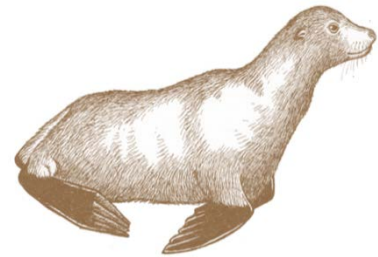


Animal Care Day - Sea Lions' Body Parts

Excellent Divers!

Animal Care Day is on July 1st, join the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo to celebrate our zookeeper's hard work to give the best care the animals deserve! This activity encourages families to learn about different body parts of sea lions. Did you know that they can dive up to 600 ft and hold their breaths for 40 minutes?! They're excellent divers! See below for a variety of questions to engage your kids even further:

- 🐾 What does a sea lion look like?
- 🐾 What do you think they use flippers for?
- 🐾 Why do you think they have this body covering?
- 🐾 Why do you think they use whiskers for certain purposes?
- 🐾 What does the sea lion feel like?
- 🐾 What noises do they make?
- 🐾 Can you make the same sounds that sea lion makes?



Have your kids circle the ones they think are the correct answers. Keep in mind that there could be more than one right answer. As your child is completing the worksheet, share fun facts about sea lions provided below. Be on the lookout for the sea lions and their body parts at the zoo! Since California sea lions live in the cold waters and on rocky areas in beaches, their home at the zoo was made to be similar to their natural habitat. Our sea lions love to swim in waters or relax on the rocky beach. Share your lessons with the Fort Wayne Children' Zoo. Tag #fwkidszoo or email education@kidszoo.org to express how you used these supplemental activities!

Answer Key:

1. The first one belongs to the sea lion. The hind flippers are not their tail! The back flippers are used for steering as they swim through the water. They also can spin their flippers to support themselves and walk on land.
2. The second front flipper belongs to the sea lions. The large, wing-like flippers do not have any claws, but they use their flippers in an up-and-down motion to push themselves along the water at high speed. They can swim up to 25 miles per hour!
3. Sea lions use their whiskers for hunting fish, where they can feel the fish moving with their whiskers in the water before capturing them. Also, they're super helpful with balancing objects such as a ball. The whiskers are not used for sleeping.
4. Sea lions are noisy animals, and they have excellent hearing. They have an external ear that they can flap so that they can close their ears before diving into the water. It is excellent for directing which noise is coming from on land. They bark like dogs to communicate!
5. The sea lion's body is covered in hair. They also secrete a thin layer of oil to help make their coat waterproof for effortless swimming.

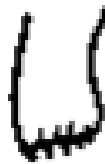


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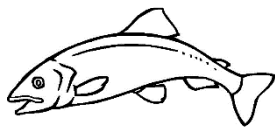
1. Which back flipper do you think it belongs to the sea lion?



2. Which front flipper do you think it belongs to the sea lion?



3. What do you think the whiskers are used for?



HUNT



TOUCH



SLEEP

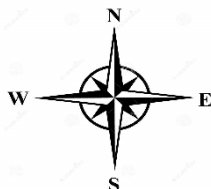


BALANCE

4. What can their ears do?



CAN'T HEAR



DIRECTION

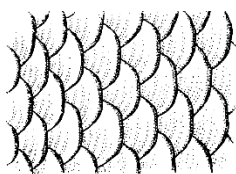


LISTEN



WIGGLE

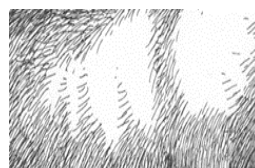
5. What body covering does the sea lions have?



SCALES



FEATHERS



HAIR



SPOTS