



- Seals only spend about 20% of their time on land where they also give birth
- Seals are mammals. Male seals are called bulls and females are called cows.
- Britain has 2 types of seal - Harbour seal and the grey seal
- Seals are carnivorous and feed mainly on fish, squid, seabirds, shellfish and crustaceans. They detect their prey through vibration by their whiskers.
- Seals have internal ears. Their body tapers from the chest towards a very short tail.
- The milk mothers provide for their pups is up to 50% fat. They rely on large layers of fat known as blubber to keep warm.
- They sometimes spend months at sea and can stay underwater for up to two hours, by slowing their heartbeat to preserve oxygen and some can dive up to 3,000 feet
- Seals can communicate with each other effectively, using clicking and trilling noises.
- An adult seal can weigh from about 130 lbs to more than 8,000 lbs.
- They do not have tear ducts. Seals look like they are crying when observed on land.
- Seals are hunted for their fur, skins and their oil.