

Kid Scoop

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



© 2017 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 33, No. 45

Otters: Oodles of Fun!

Sea otters spend a lot of time swimming and hunting for food, but still have plenty of time for play. And watching a sea otter at play brings a smile to nearly anyone's face.

Sea otters are mammals and need to breathe air. They rest on their backs riding the swells of the sea.

To keep from floating away, they wrap themselves in kelp that is growing out of the sea floor.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve specific functions in survival.



Fabulous Fur

Sea otters have very little body fat and rely on their fabulous fur to keep them warm in the cold Pacific. Their fur is thick—really thick—perhaps the _____ fur in the world. If you were to put a penny on a sea otter, it would _____ about 250,000 hairs. That is more than twice the _____ of hair on your entire head.

Draw a line to where each missing word belongs.

- COLD
- COVER
- OCEAN
- DENSEST
- DIRTY
- AMOUNT

Otter fur holds tiny air bubbles, which serve as insulation against the _____.

If a sea otter's fur gets _____, it won't hold air as well. These creatures clean themselves often so that their fur can do its job.

Extra! Extra!

The Outstanding Letter 'O'

Imagine a world without the letter O. Using an article from today's newspaper, cross out all the words containing the letter O. Give the article to a friend. Can your friend understand the article?

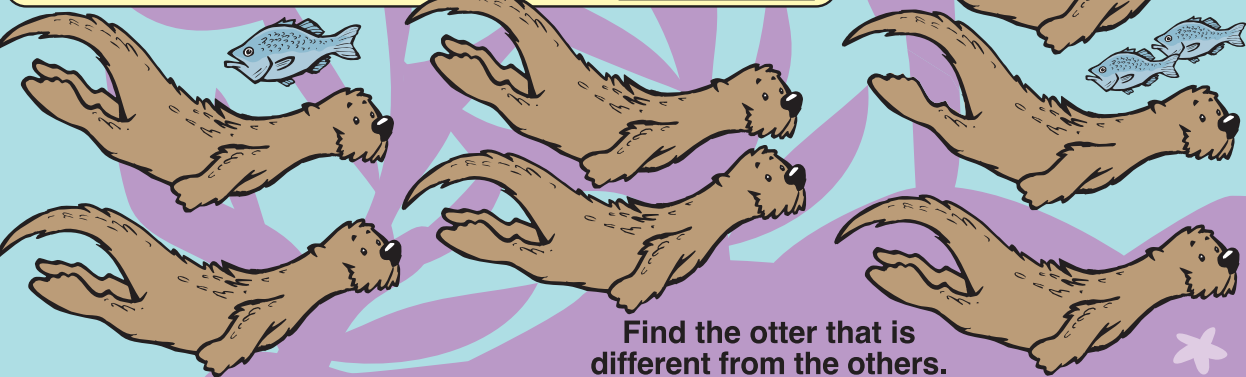
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand word meanings from context clues.

Food Rocks!

Sea otters eat crabs, clams and red sea urchins. Cracking the hard shells of these animals is a challenge, but the sea otter has found a solution. It is one of the few animals to use a tool.

A hungry sea otter finds a rock on the sea floor, tucks it beneath a flap of loose skin under a forelimb, grabs a few clams and swims to the surface. Once there, the otter rolls over onto its back and places the rock on its chest. It bangs a clam against the rock until it breaks open then scoops out and eats the morsel of meat.

Circle what should come next in each row.



Find the otter that is different from the others.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Otter Appetite

Each day, a sea otter eats one-fourth of its own weight in food.

That would be like:

- a 60-pound person eating $5 + 5 + 5 =$ _____ pounds of food in one day.
- a 100-pound person eating $10 + 12 + 3 =$ _____ pounds of food in one day.
- a 148-pound person eating $15 + 17 + 5 =$ _____ pounds of food in one day.

Do the math to find out how many pounds of food each person would eat if he or she were a sea otter!



Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using addition.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

B	M	S	L	L	E	W	S	P	L
U	O	S	M	A	L	C	S	A	N
B	R	N	W	Y	I	F	R	S	O
B	S	I	E	F	P	L	E	K	I
L	E	H	I	S	L	O	T	C	T
E	L	C	G	M	T	O	T	O	U
S	A	R	H	I	O	T	O	R	L
P	E	U	T	L	R	I	A	H	O
R	S	T	S	E	S	N	E	D	S

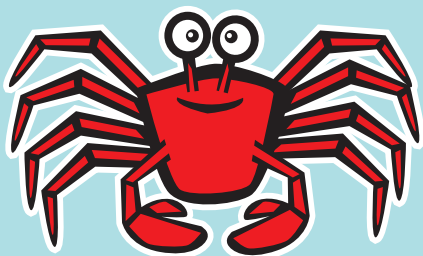
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Otter Home

Read the classified ads listing homes for sale. Based on what you learned from today's Kid Scoop page about otters, write a classified ad describing the perfect home for an otter.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief descriptions about objects.



What is The best way To catch a crab?

ANSWER: Have someone throw it to you.

Astoria Forest Products, LLC
10 Pier 1 • Suite 301
Astoria, Oregon 97103

X KOA
Astoria, Warrenton & Seaside
1100 Northwest Ridge Road
Hammond, OR 97121
reservations 800-562-8506
info 503-861-2606

Northwest West Inc. Income Tax Preparation
762 Avenue G • Seaside, OR 97138
503-738-3480

Tires LES SCHWAB
McCALL TIRE CENTER
WARRENTON 861-3252
1167 SE Marlin
SEASIDE 738-8243
2155 S. Roosevelt

Morgan Civil Engineering
PO Box 358 • Manzanita
503-368-6186

JOE'S Mobil
1701 Marine Dr.
Astoria, OR
503-325-7812

Classic BODYWORKS
AND TOWING
503.325.0411
34747 Hwy 101 Bus.
ASTORIA

LEWIS & CLARK TIMBERLANDS
MANAGED BY
GREENWOOD RESOURCES*

RE/MAX River & Sea

Teerin Bros. LAND & TIMBER
ASTORIA | 503-556-0410

Sunspire Health
Astoria Pointe
The Rosebriar

263 W Exchange • Astoria | (877) 435-7790

NORTHWEST READY MIX
950 Olney Ave • Astoria
503-325-3562

STREET FOURTEEN CAFE
1410 COMMERCIAL STREET
ASTORIA
503-325-5511

Great Ocean DA YANG
Da Yang Seafoods LTD.

ASTORIA RIVERWALK INN
400 INDUSTRY ST.
ASTORIA
503.325.2013
AstoriaRiverwalkInn.net

La Cabana D Raya
MEXICAN RESTAURANT
35431 HWY 101 BUS • ASTORIA • 503-325-3656

Emerald Heights APARTMENTS
503-325-8221

Golden Sands
A Retirement and Assisted Living Community
21608 O Lane • Ocean Park • 360-665-0190

Bayshore Animal Hospital
325 Marlin Avenue
WARRENTON
503-861-1621

WORKSOURCE OREGON
NORTHWEST OREGON EMPLOYMENT DEPT.
450 MARINE DR ASTORIA 503-325-4821

Home Furnishings
1033 Commercial Street
Astoria, Oregon 97103
(503) 325-5620

COLUMBIA RIVER BAR PILOTS
Providing safe passage since 1846

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS NEEDED

The Daily Astorian has several routes available • Call 503-325-3211 for more information

Thanks to the following businesses for supporting Newspapers In Education

www.dailyastorian.com/nie

- Appelo Archives Center
- Hees Enterprises Inc.
- Quackenbush Builders Inc.
- Bridgewater Bistro
- Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare
- Lazerquick Seaside/Astoria
- Premium Adjustable Beds
- Suzanne Elise Assisted Living
- Moberg & Rust, Attorneys at Law
- Lower Columbia Clinic
- Ship Inn
- Rock Bauer Landscapes
- Chinook Marine Repair Shop
- Astoria's Best
- Bergerson Construction
- Josephson's Smokehouse
- U Street Pub and Eatery

Velazquez Painting & Construction LLC
1159 Wahanna Seaside
503-739-3055

Martin L. Alvey, P.C.
10 PIER ONE SUITE 202 | ASTORIA
martinalvey.com | 503-325-5509

SUBWAY
11 W. Marine Dr. | Astoria | 503-325-3322