

Lesson Plan Topic: Sea Otters

Recommended Grade Level: 3rd

Link to Lesson Plan:

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Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Identify where sea otters live and describe their habitat.
2. Explain what sea otters eat and how they use tools to get food.
3. Describe how sea otters stay warm and survive in cold ocean waters.
4. Understand why sea otters are important for keeping the ocean healthy.
5. Identify threats to sea otters and share ways to help protect them.
6. Participate in a review game and interactive movement activity.

This guide is designed to help you lead the lesson on **Sea Otters**. You can read directly from many of the slides, but bolded slides include extra talking points or things to do with students.

Students Will Need:

- Notebook or loose paper
- Pencil or pen
- Crayons or markers
- Space to crawl for the game

- A screen or projector to play a short video

Slide Breakdown:

Slide 1: Title slide, introduce the topic.

Slide 2: read off slide

Slide 3: read off slide

Slide 4: Ask: “Can you guess what sea otters eat?” (Let students guess!) Then read the slide and explain sea otters eat crabs, sea urchins, and clams, and use rocks as tools.

Slide 5: Interactive: Have students pretend to float on their backs like sea otters and wrap their arms as if holding kelp.

Slide 6: read off slide

Slide 7: read off slide

Slide 8: show video

Slide 9-20: read off slides

Potential activities post lesson plan:

- **“Drawing Activity – Students draw their own sea otter and write one thing they learned about it.**
- **Sea Otter Habitat Diorama: Have students build a small 3D model of a kelp forest habitat using craft supplies like paper, clay, and twigs.**
- **Sea Otter Story Time: Read a children’s book or watch a short video about sea otters to deepen understanding and spark curiosity.**

You've now completed this lesson plan!

If you have any feedback on how to improve this lesson or future lesson plans, please email: foreverychildus@gmail.com

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This lesson plan was designed by high school and college students in the student-led organization called For Every Child. Thank you for using our lesson plan and we hoped you enjoyed it!