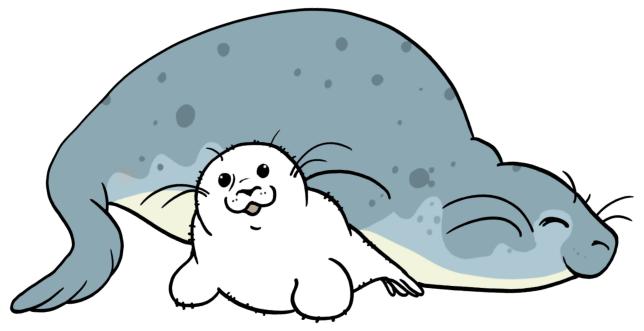
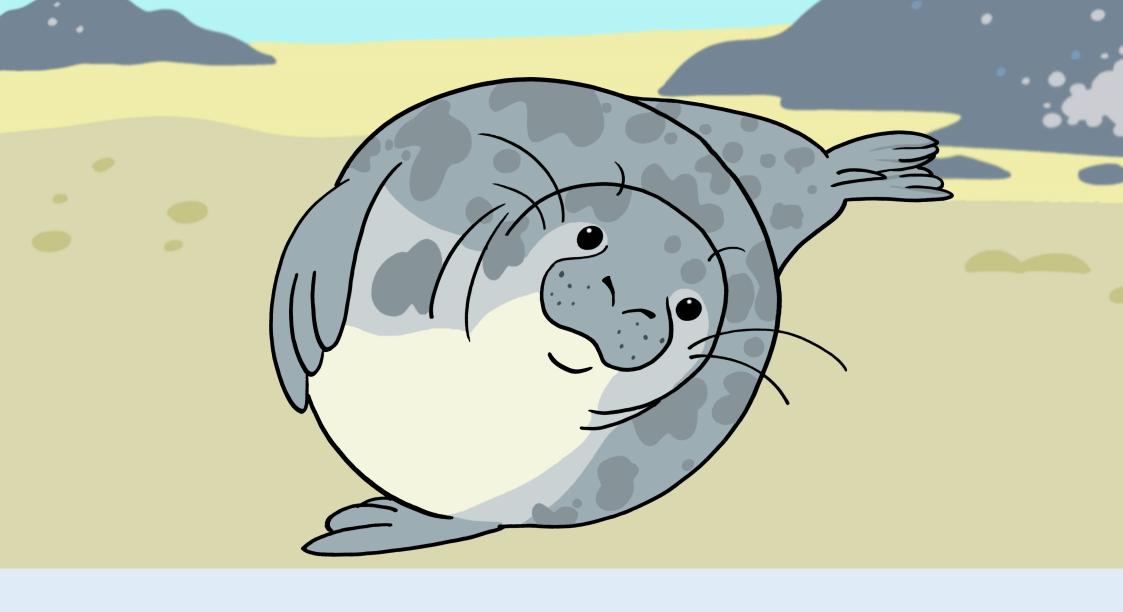
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Grey Seal

