

Sea Otter Awareness Week Quiz

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September 22-28 to learn the answers!

1. When describing sea otter habitat, this one factor is the strongest at limiting how far offshore it extends.
 - a. shark population density
 - b. clam density
 - c. ocean depth
2. What percentage of sea otters in California are infected with thorny headed worms?
 - a) 21%
 - b) 68%
 - c) over 90%
3. In dark or turbid water, sea otters are most likely to rely on this sense to locate prey:
 - a) sight
 - b) touch
 - c) smell
4. By the time a sea otter pup nears weaning age at 6 months old, the mother's daily energy costs increase by _____.
 - a. 12%
 - b. 27%
 - c. 96%
5. When studying and comparing genetics of members of the weasel family, scientists found reduced function in genes for this in otter species vs. terrestrial ferrets
 - a. fur density
 - b. touch
 - c. smell
6. How would toxins from Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) most likely get into a sea otter?
 - a) absorbed through the skin
 - b) from drinking sea water
 - c) by being present in the tissues of their prey
7. Sea and river otters differ in the way they typically catch their prey. Circle all that are true:
 - a) sea otters catch prey with their paws
 - b) river otters catch prey with their mouth
 - c) river otters catch prey with their paws
 - d) sea otters catch prey with their mouth
 - e) sea otters sometimes use tools to break open hard-shelled prey
 - f) river otters sometimes use tools to break open hard-shelled prey

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

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Return completed quiz by 5PM Oct 11 to:

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