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Jaimee C.,
age 7

S is for swimmer
E is for excellent
A is for amazing
L is for loving
That is a seal.
By Dabney H., age 9



Calessi C., age 9

The seal sunbathes on a rock,
And the sand is warm and golden.
Nearby flamingos fly in a flock.
The seal's herd crowds around him.

As the herd leaves to float in the water,
One sees a swimming fish.
All seals swim after it, but only one gets the catch.
The seals leave, longing for their lost dish.

Hours pass, and the seals welcome a new pup!
Mother seal dries, loves, and strokes the babe.
Seals swim, and the baby goes to sup.
At night, the herd sleeps. The pup will only learn more.

By Georgia H., age 10



Jamieson O., age 6

When you see a seal in the sea,
You often wonder,
How old can it be?
When you look at the seal,
You often think,
That's not real!
You often think,
It's a big brown blob!
But really,
It's a blubbering, brown glob!
So next time you look at a seal,
Know that it is very, very real!
By Taylor B., age 11



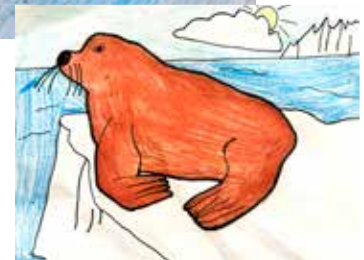
Carter C.,
age 11



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Isabella M.,
age 9



Aadyan K., age 8



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Sealed with a **K** ○ ○ ○

You can do some North Pole exploring of your own by completing the Seal of Approval puzzle on these two pages. There are several clues that you can use to figure out each answer.

- The first letter of each word about a pinniped is already written in the box. You probably noticed that these first letters form the words North Pole.
- You can use the clues in the lower-right corner to figure out the words. Each clue is a sentence with the pinniped word missing.
- The page number on which the pinniped fact appears in this issue of Zoobooks is also given.

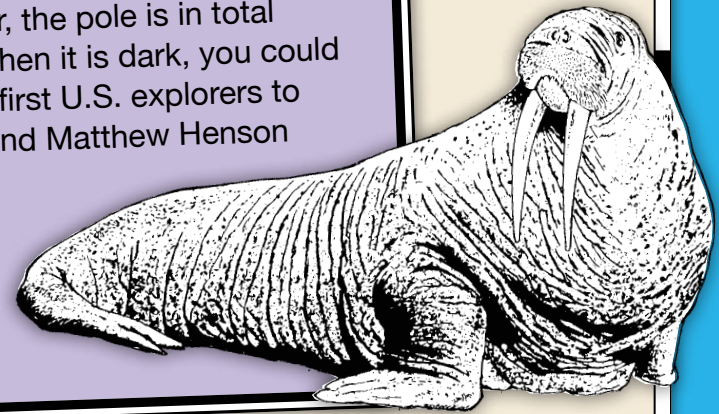
- 1.** **N** ○ ○ ○ ○
- 2.** **O** ○ ○ ○ ○
- 3.** **R** ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- 4.** **T** ○ ○ ○ ○
- 5.** **H** ○ ○ ○
- 6.** **P** ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- 7.** **O** ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○
- 8.** **L** ○ ○ ○ ○
- 9.** **E** ○ ○ ○

Turn to the maps on pages 6-7 and 15 to see the regions where true seals and walruses live.



North Pole Fact Sheet

As read in *Seals and Sea Lions* Ranger Rick Zoobooks, the North Pole is one of the places where seals and walruses live. But what and where is the North Pole? The North Pole is the northern end of the Earth's axis (an imaginary line around which the Earth turns). The North Pole lies in the middle of the Arctic Ocean. Here the ocean is over 13,000 feet deep. The area is covered by a huge, drifting ice pack which floats on the water. From March 21 to September 23, the North Pole has complete sunlight, 24 hours per day. For the remaining six months of the year, the pole is in total darkness. If you were to stand on the pole when it is dark, you could look straight up and see the North Star. The first U.S. explorers to reach the North Pole were Robert E. Peary and Matthew Henson in 1909. They used dog sleds to get there. In 1929, Richard E. Byrd became the first person to fly by airplane to the pole. If you were to visit the North Pole, you might see true seals and walruses on your journey.



