

Whale Watching Post-Trip Activity

Marine Mammal Background:

Whales, dolphins, seals and sea lion are mammals. What are the characteristics of being a mammal? Fill in the blanks below to answer this question.

- Mammals have _ _ _ or _ _ _ _ growing from their skin.
- Mammals have _ _ _ _ babies that drink _ _ _ _ .
- Mammals have _ _ _ _ blood that helps when it is cold.
- Mammals have _ _ _ _ that fill when they breathe air.

Seals and Sea Lions:

Did you see any seals or sea lions on your trip? Write 2-3 sentences about what you saw them doing.

How do you know it was a seal or a sea lion that you saw? Draw a line connecting the word Sea Lion to the words that describe it to show how a sea lion is different from a seal.

Sea Lion

Barks and has vocal chords

Is brown

Has ear lobes

Eats fish

Can walk on its flippers

Whales and Dolphins:

Write a paragraph about your experience if you saw dolphins or whales. What were they doing when you saw them and what did you like the best about them? What do you think they eat and do they have any special adaptations to find or catch food?

Food Webs:

Unscramble the words to complete this ocean food web and use the numbered letters to figure out the secret message!

(Top Predator)

O L N I D H P

4 1 2 - - - - 3

(Consumer)

I S F H

6 - 5 -

(Producer)

L A T O N K P N

- 7 2 - 8 1 3 -

(Energy Source)

N S U

5 9 3

6 1 1 4 C 1 3 3 E C 8 5 9 5 2 7 7 !