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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| ORPHANED  SEA LION  PUP  RESPONSIBILITY  TEEBEN  KITKATLA  TSIMSHIAN  TS’MSYEN  SKIFF  WILD  GITXAALA  SEAWEED  STELLAR SEA LION  NET  SEAL  BULLS  GRIZZLY BEAR  ROB  SALMON  WHISKERS  HARBOUR SEAL  SOFTENED  TRICKIEST  COWS  EVAPORATED MILK  NIPPLE  CANNED MILK  DIAPER  LINOLEUM  PROMISED  HEALTHY  RAW  BARKED  POSTS | PUZZLED  FLIPPER  FRIENDSHIP  TRAIL  BUBBLES  TOW  LOOP  STERN  OARS  MOTOR  ROWING  MAGIC  DIVE  MASSIVE  HIND  AWKWARDLY  WOLVES  DASH  HIDE  SALMONBERRY  BUSHES  CREEK  HOWLING  ROUND  FACE  COMMUNITY  HALL  WATER PIPE  TAP  GERMAN SHEPHERD  NOTCH  SCARRED  BOSS  VILLAGE | AMBUSH  LEAPT  BOUNDED  AIMING  SLAM  BRAKES  MIDAIR  RAG DOLL  KING  BEACH  FEND  WHARF  BALANCE  PERCH  FREEMAN PASS  KITKATLA INLET  TIDE  SEAGULLS  STRANGELY  GROGGY  PLEADED  AGREED  SEA LION ROCKS  LIGHTHOUSE  BONILLA LIGHT  OVERBOARD  COLONY  COWS  MACKEREL  SUSPICIOUSLY |

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?