

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

