



# Blubber and Marine Mammals

Blubber is the thick layer of fat under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walrus. For these animals, blubber has several uses, helping them survive in icy Arctic waters.

**Keeping Warm** Blubber is like a warm winter coat. Fat is a good insulator: it keeps heat in and cold out. In marine mammals, the layer of blubber keeps body heat in, keeping the animal warm. Depending on species, the blubber layer can be 2 inches (5 cm) to