

Year 5 English Test 1

Answers

Reading Comprehension (5 marks)

New Zealand fur seals

Key facts

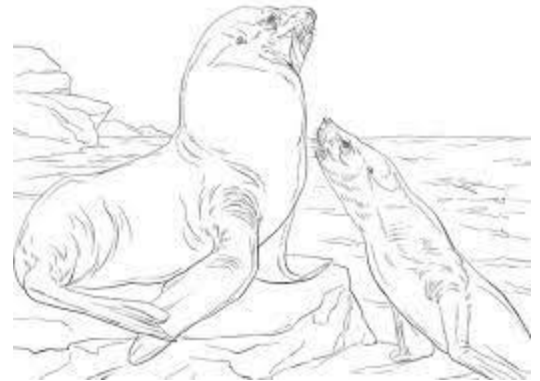
Location: New Zealand and southern Australian waters

Colour: grey/brown

Length: 1.2–2.5 metres

Weight: 30–180 kilograms

Life span: 15–20 years



Baby fur seals

Seals are mammals. So, like all mammals, baby fur seals (also called pups), drink milk from their mothers. The pups learn to swim in rock pools. Later they swim out in the sea. The pups stay with their mothers for about a year. The pups are then able to leave their mothers and catch fish.

Where do they live?

New Zealand fur seals are found in the waters of New Zealand as well as in the waters south of Australia (see map).

Fur seals were hunted until they were almost totally gone. The good news is that there are now around 100 000 fur seals in Australian and New Zealand waters.



Fur seal or sea lion?

Sometimes fur seals are mistaken for sea lions. But if you look carefully, it is easy to tell them apart. Fur seals have a pointed nose and a thick coat of fur. Sea lions, on the other hand, have a more rounded nose and a thinner coat of fur.

Another big difference is where you find them on land. Fur seals like rocky places, while sea lions like to be on sandy beaches.

Questions

1. How long does a baby fur seal stay with its mother?

- about one year ←
- 2–3 years
- 15–20 years
- until it learns to swim

2. Before a fur seal pup can leave its mother, it must learn how to

- hop over rocks.
- catch fish. ←
- feed its babies.
- find sandy beaches.

3. The map shows

- where New Zealand fur seals are found. ←
- how New Zealand fur seals catch fish.
- what New Zealand fur seals look like.
- how close Australia is to New Zealand.

4. New Zealand Fur Seals are different from Sea lions because

- Sea lions like to live on rocky shores.
- Fur seal have thinner coats of fur.
- Sea lions have a more rounded nose. ←
- New Zealand fur seals are found only in New Zealand.

5. Read the section Where do they live?

Which words show the writer is happy that there are now more fur seals again?

- are found
- now around
- good news ←
- totally gone

Spelling

(5 marks)

There is one mistake in each sentence. Find the mistake and write the correct word on the line.

1. There are special shelves for the large books. *shelves*
2. Your arms and legs are called lims. *limbs*
3. I used a teaspoon to stir my drink. *teaspoon*
4. Dad had trouble fixing the broken washing mashine. *machine*
5. I untide the ribbon that was on the parcel. *untied*

Language Usage

(30 marks)

1. Write the noun that is made when suffixes are added to the verb. In two of these you will need to drop the 'e' before adding the suffix.

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- a) enjoy *enjoyment*
- b) rotate *rotation*
- c) create *creative*
- d) paint *painting*

(4 marks)

2. Circle the helping verb for the underlined verb in each sentence.

- a) We **will** go and get some food from the shops.
- b) My brother **can** perform some amazing tricks. (2 marks)

3. Write (P) for pronoun, (C) for conjunction and (A) for adjective in this sentence.

She (P) could not climb the slippery (A) rock face but (C) the tour guide helped her. (3 marks)

4. The sentences below have errors. Underline the error and write the correction on the line next to the sentence.

- a) That behaviour is unrespectful. *disrespectful*
- b) I hope you can come to. *too*
- c) We couldn't see though the black smoke. *through* (3 marks)

5. Fix the punctuation in this passage. (You will need an apostrophe, a question mark and some commas)

It's important to follow a recipe when making a cake. You need to make sure that you have the right ingredients. What would you need to make a pizza? You would need flour, water and yeast for the base, and you could use tomato, cheese, pineapple and ham for the topping (6 marks)

6. Circle the prepositions in these sentences.

- a) "Make sure you get home before dark," said Mum.
- b) Because of the earthquake, some huge rocks rolled down the hill. (2 marks)

7. Underline the conjunctions (connectives) in these sentences.

- a) My button fell off because it was not sewn on properly.
- b) I looked around but my friends had gone. (2 marks)

8. Which sentence is correct?

- a) I reached the top of the stairs and just stand still.
- b) I reached the top of the stairs and just stood still.
- c) I reached the top of the stairs and just stood still. ←
- d) I reached the top of the stairs and just standing still. (1 mark)

9. The lady has grey hair and glasses. She lives next door to me.

Change this into ONE sentence by starting a different way: (2 marks)

The lady with grey hair and glasses lives next door to me.

10. Write these words in alphabetical order:

crinkle crackly cricket crockery cradle (5 marks)

crackly, cradle, cricket, crinkle, crockery

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Total score:
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