



Marine Mammal Monday: Marine Mammals of San Francisco Bay

ANSWER KEY

1. List the marine mammals found in the San Francisco Bay Area.

California sea lion, harbor seal, harbor porpoise, bottlenose dolphin, humpback whale



2. Find the bolded words in the word search on reasons The Marine Mammal Center rescues California sea lions and harbor seals and ways you can help!

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- Malnutrition**
- Maternal** separation
- Domoic acid** toxicosis
- Switch out single use **plastic** for **reusable** water bottles, bags, utensils, etc.
- Eat **sustainable** seafood





3. Both harbor porpoises and bottlenose dolphins are found in the San Francisco Bay. Draw how the three different characteristics listed on the left differ between the two species.

	Harbor Porpoise	Bottlenose Dolphin
		
Dorsal fin shape	 Triangular, Rounded	 Curved, Pointy
“Beak” shape	 Rounded face without a pronounced beak	 Elongated “beak”
Tooth shape	 Flat and spade-shaped	 Pointed and cone-shaped

4. True/False: Answer the following statements by circling if it is true or false.

A. *Humpback whales live in every ocean.*

True

False

B. *Humpback whales use their baleen to chew and swallow large fish.*

True

False

Humpback whales use baleen to filter prey (krill, small fish) out of the water.