

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. (close)
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 help 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. _____

