

# OTTERS



## Designed for Swimming

### Life in the Water

Otters live near water and especially like river banks where there are lots of bushes and trees.

What helps an otter to swim in the water? (Tick the pawprints).



Long, thin shape and long, strong tail .



Webbing between the toes (like a duck).



Feathers.



Ears and nose are able to close when the animal is under water.



Long whiskers.



Water-proof fur.



## Colour me in

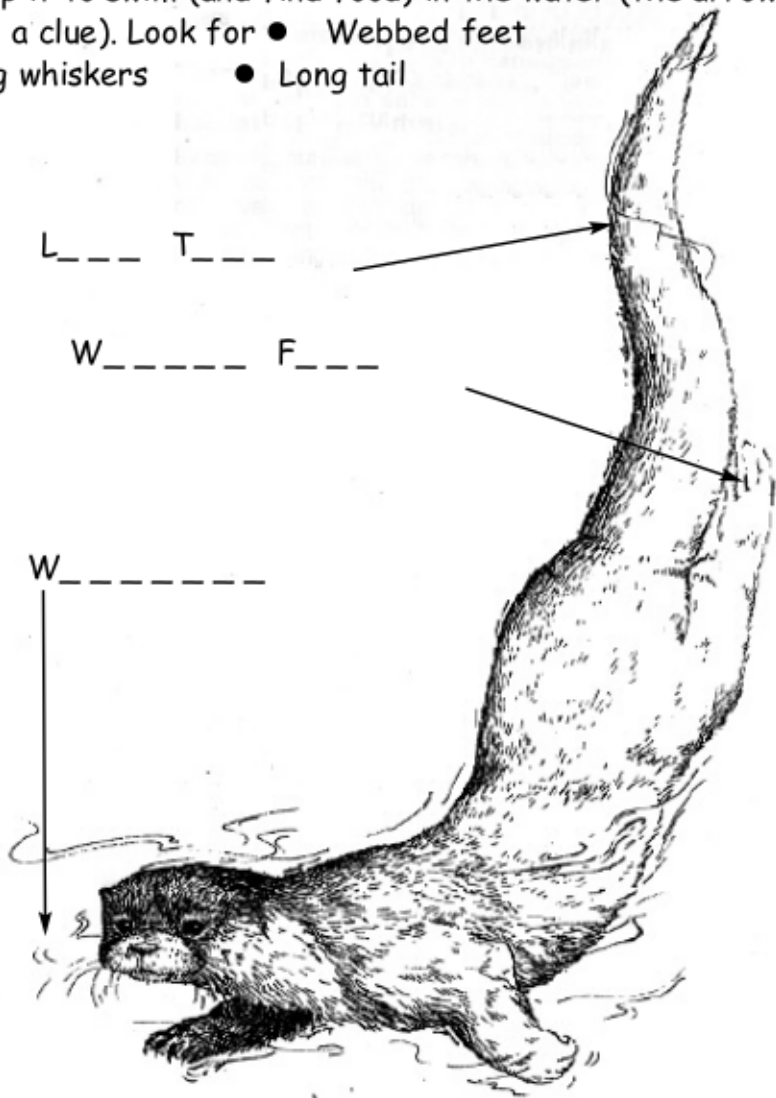
Can you colour the otter in and find and name three things that help it to swim (and find food) in the water (the arrows give you a clue). Look for ●

- Webbed feet
- Long whiskers
- Long tail

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## Lunchtime!

Can you help the otter decide what to eat for lunch?

Draw arrows to two things that the otter would eat for lunch.

Nuts



Fish



Chips



Grass



Frogs



## Otter Signs

Otters are very shy and hard to find. Become an otter detective and look for the signs that otters leave behind.



An otter might live under this tree - we call this an otter holt. Baby otters might be born in here. We call them kits.



An otter footprint - these might be left on a muddy bank.



An otter dropping or poo! This might be left on top of a rock and is full of fish bones. We call this an otter spraint.



## Otter Poem

Otter

Tracks on the river bank

Tail, strong and long

Eels for supper

Ripples on the water

Can you complete the following sentence?

Otters are \_\_\_\_\_



## Are you an otter expert?

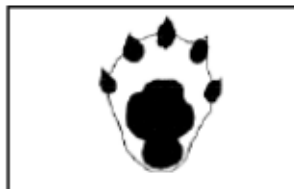
1. Where does an otter live?

A Sett    A Burrow    A Holt



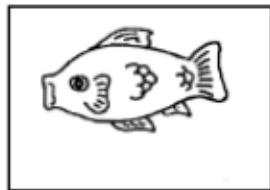
2. How many toes does an otter have on each foot?

Three    Four    Five



3. What is an otter's favourite food?

Fish    Worms    Eggs



4. What are otter babies called?

Cubs    Kits    Puppies



## Activity

Can you follow the river and help the otter find its way home?

