippers are powerful paddles. Their smooth bodies slip quickly through the water.



Sea lions and seals don't swim the same way. Seals move the back half of their bodies side to side and paddle with their back flippers. Sea lions use their long front flippers to swim and their back flippers to turn quickly.



Sea lions can stay underwater for an hour before coming up for air. They do tricks under the water just for fun



They are expert fishermen, too. They twist and turn quickly to make sure the fish don't get away.



When they swim back to the beach, sea lions are tired. That's why you usually see them sleeping when they are on land.



All those sleepy sea lions aren't lazy. They are just resting up and planning their next fishing trip!



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