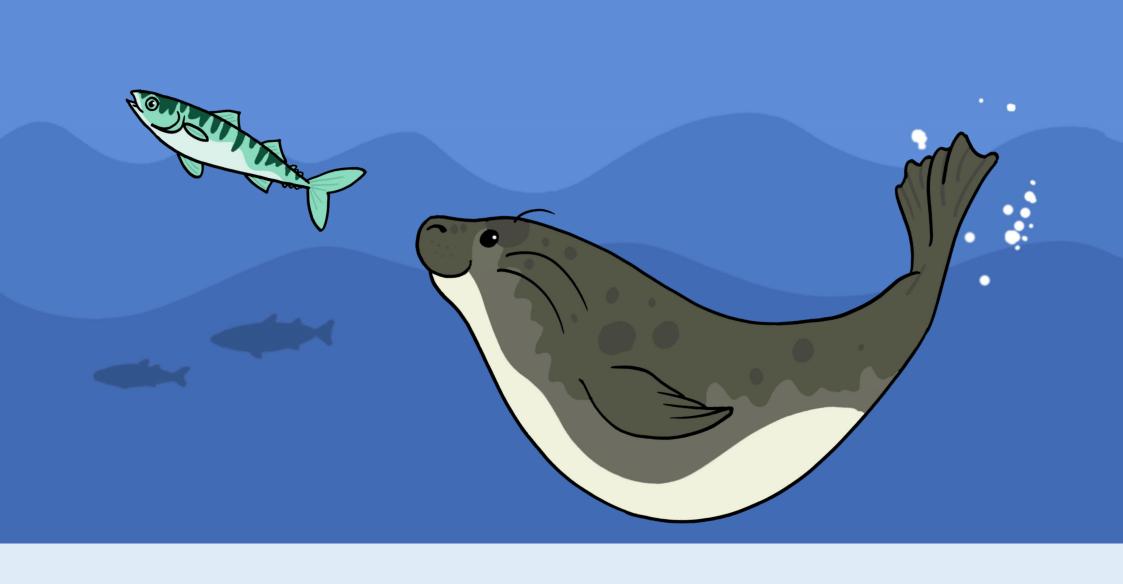




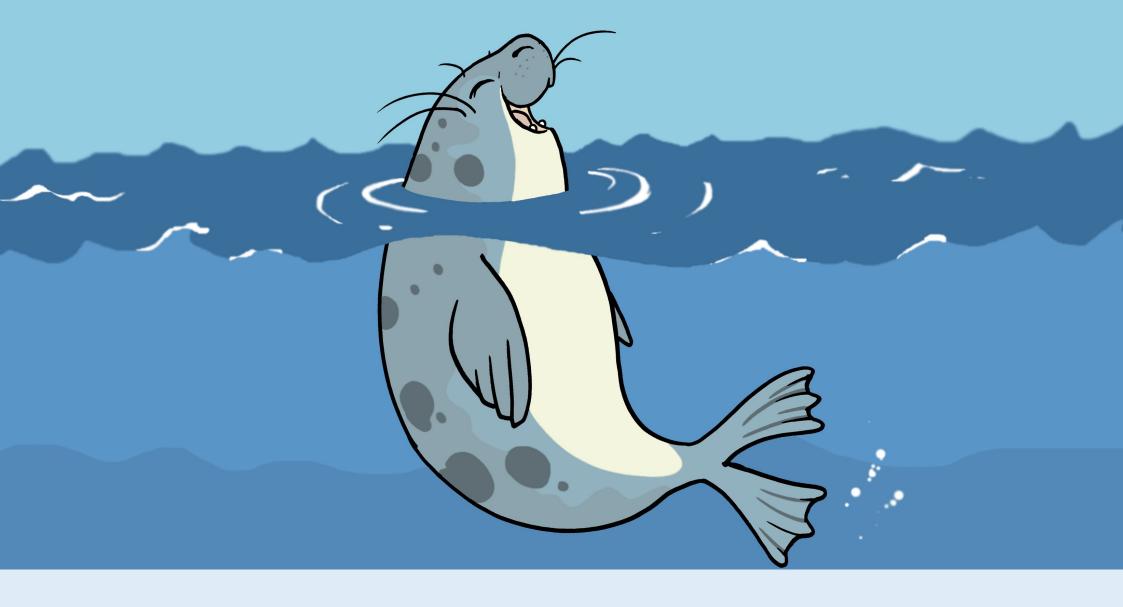
This is a grey seal. You can tell seals apart, as they have their own special pattern of spots. The colour of the fur varies from silvery-grey to shades of brown.