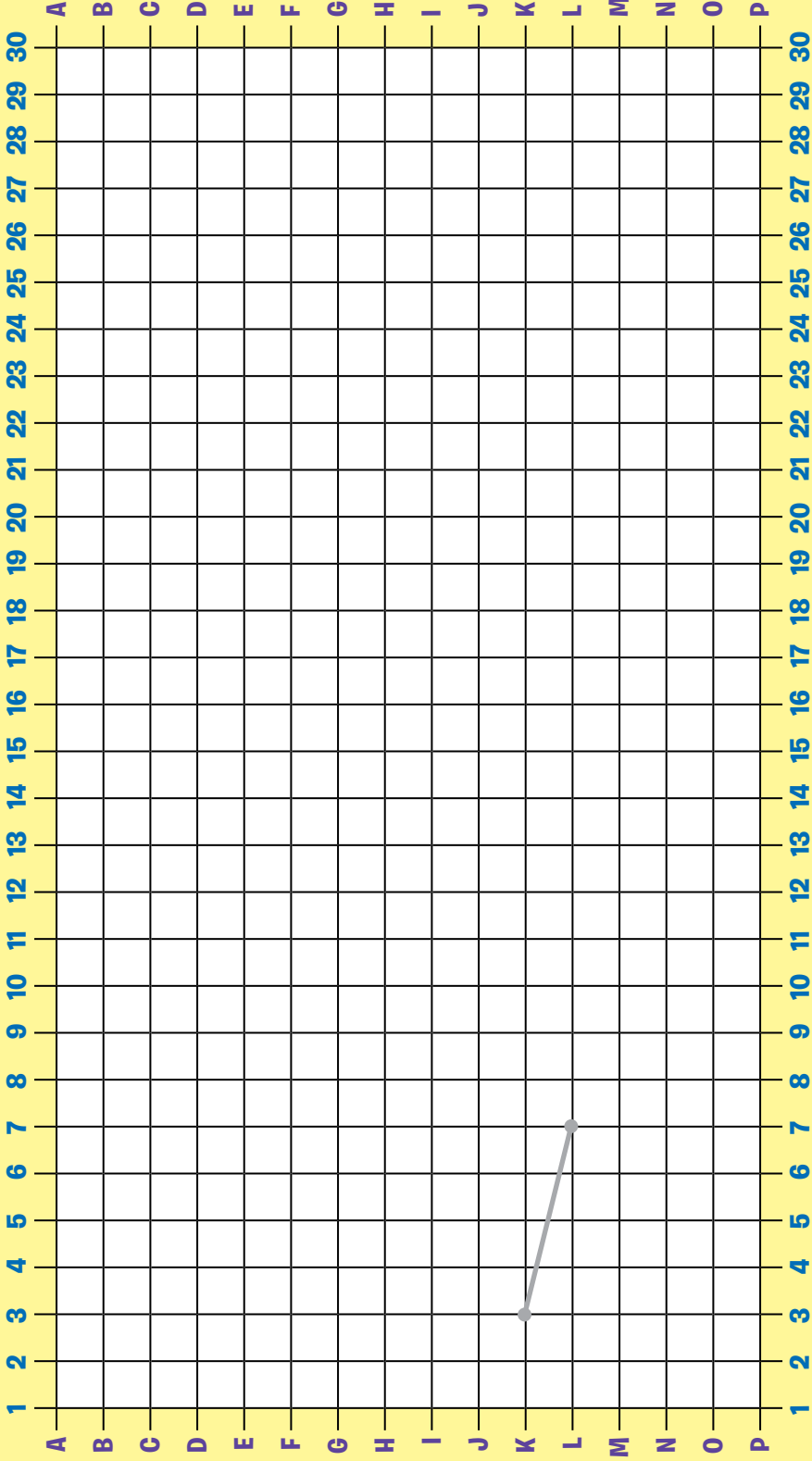
- 1.** All pinnipeds can open and close their n_____. (page 5)
- 2.** Life can be very dangerous for seals and other pinnipeds in the o_____. (page 7)
- 3.** When a group of pinnipeds is on land, it is called a r_____. (page 14)
- 4.** Walruses are the only pinnipeds that have long white t_____. (page 14)
- 5.** When a group of pinnipeds is in the water, it is called a h_____. (page 14)
- 6.** Seals, sea lions, and walruses belong to a fin-footed group of animals called p_____. (inside front cover)
- 7.** The scientific name for a walrus is O_____. (page 14)
- 8.** Adult male sea lions sometimes have hairy manes that make them look like African l_____. (page 10)
- 9.** True seals do not have e_____. (page 4)

A Fin-Footed Friend

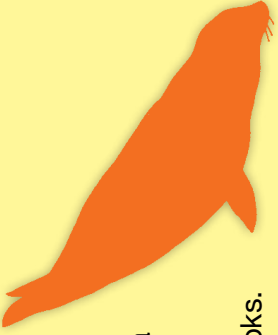


Did you know that you can draw a pinniped by making 23 straight lines? Well, it's true. We've drawn the first line for you. Notice how we marked two points, which are from the list below. We marked the first point (**3K**) at the spot where column **3** and row **K** meet. We marked the second point (**7L**) at the spot where **7** and **L** meet. Then, we drew a straight line

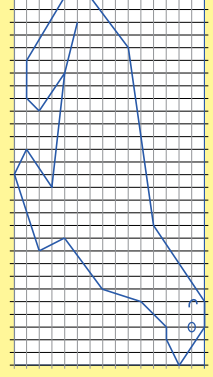
between the two points. As you can see in the list of points below, the third point will be at **10N**, where column **10** and row **N** meet. Find this spot on the grid and mark it. Then, draw a straight line between the third point (**10N**) and the second point (**7L**). Continue in this way until you have drawn all 23 lines.



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| 1. 3K | 13. 27A |
| 2. 7L | 14. 30C |
| 3. 10N | 15. 28D |
| 4. 9O | 16. 27D |
| 5. 6O | 17. 25F |
| 6. 1L | 18. 24I |
| 7. 1J | 19. 20L |
| 8. 5G | 20. 21N |
| 9. 12F | 21. 15P |
| 10. 19E | 22. 13O |
| 11. 22C | 23. 16M |
| 12. 25A | 24. 7L |



When you have connected all the points to make your pinniped, add a big round eye at **27B**. Then, look at the pinniped that you have drawn. Decide whether it is a seal or a sea lion. If it is a seal, do not draw an ear. If it is a sea lion, draw a small, c-shaped ear at **25B**. For information about telling the differences between seals and sea lions, turn to pages 4 and 5 of this issue of Ranger Rick Zoobooks.



Answer: