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Floating and Eating

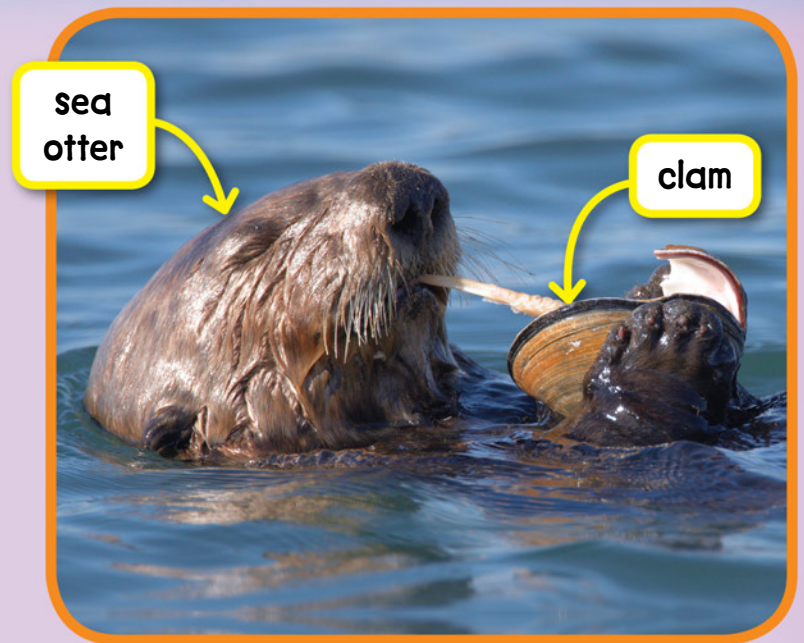
Not far from **shore**, a sea otter floats in the gentle ocean waves.

It nibbles a clam that it's holding in its paws.

Suddenly, a seagull swoops down.

The hungry bird tries to snatch the tasty food.

In an instant, the otter dives under the waves—still holding its meal.



When a
sea otter is not
diving underwater,
it mostly swims
or floats on
its back.



At Home in the Ocean

Sea otters are furry **mammals** that live along rocky seashores.

Although they are able to move around on land, they rarely leave the water.

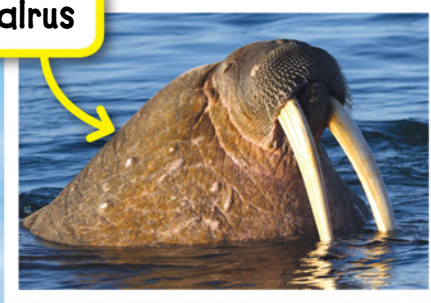
Instead, they stay in the ocean, swimming, diving, and floating.



Marine Mammals

Mammals that live in the ocean are called marine mammals. Sea otters, dolphins, walruses, sea lions, and killer whales are all marine mammals.

walrus



killer whale



sea lion



dolphins

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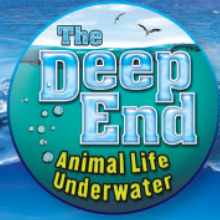
Answers

Pictures A, C, and F are sea otters. B is a killer whale, and D and E are sea lions.

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Jen Green has been interested in natural history since she was a child. She has written dozens of children's books on subjects as varied as raccoons, gophers, and termites. She loves walking in her native Sussex, England.

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Sea otters aren't just cute. They are also very smart. Sea otters love to eat clams, but their teeth aren't strong enough to crack a clam's shell. How does a sea otter solve this problem? It smashes the clam against a rock that it places on its belly. Look inside to discover more about these clever animals and their watery world.

California Sea Lion

Moray Eel

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