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- seal brown
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¹seal *noun* \sēl\
 plural seals also seal

Definition of SEAL

- 1 : any of numerous carnivorous marine mammals (families Phocidae and Otariidae) that live chiefly in cold regions and have limbs modified into webbed flippers adapted primarily to swimming; *especially* : a fur seal or hair seal as opposed to a sea lion
- 2 a : the pelt of a fur seal
 b : leather made from the skin of a seal
- 3 : a dark brown

Origin of SEAL

Middle English *sele*, from Old English *seolh*; akin to Old High German *selah* seal
 First Known Use: before 12th century

Other Mammals Terms

dormouse, dugong, gibbon, grimalkin, sable, stoat, ungulate, vole

Rhymes with SEAL

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²seal *intransitive verb*

Definition of SEAL

: to hunt seals



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First Known Use of SEAL

1828

Other Hunting and Fishing Terms[chum](#), [covert](#), [creel](#), [flense](#), [pitfall](#), [seine](#), [skulk](#), [spoor](#), [trawl](#)³**seal** *noun***Definition of SEAL**

- 1 a** : something that confirms, ratifies, or makes secure : [GUARANTEE](#), [ASSURANCE](#)
- b** (1) : a device with a cut or raised emblem, symbol, or word used especially to certify a signature or authenticate a document (2) : a medallion or ring face bearing such a device incised so that it can be impressed on wax or moist clay; *also* : a piece of wax or a wafer bearing such an impression
- c** : an impression, device, or mark given the effect of a common-law seal by statute law or by American local custom recognized by judicial decision
- d** : a usually ornamental adhesive stamp that may be used to close a letter or package; *especially* : one given in a fund-raising campaign
- 2 a** : something that secures (as a wax seal on a document)
- b** : a closure that must be broken to be opened and that thus reveals tampering
- c** (1) : a tight and perfect closure (as against the passage of gas or water) (2) : a device to prevent the passage or return of gas or air into a pipe or container
- 3** : a seal that is a symbol or mark of office
- *under seal*
: with an authenticating seal affixed

Origin of SEAL

Middle English *sele*, *seel*, from Anglo-French *seal*, *sel*, from Latin *sigillum* seal, from diminutive of *signum* sign, seal — more at [SIGN](#)

First Known Use: 13th century

⁴**seal** *transitive verb***Definition of SEAL**

- 1 a** : to confirm or make secure by or as if by a seal <*seal* the deal>
- b** : to solemnize for eternity (as a marriage) by a Mormon rite
- 2 a** : to set or affix an authenticating seal to; *also* : [AUTHENTICATE](#), [RATIFY](#)
- b** : to mark with a stamp or seal usually as an evidence of standard exactness, legal size, weight, or capacity, or merchantable quality
- 3 a** : to fasten with or as if with a seal to prevent tampering
- b** : to close or make secure against access, leakage, or passage by a fastening or coating



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c : to fix in position or close breaks in with a filling (as of plaster)

4 : to determine irrevocably or indisputably <that answer *sealed* our fate>

First Known Use of SEAL

14th century

SEAL *abbreviation*

Definition of SEAL

sea, air, land (team)

Other Military Terms

[bivouac](#), [logistics](#), [petard](#), [salient](#), [sally](#), [supernumerary](#), [tactical](#)

seal *transitive verb* \ˈsēl\ (*Medical Dictionary*)

Medical Definition of SEAL

: to apply dental sealant to <the teeth to be *sealed* are surrounded by cotton rolls and dried thoroughly—J. W. Friedman>

seal *noun* (*Concise Encyclopedia*)

Aquatic carnivore with webbed flippers and a streamlined body. Earless (true, or hair) seals (of the family Phocidae, with 18 species) lack external ears. In water, they propel themselves by side-to-side strokes of the hind limbs and maneuver with their forelimbs. On land, they wriggle on their belly or pull themselves with their forelimbs. Earless species include the [ELEPHANT SEAL](#), [HARBOUR SEAL](#), [HARP SEAL](#), and [LEOPARD SEAL](#). The eared seals (family Otariidae, with five species of [SEA LION](#) and nine of fur seal) have external ears and longer flippers. In water, they propel themselves by a rowing motion of their forelimbs; on land, they use all four limbs to move about.

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