

SEA OTTERS

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Ava Sick,
age 7



Meredith
Napier,
age 9



Mia Geyman, age 10



Leila Geyman, age 12

Otters are oh so slick and oh so brown.
 You will find them in an underwater town.
 They feed on clams, and not lambs.
 They are skinny and small, not fat and tall.
 Now let's go for a swim.
 That otter looks like he needs a trim!
 Hark! Hark! Look there's a shark!
 Swim away, swim away—
 That otter looks like he's the shark's prey.
 Yay! The shark swam away.
 Back at home, safe at last.
 What a day, what a day.

Brenda Mann, age 8



Yehuda Bennish, age 5

Jude
Scrimshire,
age 8



Eva Sink, age 11

Otters are brown or black.
 They like to sleep on their back.
 They forage before they gorge.
 Before the end of each day,
 They like to play!

Titus Law, age 7

Otters are cute,
 They are not vicious.
 They live in the sea.
 Eating crabs is delicious.
 Really, though, they have no blubber
 So they need thick fur to cover.

Audrey Worley, age 9



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In OTTER Amazement



Start

Help the sea otter find its supper. Swim with it through the maze of seaweed, **matching clues with answers** as you go. The clues are in CAPITAL LETTERS. Each correct answer leads to the next otter fact until you reach the food at the end. For help, look for facts in this issue of *Ranger Rick Zoobooks*.

fat
↑
KEEPS A SEA OTTER WARM
↓ ↓

fur **blubber**

pup
↑ ↑
BABY OTTER
↓ ↓

urchin
kitten

fish hooks
↑
BODY PARTS OTTERS USE TO CATCH FISH
←

paws

tails
↓

abalone
↑

SEA PLANT
↓ ↓

daisy

Arctic Ocean
↑
SEA OTTER REGION
↓ ↓

kelp

North Atlantic Ocean
North Pacific Ocean

sea urchin
↑
AN OTTER ENEMY
↓ ↓

bald eagle **kelp**

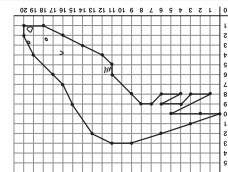
What's An Otter Word For...?

Read each definition. Then write the otter word that it describes.



1. : Baby otter
2. : Sea plant
3. : Keeps a sea otter warm
4. : Body parts otters use to catch fish
5. : Flying otter predator
6. : Swimming otter predator

- Answers:**
 1. Pup
 2. Kelp
 3. Fur
 4. Paws
 5. Eagle
 6. Shark



What's the Point?:

Make an Otter Match:
 Otters at bottom left and middle right match.

You Otter Be in Pictures:
 1. raft; 2. white whiskers; 3. kelp; 4. sea urchins, clams, shellfish.

In Otter Amazement:
 1. fur; 2. paws; 3. kelp; 4. pup; 5. North Pacific Ocean; 6. bald eagle; 7. weasel.

Answers:

weasel

seal

FAMILY TO WHICH SEA OTTERS BELONG

fish

What's the Point?

You can make a picture by connecting points on a coordinate graph. We made the tree on the right by marking points on a graph and drawing lines between them. We used the list of ordered pairs of numbers at right beginning with (3,2) to make the tree.

First, we marked the point for (3,2). We found the 3 across the bottom of the graph and the 2 along the side. Then, we found the point where the two numbers cross. We made a red dot there. Then, we found the point for (1,2) and marked it with a black dot.

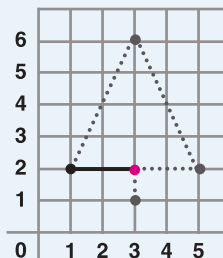
Next, we drew a black line between the two points. We continued marking and connecting points using the list of paired numbers at right (see Tree). Can you find all the points and connect them to complete the tree?

Now try the Main Project below. If you find and connect all 30 points, you will create a

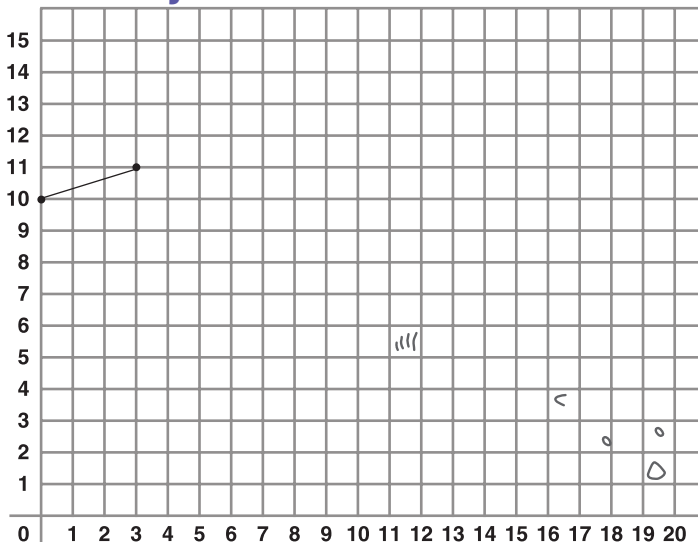
special picture. We have started the puzzle for you by marking the first two points (0,10) and (3,11) and connecting them with a black line. Use a black pen to complete the puzzle. You will be otterly pleased with the results.

Tree

1. (3,2)
2. (1,2)
3. (3,6)
4. (5,2)
5. (3,2)
6. (3,1)



Main Project

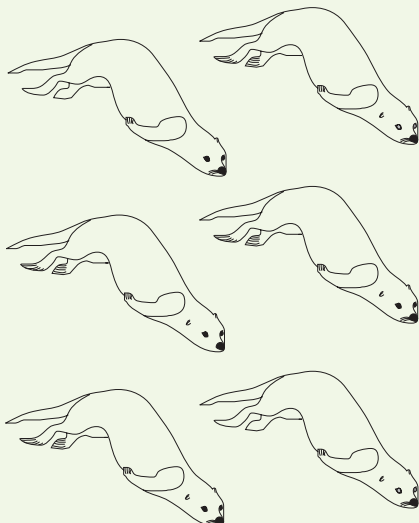


Main Project

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|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. (0,10) | 7. (15,9) | 13. (18,1) | 19. (9,8) | 25. (4,9) |
| 2. (3,11) | 8. (16,7) | 14. (16,2) | 20. (8,9) | 26. (3,8) |
| 3. (6,12) | 9. (17,6) | 15. (14,3) | 21. (7,9) | 27. (1,8) |
| 4. (9,13) | 10. (19,4) | 16. (12,4) | 22. (6,8) | 28. (5,10) |
| 5. (11,13) | 11. (20,2) | 17. (11,5) | 23. (4,8) | 29. (2,10) |
| 6. (13,12) | 12. (20,1) | 18. (11,6) | 24. (6,9) | 30. (0,10) |

Make an Otter Match

These six otters look a lot alike. But only two of them are exactly alike. Can you find the two matching otters?



Answers to all activities on page c.

You Otter Be in Pictures

Use the pictures below to help you answer these four questions about sea otters.

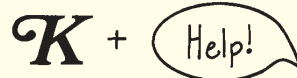
1. What is a group of sea otters called? (page 1)



2. Why are sea otters sometimes called "old men of the sea"?



3. What grows better when sea otters eat sea urchins? (page 7)



4. What are three of the foods sea otters eat? (pages 6 and 7)