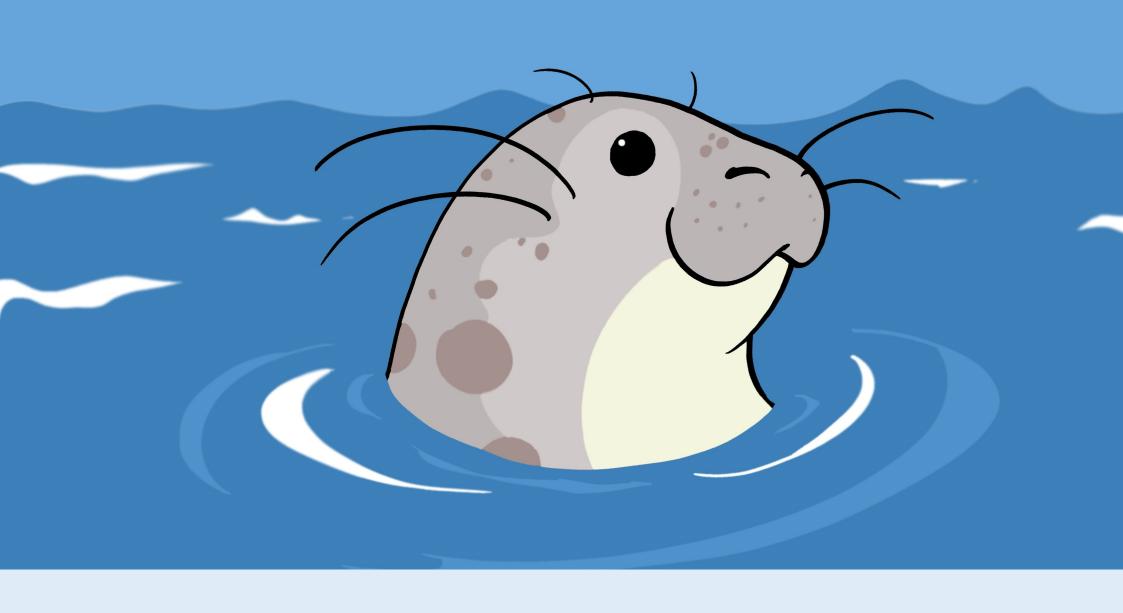
Seals are a marine animal. They live in mostly in the sea. They can look clumsy, shuffling their bodies along the beach.



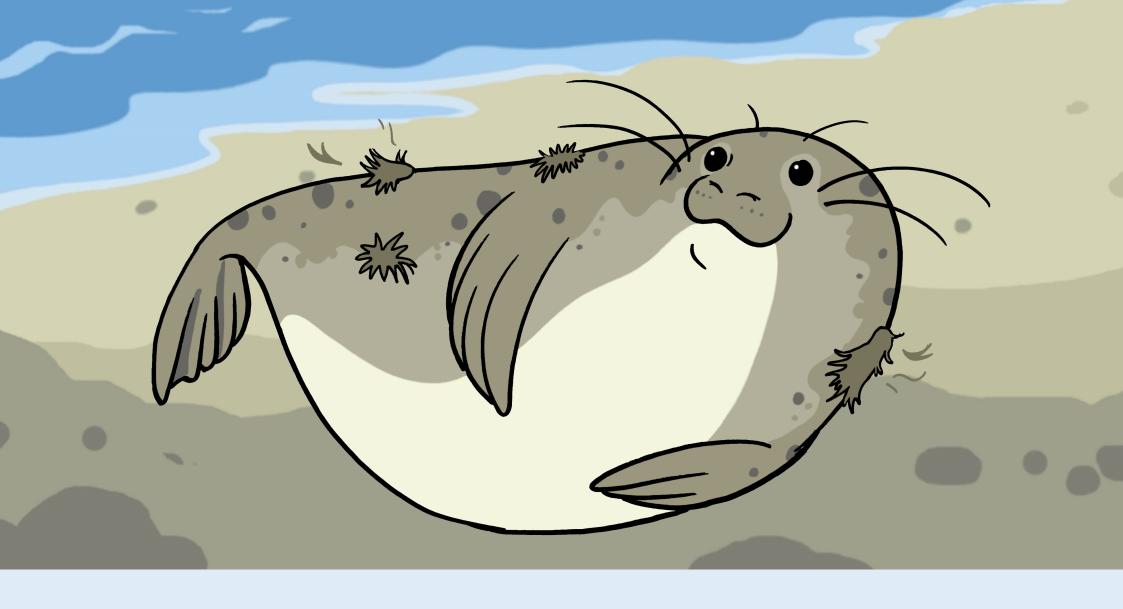
Underwater, seals are fast and agile, twisting and turning to catch fish. They have sharp teeth to hold their prey.



