

Quick Check

Seals, Sea Lions, and Walruses

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Why would a pinniped likely be able to travel farther in water than on land?
 - Ⓐ Its ears and throat close in water but not on land.
 - Ⓑ It can see great distances underwater but is blind on land.
 - Ⓒ It can breathe better in the ocean than on land.
 - Ⓓ It is quick and graceful in water but awkward on land.
2. How are seals, sea lions, and humans alike?
 - Ⓐ They all have blubber.
 - Ⓑ They are all mammals.
 - Ⓒ They all have flippers.
 - Ⓓ They are all pinnipeds.
3. When an animal **migrates**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ sleeps underwater for long periods of time
 - Ⓑ moves to a new area at a set time of year
 - Ⓒ lives in cold water all the time
 - Ⓓ lives underwater and on land
4. Why would you find a newborn pinniped on land rather than in the water?
 - Ⓐ It can't see in the water.
 - Ⓑ It can't keep warm in the water.
 - Ⓒ It won't get food in the water.
 - Ⓓ It can't swim in the water.
5. Which of the following animals are pinnipeds?
 - Ⓐ sea lions, shrimp, and whales
 - Ⓑ elephants, seals, and walruses
 - Ⓒ seals, sea lions, and leopards
 - Ⓓ seals, sea lions, and walruses
6. Which sentence is an opinion from the book?
 - Ⓐ You are very lucky if you see a seal.
 - Ⓑ Pinnipeds have flippers instead of feet.
 - Ⓒ Most pinnipeds live in cold oceans.
 - Ⓓ A pinniped has only one baby at a time.

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7. What causes a walrus to look pink when it is warm?
 - Ⓐ its food
 - Ⓑ its water
 - Ⓒ its blood
 - Ⓓ its skin
8. The easiest way to tell the difference between a seal and a sea lion is to compare their _____.
 - Ⓐ noses
 - Ⓑ skin
 - Ⓒ ears
 - Ⓓ eyes
9. When pinnipeds **molt**, they _____.
 - Ⓐ shed their fur
 - Ⓑ keep cool under their fur and blubber
 - Ⓒ have babies
 - Ⓓ stay away from predators
10. Which animal is the only pinniped with tusks?
 - Ⓐ a sea lion
 - Ⓑ a seal
 - Ⓒ a walrus
 - Ⓓ none of the above
11. **Extended Response:** How are seals and sea lions alike and different?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary but should include two ways that sea lions and seals are alike (such as they are both pinnipeds and both swim using flippers) and two ways that sea lions are different from seals (such as sea lions have longer necks and longer front flippers as compared to seals).