Otters at Work

Find details that answer where, why, and how questions.

2.RI.1 "Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key ideas and details in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle where otters bring food to eat, underline why kelp helps them, and write 1 and 2 above the two steps for opening a clam. Use your marks to help answer the questions.

A Sea Otter's Day

1 Sea otters live in the ocean near rocky shores. They spend much of their time in the water. When an otter is hungry, it dives to find clams and sea urchins. It brings its food to the surface to eat.

2 Clams have hard shells. Some sea otters use rocks to get inside. An otter floats on its back and puts a rock on its chest. Then it taps a clam against the rock until the shell opens. The otter can eat the food inside.

3 Sea otters also rest in the water. They may hold on to long strands of kelp, a plant that grows in the sea. The kelp helps keep them from floating away as they sleep. A mother otter may hold her pup on her belly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where does a sea otter bring its food to eat?

2. Why does a sea otter hold on to kelp when it sleeps?

3. How does a sea otter use a rock to open a clam?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a who or what question about a detail the questions above did not ask. Then answer your question using the passage.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.RI.1

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle where otters bring food to eat, underline why kelp helps them, and write 1 and 2 above the two steps for opening a clam. Use your marks to help answer the questions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where does a sea otter bring its food to eat?	**It brings its food to the surface of the water.**
2	Why does a sea otter hold on to kelp when it sleeps?	**The kelp helps keep the otter from floating away.**
3	How does a sea otter use a rock to open a clam?	**It puts a rock on its chest and taps the clam against the rock until the shell opens.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

What other food can sea otters find besides clams? Sea otters can find sea urchins.

Accept any who or what question about a different passage detail if the student's answer is supported by the text.