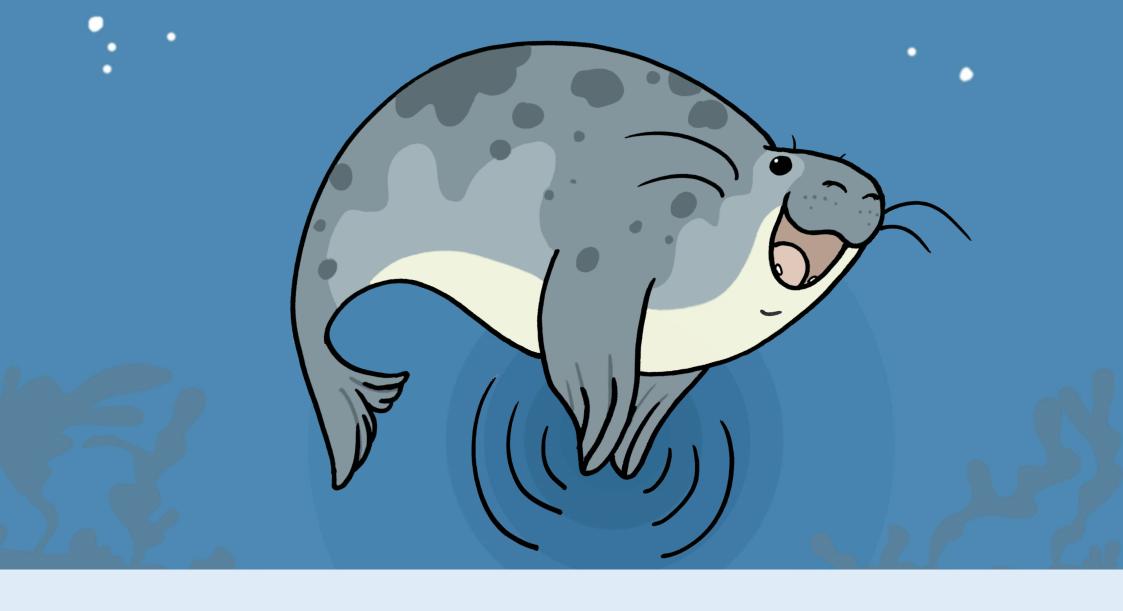
Seals are mammals, not fish, and they need to surface to breathe air. They can easily hold their breath for 15 minutes.



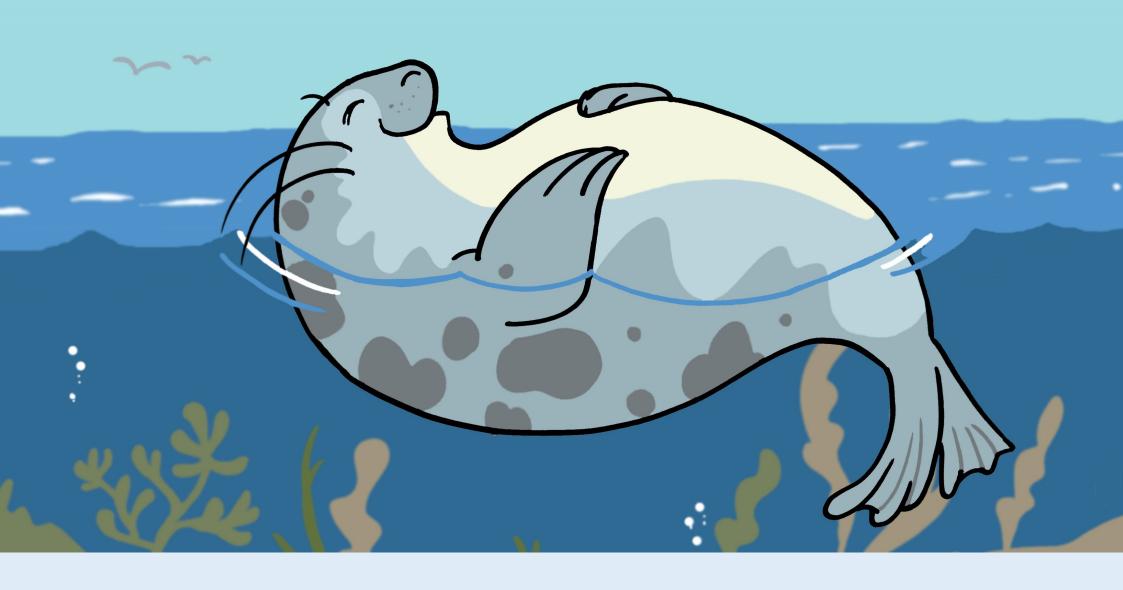
Long whiskers help the seal to detect their prey. As well as fish, they may search for other sea creatures, such as crabs.



