

Answers

1. How do seals stay warm?

Seals have a thick layer of blubber that keeps them warm.

2. What do seals eat?

Seals eat a wide variety of fish.

3. What do you call a baby seal? Is there another baby animal with the same name?

Baby seals are called pups. Baby dogs are called puppies or pups.

4. Where can you see a seal in Northern Ireland? Can you find this place on the map of Northern Ireland?

Seals are mostly found on the County Down coastline, but you can find them all around the coast of Northern Ireland.

See students' response on map.

5. What is the difference between a grey and a common seal?

A common seal is smaller and has a more rounded head with a short muzzle. The nostrils of the common seal meet together and form a V shape.

The nostrils of a grey seal are nearly parallel and do not meet. Their pups are born with white fur.

6. Why is the seal population in decline?

The seal population is in decline because of chemical and oil pollution in the sea.

7. Go to Exploris – the N. Ireland Aquarium website. Write how Exploris helps seals.

Responses to this question may vary.