**The Wildlife of the UK**

**Extras: Read the info sheet below about Grey Seals and highlight more interesting facts about them.**



**SEALS Activity 1**

**Facts about Seals (use any books you have or ask to use the internet):**

1. There are over \_\_\_\_\_ species of seals.
2. Seals eat f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, b \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The smallest seal in the world is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Seal.
4. The largest seal in the world is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Seal.
5. Seals use clicking or t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ g noises to communicate.
6. Seals can live for over \_\_\_\_\_ years.
7. Seals belong to a group of animals called P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Seals have a thick layer of fat called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under their skin to keep them warm.
9. Animals that eat seals (their predators):
10. O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. UK seals spend time diving, staying underwater for up to \_\_\_\_ minutes and reaching depths of at least \_\_\_\_ metres.

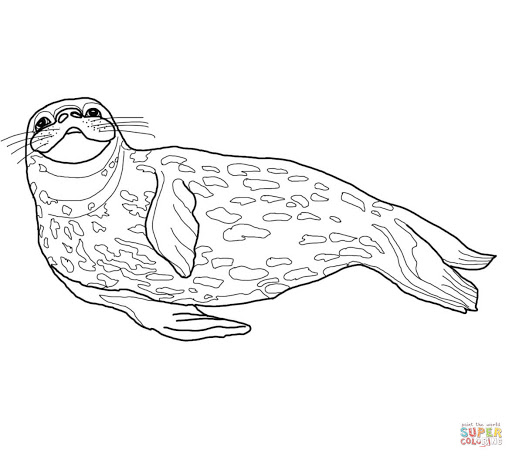
**There are two types of seals we can see around the UK:**

1. Common Seals (also known as Harbour Seals)
2. Grey Seals (also known as Atlantic Seals)

*The main****difference between****the two species of****seal****is that the****Grey seal****has a much longer s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the****Common seal****, and the n \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the****Grey seal****are spaced far apart, while they are close together****in the Common seal****.*

*Draw the head of a Common Seal and a Grey Seal next to each other to show these differences:*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***Common Seal (Harbour Seal)*** | ***Grey Seal (Atlantic Seal)*** |
| *Sea* |  |



**Here’s a seal for you to colour in!**



Did your drawings look anything like these?

Left = Grey Seal (Atlantic Seal),

Right = Common Seal (Harbour Seal)

**Activity 2.**

**The three seal predators, draw a picture of each one:**

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| *Orca* | *Shark* | *Polar Bear* |
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**How heavy are seals?**

How much do you weigh? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kg

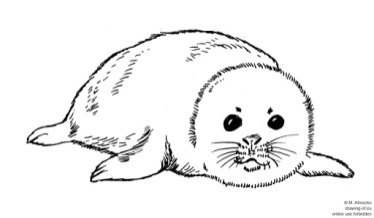
An adult Common Seal (Harbour Seal) can weigh up to 130kg.

An adult Grey Seal (Atlantic Seal) can weigh up to 233kg.

***Can you work out how much heavier than you an adult Grey Seal might be?***

***An adult Grey Seal can be \_\_\_\_\_ times as heavy as ME!***

**i.e. Grey Seals are BIGGER!**



NB A baby seal is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

