

Harpseals.org Worksheet and Test Questions

1. Which species have external ears?
 - A. Walruses
 - B. Harp Seals
 - C. Northern Fur Seals
 - D. Harbor Seals
2. For how long do harp seals have white fur?
 - A. About 1 week
 - B. About 4 weeks
 - C. About 6 weeks
 - D. About 1 year
3. When are harp seals called 'beaters' and why?
4. At what age are harp seal pups weaned?
 - A. About 2 weeks
 - B. About 3 weeks
 - C. About 4 weeks
 - D. About 5 weeks
5. Which species do harp seals eat?
 - A. Grouper, flounder, and tuna
 - B. Shrimp, capelin, and cod
 - C. Crawfish, mussels, and oysters
 - D. Pollack, Salmon, and prawns
6. At what age do seals mature?
 - A. Males: 4-6, Females: 7-8 years
 - B. Males 3-5, Females: 6-7 years
 - C. Males 6-8, Females: 4-5 years
 - D. Males: 7-8, Females: 4-6 years
7. Although the Canadian Government has historically blamed the harp seals for the collapse of the North Atlantic cod fishery and then for the failure of the fishery to recover after the establishment of a moratorium on cod fishing, cod represent only about what percentage of the harp seal's diet?
 - A. 1%
 - B. 3%
 - C. 5%
 - D. 7%
8. Which distinct population of harp seals is the largest?
 - A. The Northwest Atlantic population
 - B. The East Greenland population
 - C. The Alaskan population
 - D. The Barents Sea population
9. Where does the Northwest Atlantic population go to give birth and breed?

10. How many harp seals were killed in Canada over the period 2003-2006?
 - A. About 250,000
 - B. About 2.8 million
 - C. About 1.3 million
 - D. About 500,000
11. What weapons are used to kill seals?
12. What is the primary product harp seals are killed for?
 - A. Blubber
 - B. Meat
 - C. Aphrodesiacs
 - D. Pelts
13. About what percentage of seals were found to be skinned alive in a veterinary study?
 - A. 42%
 - B. 24%
 - C. 46%
 - D. 64%
14. What Canadian Government agency regulates the seal slaughter and sets kill quotas?
15. What test are sealers supposed to conduct before skinning a seal?
16. What provided jobs for the earliest settlers in Newfoundland who came from the British Isles?
 - A. Forestry
 - B. Mining
 - C. Ship building
 - D. Cod fishing
17. What aboriginal tribe was driven to extinction by these settlers?
18. How were seals killed by the earliest British settlers?
19. When did the Newfoundland settlers start to kill whitecoats?
 - A. 16th century
 - B. 17th century
 - C. 18th century
 - D. 19th century
20. Name the two main sealing companies in Newfoundland in the early 20th century.
21. Which of the following statements is true?
 - A. During the late 19th and early 20th century, with new ship technology, the number of sealing companies increased, the number of sealers increased, and the seal population increased.
 - B. During the late 19th and early 20th century, with new ship technology, the number of sealing companies increased, the number of sealers decreased, and the seal population decreased.
 - C. During the late 19th and early 20th century, with new ship technology, the number of sealing companies decreased, the number of sealers decreased, and the seal population increased.

D. During the late 19th and early 20th century, with new ship technology, the number of sealing companies decreased, the number of sealers decreased, and the seal population decreased.

22. What caused the sealing industry to decline after the Second World War?

- A. Seal population decline
- B. Deaths of sealers in the War
- C. Seal pelt price decline
- D. Loss of sealing ships in the War

23. What type of ship, invented in the mid-1900's was developed with cold storage?

24. Why is fishing with the ships invented in the mid-20th century so destructive?

25. When did the Canadian Government start setting kill quotas for seals?

- A. The 1970's
- B. The 1960's
- C. The 1950's
- D. The 1974's

26. A UN treaty established what to encourage conservation of ocean life?

- A. Protective Ecological Areas
- B. International Preserve Zones
- C. Exclusive Economic Zones
- D. Habitat Conservation Areas

27. The Canadian Government ignored the intent of this UN treaty and encouraged over-fishing of North Atlantic cod, the resulting in the collapse of the cod fishery in what year?

- A. 1971
- B. 1983
- C. 1992
- D. 1998

28. Which of the following tie(s) the seal's history to the North Atlantic cod's history?

- A. The cod fishermen have also killed the seals throughout history
- B. The seals were blamed by the Canadian Government for the collapse of the cod fishery
- C. The seals' diet consists mostly of the North Atlantic cod
- D. The seal kill quotas have been increased to supplement fishermen's income after the collapse of the cod fishery.

29. In the early 1970's, due to high kill quotas, the harp seal population declined to about

- A. 1.7 million
- B. 2.5 million
- C. 17 million
- D. 5 million

30. What is the name of the principle that the Canadian Government claims drives its fisheries management practices?

31. Name two forms of government subsidy of the commercial seal slaughter.

32. Which of the following explain why a boycott of Canadian seafood would result in an end to the seal slaughter?

- A. Sealers are the main consumers of fish
- B. Fishermen lobby for continuing and increasing the seal killing
- C. Sealers and fishermen are in the same union
- D. Sealers are fishermen

33. How much of Canada's seafood exports do Americans purchase?

- A. 17%
- B. 50%
- C. 65%
- D. 70%