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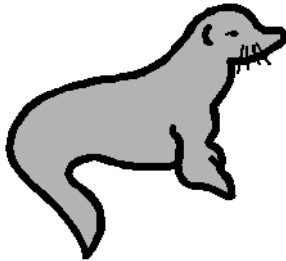


## WALRUS

The walrus is a marine mammal that is part of the scientific group called pennipeds. Male and female walruses have tusks which are like large teeth. They have hind flippers that can help them move. They do not have an external ear. They spend most of their life in the sea. Walruses have a thick layer of fat (blubber) that keeps them warm. Their whiskers help with their sense of touch. Their predators are often polar bears and orca whales. Walrus like to eat clams, snails, sea cucumbers, and mussels.

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sea lion



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sea lion

The sea lion is a marine mammal that is part of the scientific group called pennipeds. These marine mammals live most of their lives in water, coming out to bask in the sun. They have a layer of fat called blubber that keeps them warm. The streamlined shape of the sea lion helps it swim without using a lot of energy. The sea lion has a small head and external ear flaps. Their flippers are long and hairless. The back flippers are like paddles. They like to eat fish, squid, crabs, clams, and lobsters. They don't chew their food.

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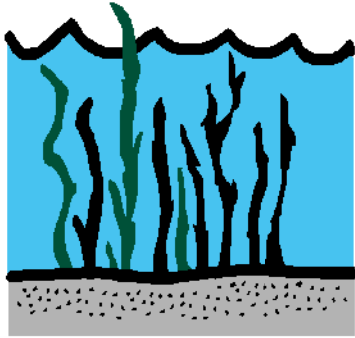


## SEALS

The seal is a marine mammal. It is part of a group of mammals called pennipeds. The seal has tiny ear holes, but no ear flaps like the sea lion. The seal's flippers are covered with hair, and they have nails. The back, or hind, flippers are shaped like short paddles. Seals like to eat fish, clams and squid. Like the sea lion they don't chew their food, but swallow in large chunks. Their main predators are killer whales.

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# Kelp Forest



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# Kelp Forest

The kelp forest is a marine ecosystem. Marine life lives in seas and oceans. Kelp grows along the coastal waters near land.

What is kelp?

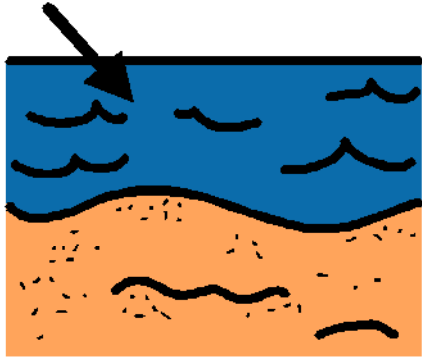
Kelp is giant seaweed. It grows very fast, up to 300 feet in one year! Like all plants, kelp needs sunlight to grow. The giant kelp grows towards the surface of the water, and then forms a mat on the surface.

The kelp forest is home to many marine animals.

The kelp is a great place for the smaller animals to hide from their predators.

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# Marine Ecosystem



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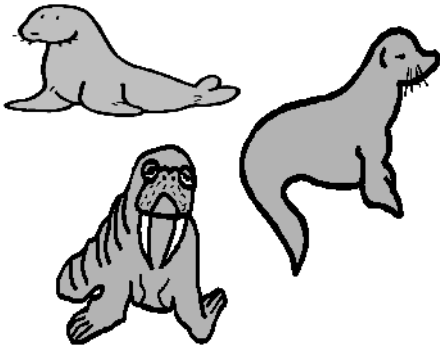
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# Pennipeds



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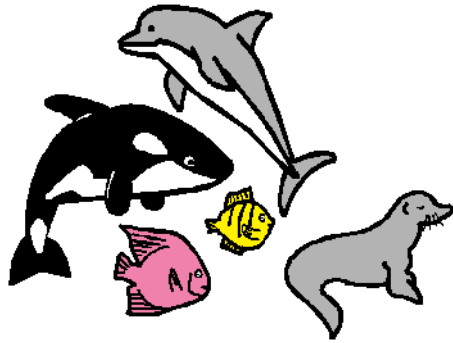
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# Marine Animals



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## Marine Mammals: Pennipeds

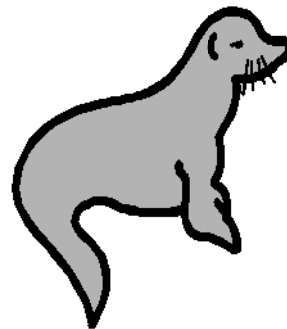


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