

Verbs in the present-tense

Use the correct **present-tense** form of the verb in parentheses ().

1. Our boat _____ in an hour. (leave)
2. I _____ an otter family over there. (see)
3. Sea urchins _____ a tasty meal for otters. (provide)
4. Like their land relatives, sea otters _____ a lot. (play)
5. While napping, they _____ their eyes with their paws. (cove)
6. A sea otter _____ a rock to open shellfish. (use)
7. It _____ on squid and fish, too. (feed)
8. A thick coat _____ the otter warm. (keep)
9. Their webbed _____ feet them swim easily. (help)
10. The animal _____ to the ocean floor. (dive)
11. Humpback whales _____ playfully at the surface. (feed)
12. The blue-fin tuna also _____ out of the water. (jump)
13. Dolphins _____ the waves in pods of twenty or more. (ride)
14. A sea gull _____ close to the water. (fly)



B. Use the **past tense** of the verb in ().

15. Joey (study) his family's history.

16. Charles Smith (try) to strike it rich.

17. He's the one who (marry) Mary Stone.

18. They (plan) to find gold in California.

19. Charles and Mary (hurry) out West.

20. In the mountains heavy snow almost (trap) them.

21. Finally they (pan) for gold in the Sacramento River valley.

22. Joey (copy) this story for his album.

23. Then he (map) their journey.

