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Sea Lions

California sea lions are quick, energetic swimmers, reaching top speeds of 25 mph. Their strong flippers help them walk well on land.



They live along the rocky coast of the Pacific Ocean and also the Galápagos islands. They are very noisy creatures that are often seen in large crowds sitting on rocky shores. They can roar, grunt, bark, honk and trumpet.

Sea lions have oily fur and a thick layer of blubber which helps them stay warm in the cold waters. They are golden brown in colour and have pointed snouts. They can close their nostrils underwater and stay there for up to 15 minutes.

Sea lions are intelligent, playful mammals and are often used for entertainment in circuses and zoos. They eat fish, squid, octopus, and shellfish.

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Answer the following questions:

1. What do sea lions have that help them walk well on land?

2. Name a place that sea lions live.

3. Write down two sounds that sea lions can make.

4. Sea lions can reach a top speed of:

a 10 mph

c 25 mph

b 15 mph

d 5 mph

5. What helps a sea lion stay warm in the cold water?

6. Is a sea lion's snout pointed or flat?

7. Can sea lions close their nostrils underwater?

8. Is a sea lion a mammal or a fish?