Each year, seals grow a new fur coat to make sure they stay warm in the chilly water. When the old fur comes off, we say they are moulting.



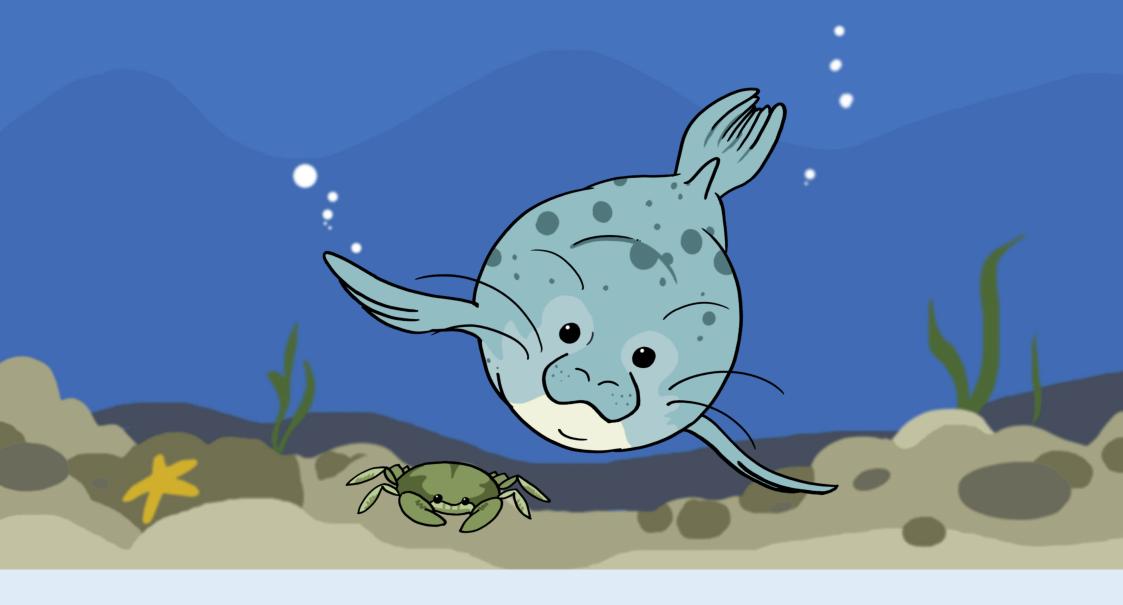
Grey seals have been recorded clapping their fins together to communicate. Sound travels a long way underwater.



Swimming underwater is tiring. Seals like to rest, and sometimes even snooze on the surface.



Female seals come on to the shore to have their babies. These pups have white fur. After only a few weeks drinking mum's milk, the pup is ready to begin life in the ocean.



Did you enjoy learning about these magnificent marine mammals? What can you remember?

Questions

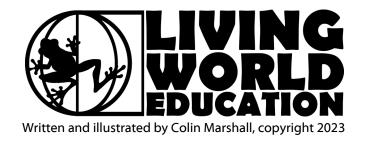
Can you describe what a grey seal looks like?

Why are whiskers important to the seal?

What sort of things do seals eat?

Where could you see a wild grey seal?

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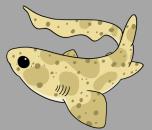


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3. BIRD BEAKS

4. FROG

5. BADGER







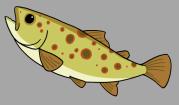
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11. RIVERS & STREAMS



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