

Sea otters gently
float in giant
seaweed called kelp.
Otters live off
the coasts of
California and
Alaska.



Under the water,
the kelp is like a
forest.
There otter's find
their food.



An otter is able
to eat a sea urchin
without getting
hurt because the
otter's mouth has
tough skin.



A sea otter
often carries a
favorite rock
wherever it goes.



An otter's
noses and eyes
are up high up on
its head. It can
easily see and
breathe and as
it swims at the
surface.



An sea otter's
whiskers help
it feel its way
in muddy water.



Its thick fur
is like a waterproof
blanket that has
two layers.



The top coat
has longer hair.



Bubbles of air,
trapped in the
shorter underfur,
help keep the
otter warm and
dry.



Sea otter's
often float
together in groups
called rafts.



Some people
call the kelp
"A sea otter's
cradle!"



Most of the
time, sea otter's
give birth in the
water in a bed
of kelp.



Pups can be born
in any season.



Many sea otters
float in kelp both
day and night.
For an otter,
any time is
play time.

