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SEA OTTER FOR A DAY

Think about what your day is like. Sea otters spend their mornings finding food. They dive to the bottom of the ocean for crabs, mussels, octopuses, and other treats. After breakfast, they take a midday nap in the kelp. Then it's time to hunt and eat again! Grooming happens after and in between meals. Sea otters have a busy day!

Flip back through the book. Look closely at all the pictures. Then write your own story about a sea otter's day. Use some of the description ideas below to add details to your story.

DESCRIPTION IDEAS

sea otter fur (What does it feel like? What does it look like?)

kelp forest (What does the kelp feel like? What does it smell like? What color is it? Describe the ocean. Describe the other animals that live there.)

eating food (Describe its texture. Is it soft? Spiky? Slimy? What do you think it tastes like?)

sleeping (What would it feel like to sleep in the ocean? Does the kelp feel like a safe place? Are there other otters there?)

hunting (What does it feel like to dive deep underwater? Think about closing your ears and eyes. Think about holding your breath. Is it scary? Is it exciting?)

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DO I NEED IT?

Sea otters keep snacks and tools in their pockets. Think about what you know about otters. Then write down the things they might need to use during the day.

Next, think about the things you use every day. Use the column below to write down a list of the 10 things you think you use most. Then, using a notebook, keep track of the things you use throughout the day. Every time you use something, write it down. (You can either write "paper" and "pencil" down right away or decide that they don't count.) If you use an object more than once, leave a check mark next to it. At the end of the day, look over your list. Record the 10 most-used items in the right column below. Compare your lists. Were there any common items? Did any items surprise you?

THINGS OTTERS NEED:

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WHAT I THINK I NEED:

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WHAT I ACTUALLY NEED:

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