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What Does an Otter Look Like?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Otters have dense and waterproof fur to keep them warm in icy water and to protect them from the cold. Without it, they wouldn't survive in their aquatic habitats.
2. Otters have webbed feet for paddling, tails for steering, whiskers to sense prey, and sharp claws to catch food—all helping them thrive in water.
3. Otters are interesting because of their playful behavior, tool use, and how their bodies are perfectly adapted for swimming and hunting in water.
4. Sea otters use rocks to break open hard shells of clams and other shellfish. This behavior shows how intelligent they are and helps them access food that other animals might not be able to eat.

