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Daily Habits and Behaviors of Otters

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. River otters hunt in freshwater habitats and often live alone or in small groups. Sea otters hunt in oceans, live in large groups, and float on the water while holding hands.
2. Grooming keeps their fur waterproof, which is critical for staying warm and dry in cold water. Without it, otters could get too cold and not survive.
3. Students might choose behaviors like holding hands while sleeping, sliding for fun, or using sounds to communicate and explain why these are fascinating.
4. Play helps otters practice hunting and interacting with others, which prepares them for survival in the wild.

