

Can sea otters use tools?

Name _____

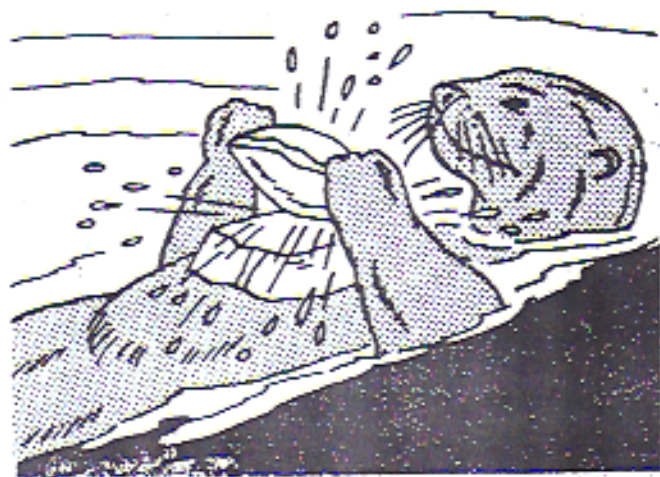
1 We used to think that only people used tools. Now we know that some other animals do, too. The sea otter is one of them.

2 Sea otters get their food from the ocean. They like shellfish best. But the shells are hard to open.

3 So sea otters have learned what to do. They use rocks as tools. When a sea otter finds a shellfish, it picks it up. Next the sea otter looks for a rock. It carries this tool

to the top of the water. Then the sea otter floats on its back. It puts the rock on its chest. And it hits the shell against the rock. The sound of "Crack! Crack!" fills the air. Sometimes the sea otter has to bang the shell more than 35 times to open it.

4 The sea otter does one more thing when it eats. Every now and then it rolls over in the water. This washes off its chest. The sea otter is clean as well as smart!



Mark the circle (○) beside the right answer.

1. Sea otters use _____ as tools.

shells

rocks

picks

crabs

2. Which word in paragraph 1 means things used to get a job done?

people

tools

animals

otter

3. The story tells about the sea otter's _____.

eating

sleeping

playing

watching

4. Which paragraph tells how many times a sea otter may bang a shell?

1

2

3

4

5. TOO means almost the same as ALSO. Ocean means almost the same as _____.

water

otter

swimmer

sea

6. Only people use tools.

True

False

The sea otter opens shells with a rock.

True

False

7. Rolls can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 4.

pieces of bread

turns