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A Speedy Swimmer

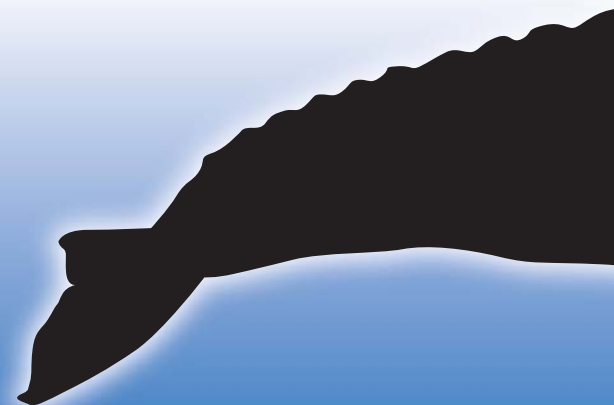
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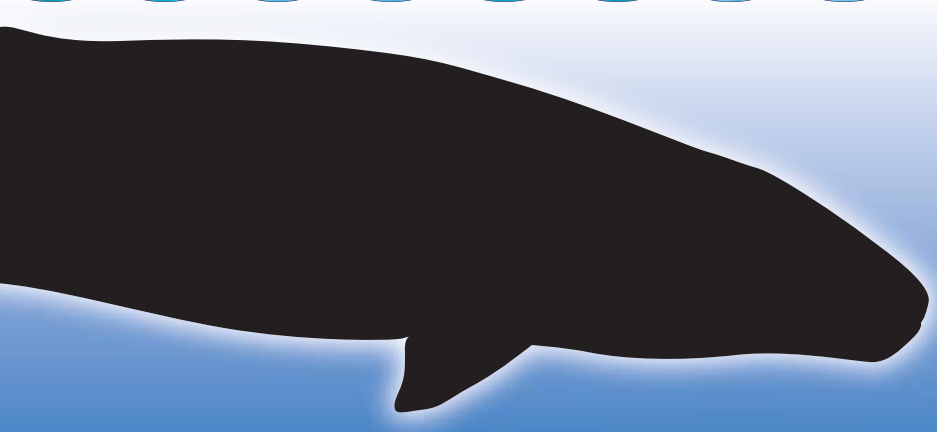
It can swim at a speed of up to 25 miles per hour (40 kph).

That's five times faster than a swimmer in an Olympic race.



Human
5 mph / 8 kph





Gray Whale
10 mph / 16 kph



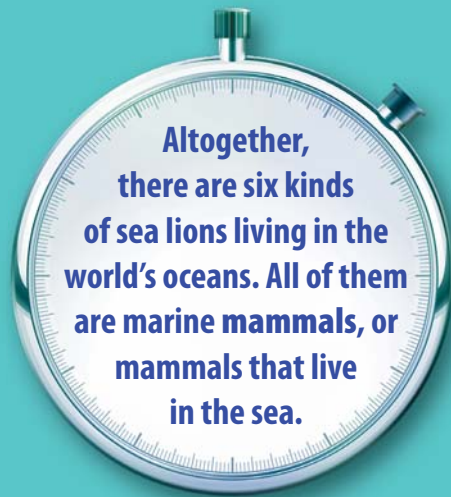
California Sea Lion
25 mph / 40 kph



Seals That Roar

The California sea lion is really a kind of seal.

The name “sea lion” comes from the roaring sound that males sometimes make.



California Sea Lions in the Wild



California sea lions live along a large stretch of the Pacific Coast that includes the coast of California.



male sea lion
roaring

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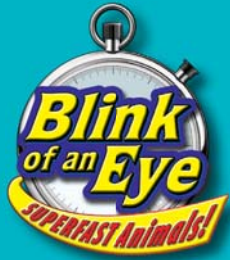
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Speeding through the water at up to 25 miles per hour (40 kph), the California sea lion is one of the fastest animals in the sea. This clever and skillful swimmer has to move fast. After all, many of the animals that it eats, such as squid, are fast swimmers, too! Look inside to find out more about this speedy sea mammal, including where it lives, how it hunts, and the special ways its body helps it reach its record-breaking speeds.

Black Spiny-Tailed Iguana

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Cheetah

Speed Demon!

Greyhound

Canine Blur!

Killer Whale

Water Bullet!

Peregrine Falcon

Dive, Dive, Dive!

Pronghorn

Long-Distance Runner!

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