

**Activity: Put the stages in order from a sea lion pup to an adult**

Stage 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 7. \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 8. \_\_\_\_\_

- Mother sea lion will leave to forage
- Adult sea lion becomes independent
- Pup is born
- Can groom, scratch, and walk
- Pup begins to mimick adult sea lions
- Pup begins to eat fish
- Gestation period (11 to 11.5 months)
- Pups form groups to develop vocal, social, and swimming skills

**Discussion Questions**

1. How does having a higher fat content help a pup grow faster?
2. We talk about how the female sea lion leaves to go forage for food. Why does the time she is gone get longer and longer as the pup gets older?
3. Why is it important for the pup to be born with its eyes and be able to vocalize? What do you think happens if they are unable to do one or the other?
4. Is there anything you learned from watching the adults around you?
5. Why do sea lions have to grow up faster than humans?