

# Otters



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56 live. It might include fish, snails, crabs and  
65 birds. Some otters use rocks to break open the  
69 shells of their prey.

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101 rest above ground during the day in areas  
105 called couches. Baby otters  
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# Questions



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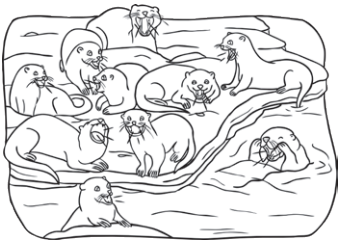
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# Answers



1. What do otters eat?

**Otters eat meat. This includes fish, snails, crabs and birds.**



2. Find and copy a word which means 'to control the direction something moves in'.

**steer**



3. What else would you like to know about otters?

**Pupils' own responses, such as:  
I would like to know more about  
how otters look after their babies.**



4. Where do otters sleep at night?

**Otters sleep in a holt at night.**