



## ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

# Fur Seals and Other Pinnipeds

Are sea lions really lions? Are sea lions smart?  
How deep can an elephant seal dive?  
Read *Fur Seals and Other Pinnipeds* to find out!

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

- Pinnipeds are ...
  - Fish
  - Mammals
  - Amphibians
  - Reptiles
- The pinniped with the longest nose is the ...
  - Sea lion
  - Fur seal
  - Elephant seal
  - Harbor seal
- Ringed seals live mostly in ...
  - South America
  - The Arctic
  - North America
  - The South Pole
- Mother harp seals stay with their babies for ...
  - 10-12 days
  - 20-22 days
  - 30-32 days
  - 1 year
- What type of pinniped is this?
- What type of pinnipeds are these?



#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Pinniped means fin-footed.                                 | _____ 4. Elephant seals can dive more than 5,000 feet. |
| _____ 2. A fur seal has one layer of fur that covers its body.      | _____ 5. Walruses are the only pinnipeds with tusks.   |
| _____ 3. Fur seal pups can walk and swim right after they are born. | _____ 6. The ringed seal is the largest pinniped.      |



## ANSWERS

- 1. b. Mammals.** According to section "Where in the World Do Pinnipeds Live?" on page 8, we know that "Pinnipeds are sea mammals." So, the correct answer is B.
- 2. c. Elephant seal.** According to section "Which Pinniped Is the Nose-iest?" on page 26, we know that "The seal you see here is an elephant seal. Its nose looks like an elephant's trunk, but it is shorter." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. b. The Arctic.** According to section "Which Pinniped Wears Rings?" on page 34, we know that "Ringed seals are among the smallest pinnipeds. They live mostly in the Arctic, where there is lots of ice." So, the correct answer is B.
- 4. a. 10-12 days.** According to section "When Is a Harp Seal a Whitecoat?" on page 40, we know that "Mothers stay with their pups for about 10 to 12 days." So, the correct answer is A.
- 5.** According to page 51, this photo shows a leopard seal.
- 6.** According to page 43, this photo shows a group of walruses.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "What Is a Pinniped?" on page 6, we know that "The word pinniped means fin-footed." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "What Does Fur Do for a Fur Seal?" on page 10, we know that "A fur seal has not one, but two layers of fur that covers its body." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "What Are Fur Seal Pups Like?" on page 18, we know that "Newborn seal pups are more developed than human babies at birth. Fur seal pups can walk and swim, but they have to wait a few weeks before they go into the water." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "What Does Fur Do for a Fur Seal?" on page 28, we know that "Elephant seals have been known to dive more than 5,000 feet (1,524 meters)." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. True.** According to section "Why Is It Easy to Recognize a Walrus?" on page 42, we know that "Walruses are the only pinnipeds with tusks." So, the correct answer is True.
- 6. False.** According to section "How Do Pinnipeds Measure Up?" on page 52, we know that "Ringed seals, which look plump, are among the smallest pinnipeds." So, the correct answer is False.