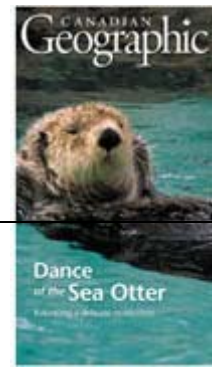


Dance of the Sea Otter



1. Where did sea otters once thrive before being harvested to near extinction?
2. Sea otters are perfectly adapted to....
3. By the year _____, there were less than _____ sea otters left on the west coast.
4. What was the last year a sea otter was shot in Canada?
5. "Soft Gold" is the term _____ fur traders gave to _____.
6. The sea otter _____ in the _____ along Canada's west coast.
7. What makes sea otters easy prey for orcas, sharks, and humans?
8. Compared to other sea mammals, what is different with sea otters and how do they maintain their body heat?
9. Why do sea otters require a large amount of energy?
10. How do they obtain this energy?
11. How do sea otters eat shelled food?
12. Otters are the only mammals aside from primates to use which instruments?
13. Why does the community where the sea otters are thriving want to get rid of them?
14. What is a group of sea otters called?
15. What is the purpose of an estuary? Use two sentences in your explanation.
16. What is salinity and what is the benefit of salinity in water? Use one sentence in your explanation.