

Activity - Verbs, Nouns, Contractions and Marine Mammal Facts

Word bank: Marine, Mammal, Warm-blooded, Lungs, Habitat, Whales, Seals, Bears, Dolphins, Sleek, Cetaceans, Predators, Creature, Flippers,

Listed below are some interesting marine mammal facts.

Verbs are used in each fact below.

Underline the correct singular or plural form of the *verb* to complete each fact.

e.g.) Mammals *is / are* warm-blooded animals. This means their body temperature always stays the same.

- 1.) A mammal *has / have* hair on its body when it is born.
- 2.) Whales *get / gets* all their food from the ocean.
- 3.) Some marine mammals *live / lives* in the ocean and on the land. The walrus is one of these animals.
- 4.) Mammals *breathe / breathes* air through lungs.

Nouns are described in each fact below.

Underline all of nouns in each fact below.

e.g.) Seals and polar bears are marine mammals because they need the ocean for food.

- 5.) Some marine mammals have flippers instead of feet. These animals are called pinnipeds.
- 6.) Marine mammals need to stay warm in their cold habitat, or home. These creatures use the fat under their skin to keep warm.
- 7.) Fur is also used to help keep the animal warm.
- 8.) Whales spend their entire lives in water. Even whales must come to the surface of the ocean to breathe.

A **contraction** is a short form of two words, made by putting together the two words with an apostrophe, and removing one or more of the letters of these two words. Read each of the following groups of sentences. Replace the **contractions** with the two words they stand for and rewrite the sentence. The first one has been done for you.

E.g.) Dolphins and whales are called cetaceans. They always live in the water but **can't** breathe under water.

*They always live in the water but **cannot** breathe under water.*

9.) Scientists study seals swimming from predators. **They've** seen them dive to get away.

10.) A marine mammal has a sleek body and is a strong swimmer. **I'd** like to see one swim.

11.) **It's** easy to look at sea creatures in an aquarium.

12.) **Something's** almost magical about the way a dolphin glides in a pool.

Reflection:

What marine mammal fact did you find most interesting? Why did this fact interest you?
