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Sea Otters

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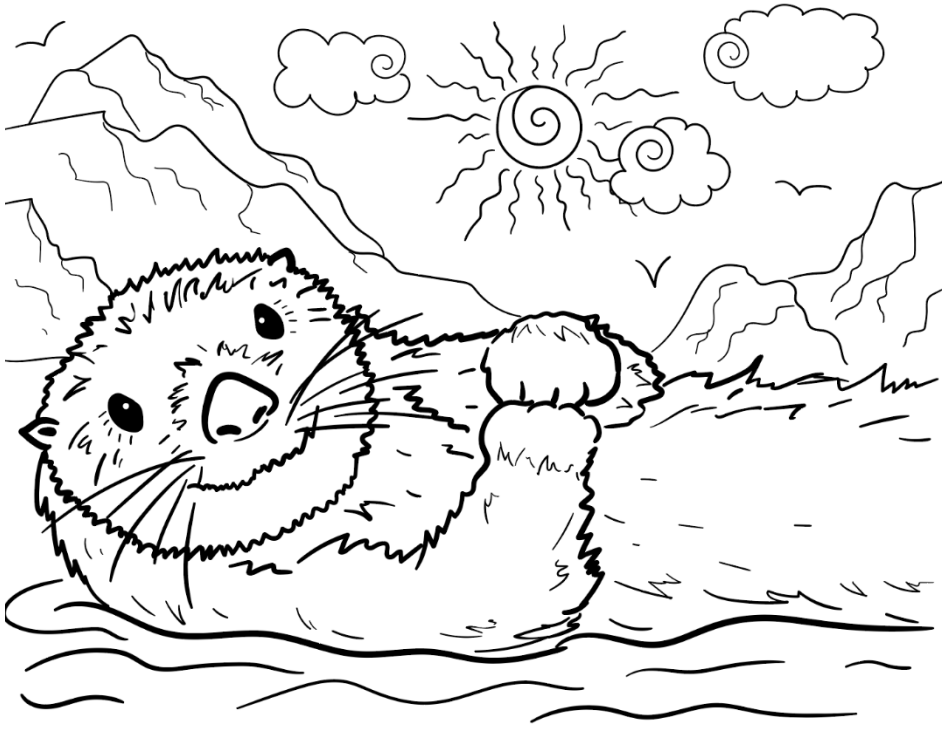
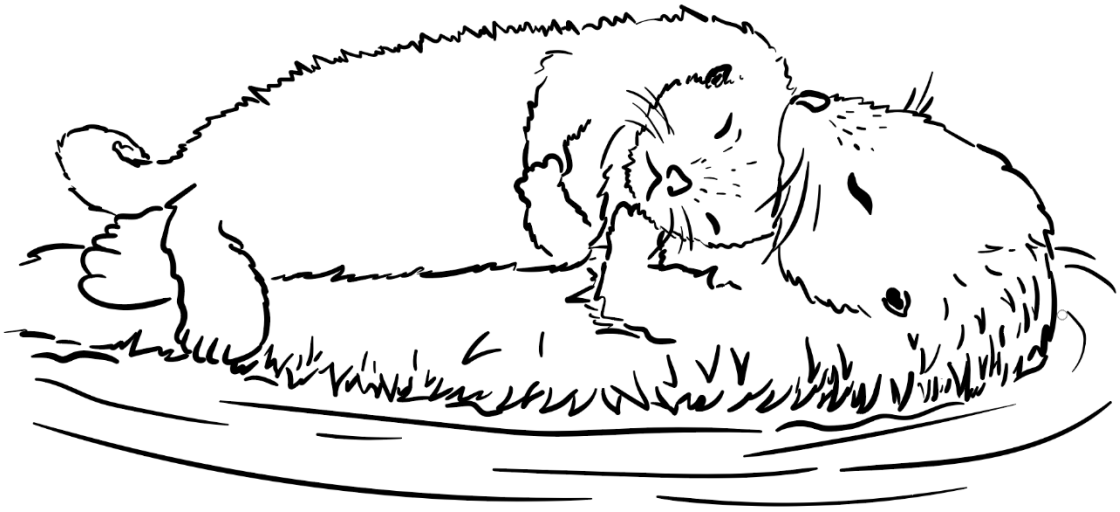
Sea otters live in the ocean. They like to play. In fact, they are one of the most playful animals in the sea. Have you ever seen a sea otter slide down a big rock, dive in and out of the water or play tag? These are all fun things they like to do.

Unlike seals, sea otters do not have blubber or fat to keep them warm. Thus, they must stay warm in a different way: they have a very thick coat of fur. They have the thickest coat of fur of any animal in the world.

Sea otters can be very sweet too. They hold hands when they sleep. This keeps them from drifting off into the big waves of the sea. When they wake up, they can still be close to their friends.



They are also good mothers. They care for their young, teach them to swim, and bring them food.



Sea otters eat clams, sea urchins, and snails. They crack the hard shells open to eat them. To do this, they place a rock on their chest. Then, they bang the clam or sea urchin on the rock until it cracks open. They are smart animals.

Sea otters are also shy. Unlike seals, they don't like to see people. Instead, they like to be in the sea with only their sea otter friends. They are kind of like the playful cats of the sea—fun but a bit reclusive.

Sea otters keep kelp forests alive. Sea otters are important animals that help keep the ocean healthy. They can also help us to remember to be playful and have fun.

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Sea Otters Questions:

How do sea otters stay warm?

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What do sea otters do when they sleep?

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What do sea otters eat?

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What do sea otters like to do for fun?

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What is your favorite thing about sea otters?

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True or false:

	True	False
Sea otters have blubber.	○	○
Sea otters are playful.	○	○
Sea otters sleep in a bed on land.	○	○
Sea otters keep kelp forests healthy.	○	○
Sea otters have the thickest coat of any animal in the world.	○	○
Sea otters are shy around people.	○	○
Sea otters eat hot dogs.	○	○

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