

Seals are marine mammals. There are lots of kinds of seals. Scientists group them into three main types: true seals, eared seals, and walruses.



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Most seals live in cold water. They spend their time in the sea, but also enjoy sunbathing on rocks or on the beach.

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Seals have flippers at the ends of their arms and legs to help them swim. Some seals can swim as fast as 40 km per hour; others can dive down deeply.

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Seals don't walk well on land. Some seals use their flippers to slide across ice. They can slide along as fast as 25 km per hour!

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Seals have very good vision in water. The eye must focus in both air and water, so it is very large and round.

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Seals hear very well in both water and air. Females and pups often call to each other. Seals may snort, hiss, growl, or sneeze.

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Seals have a keen sense of smell in air, which allows them to detect predators. Most seals eat fish, squid and krill.