Ben the Sea Lion by Roy Henry Vickers

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| Know | Wonder | Learn |
| Before reading the story have students brainstorm what they know about Sea Lions. | Before reading the story have students make up questions they wonder about Sea Lions based on the title and the pictures. | After reading the story have students summarize what they learned about Sea Lions. |
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List of possible vocabulary words- You can use puzzlemaker.com to create word searches, crossword puzzles, find the phrase puzzles and more. It is a free site.

Ben the Sea Lion Vocabulary words

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| ORPHANEDSEA LIONPUPRESPONSIBILITYTEEBENKITKATLATSIMSHIANTS’MSYENSKIFFWILDGITXAALASEAWEEDSTELLAR SEA LIONNETSEALBULLSGRIZZLY BEARROBSALMONWHISKERSHARBOUR SEALSOFTENEDTRICKIESTCOWSEVAPORATED MILKNIPPLECANNED MILKDIAPERLINOLEUMPROMISEDHEALTHYRAWBARKEDPOSTS | PUZZLEDFLIPPERFRIENDSHIPTRAILBUBBLESTOWLOOPSTERNOARSMOTORROWINGMAGICDIVEMASSIVEHINDAWKWARDLYWOLVESDASHHIDESALMONBERRYBUSHESCREEKHOWLINGROUNDFACECOMMUNITYHALLWATER PIPETAPGERMAN SHEPHERDNOTCHSCARREDBOSSVILLAGE | AMBUSHLEAPTBOUNDEDAIMINGSLAMBRAKESMIDAIRRAG DOLLKINGBEACHFENDWHARFBALANCEPERCHFREEMAN PASSKITKATLA INLETTIDESEAGULLSSTRANGELYGROGGYPLEADEDAGREEDSEA LION ROCKSLIGHTHOUSEBONILLA LIGHTOVERBOARDCOLONYCOWSMACKERELSUSPICIOUSLY |

Possible questions to ask students about Ben the Sea Lion

1. Where does the story take place? Do you know where that is?
2. What is the name of the author’s people?
3. Why was Kitkatla a good place to live?
4. What are some things Kitkatla didn’t have?
5. How did Uncle Johnny catch the Stellar Sea Lion?
6. What are some things you learned about Stellar Sea Lions?
7. Why don’t fishermen like to see sea lions when they are fishing?
8. What happened to the baby sea lion?
9. Why did they bring the sea lion home?
10. What were some cute things about the baby sea lion?
11. When they asked to keep the baby sea lion what did their Aunt say they would have to do?
12. What was the trickiest and funniest thing the kids learned about taking care of the sea lion?
13. Why didn’t they have fresh milk in Kitkatla?
14. What kind of milk did they have to feed the baby sea lion?
15. How did they feed the baby sea lion?
16. What was a messy problem they had to deal with while taking care of the baby sea lion?
17. How did they decide to name the sea lion?
18. What did they name the sea lion?
19. What does teeben mean?
20. Why was it hard to keep up with feeding the Ben?
21. What was noisy about Ben?
22. Why did they have to make Ben sleep under the porch?
23. What was one problem they were worried about with having Ben sleep there?
24. Did they fix the problem?
25. What did the boys have Ben do when they were in the boat?
26. Why was it hard to take Ben for a walk?
27. How did Ben deal with the dogs that tried to bite him?
28. What did Ben do with the German Shepherd that tried to attack him?
29. Why was Ben considered the King of Kitkatla?
30. Why did Uncle Johnny say they had to let Ben go?
31. Where did they take Ben?
32. What happened the first time they let him go?
33. Where did they take Ben the second time they let him go?
34. What happened when they got there?
35. Why do you think Ben never came back to visit?