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True Seals Vs Eared Seals

I. Read the text below about the differences between true seals and eared seals.

There are three main differences between true seals and eared seals. First, eared seals have small flaps for outer ears. Unlike eared seals, true seals only have small holes on the sides of their head, and you have to look closely to see them. Second, true seals use their rear flippers to swim. Their front flippers are short and are used mostly for steering. In contrast, eared seals use their larger front flippers to swim.



Finally, eared seals can walk on land using all four of their flippers. True seals can't use their rear flippers to walk. Instead, they pull themselves across the ground using their front flippers.

II. Read the text above and answer each question with “true seal” or “eared seal”.

Which seal...

1. can walk on land with four flippers?

2. has small flaps for the outer ears?

3. has short front flippers?

4. has larger front flippers?

5. uses the front flippers to swim?

6. uses the rear flippers to swim?
