

# Seals

Read the paragraph below and then answer the questions.

Seals are mammals that live in or near the ocean. Seals live in cold water. There are many different species of seals. Some of those species are fur seals, sea lions and common seals. Seals have four flippers, which helps them to swim. Seals have a layer of fat under their skin, which is called blubber. This helps them to stay warm in cold water. Seals can be in the ocean for months at a time without going on land. They can sleep underwater!

Seals live for about 25-30 years. Different species of seals are different sizes. A Baikal seal is about 3 feet and 100 pounds. An elephant seal is about 16 feet and 7,000 pounds. Seals eat fish, shellfish, squid and sea birds. About once a year, a female seal gives birth to one baby seal called a pup.

1. What is the main idea? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are five key details? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Write a summary of what you just read: \_\_\_\_\_

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