

## Sea Otter Video Questions for eBook

### Introduction

- 0:50 What happens when you remove a keystone?
- 1:04 What happens when a keystone species is removed?

### Otter Biology

- 2:34 What other animals besides sea otters are in the weasel family in Kodiak?
- 3:38 What are some traits of a mammal?
- 3:53 What are some examples of mammals besides sea otters?
- 4:08 What is a marine mammal?
- 4:18 What are some examples of marine mammals?
- 5:06 Where do you lose body heat faster, water or air?
- 5:18 What do some marine mammals, like whales, use to keep warm?
- 5:34 What do sea otters use to keep warm?
- 6:17 What else do sea otters do to keep warm?
- 6:24 How much food does an otter eat in a day as a percent of body weight?
- 6:58 What are some animals that sea otters eat?

### Activity 1: How Much Does a Sea Otter Eat?

- 9:04 What units do scientists use to measure weight?
- 9:44 How many pounds are in a kilogram?
- 9:54 What units would you use to measure something that weighs less than a kilogram?
- 10:09 How many grams are in a kilogram?
- 11:05 We know that a sea otter eats about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of its body weight in food a day. To determine how much food a 30kg otter needs to eat each day, we find  $\frac{1}{3}$  of its weight. How much is  $30\text{kg}/3$ ?
- 12:20 What number do you multiply the answer by to convert it from kilograms to grams?
- 12:37 How much food does the 30kg otter need to eat each day?
- 12:56 Oswald weighs 36kg. To find out how much he needs to eat each day, we find  $\frac{1}{3}$  of his weight. How many kg of food does Oswald need to eat?
- 13:28 To convert kilograms to grams we multiply by 1000. How many grams of food does Oswald eat each day?
- 14:25 To convert your weight in pounds to your weight in kg, what number do you multiply by?
- 14:38 What is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Theo's weight or your weight in kg?
- 15:08 What is Theo's or your weight in grams?

### How Much Does a Sea Urchin Weigh?

- 16:35 What is a favorite food of sea urchins?
- 17:16 How would you figure out how many urchins Oswald needs to eat each day?
- 17:47 How many urchins does Oswald need to eat each day?
- 18:19 How many urchins would Theo or you need to eat each day if he or you were otters?

## **Activity 2: What else does a sea otter eat?**

- 19:37 List at least nine animals that sea otters eat. Write a fact down for each of them.
- 30:00 What kind of habitats do urchins, sea stars, herring, crabs and clams live in?
- 33:08 Why do sea otters like to hang out around kelp forests?
- 34:01 What are some things a kelp forest provides?
- 34:26 If the otters left the kelp forest, how would that effect the urchins and the kelp?
- 34:59 If the kelp forest goes away, what happens to the other animals that live there?
- 35:15 What do the otters do to keep the kelp forest healthy?

## **Summary**

- 36:45 What were sea otter pelts used for in Russia and China in the 1700s?
- 37:05 Why did the Russian traders want to hunt sea otters?
- 37:26 In the 1700s, were there a lot of sea otters along the coasts of Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California, or not many?
- 37:50 What do a lot of sea otters mean for the urchin population? Why?
- 38:17 If there are few urchins, what does that mean for the kelp forest? Why?
- 38:31 If there is lots of kelp, are the lots of other animals around, or not many? Why?
- 39:55 By the early 1900s, the hunters had killed almost all the sea otters. How would that effect the sea urchin population? Why?
- 40:15 If there are lots of urchins, what happens to the kelp?
- 40:26 If there isn't much kelp, will there be lots of other animals around, or not very many?
- 41:22 The US government passed a law prohibiting the hunting of otters to keep them from going extinct. What is the one exception to that law?
- 42:10 In some places, sea otters have returned. Not as many as there used to be, but quite a few. In those places, what would the urchin population be like?
- 42:39 What about the amount of kelp?
- 42:51 What about the other animals that live in the kelp forest?
- 42:57 When there are some otters in the kelp forest, is the ecosystem balanced or unbalanced?
- 43:26 How are sea otters similar to a keystone in an arch?