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How Do Otters Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Otter mothers nurse their pups with milk, teach them to swim and hunt, and protect them from predators. Sea otter mothers may carry their pups on their chest while floating.
2. Otter pups stay with their mother to learn important survival skills, like hunting and swimming, and to remain safe from predators.
3. Pollution can harm otters' habitats, making it difficult for them to find clean water and food. This can reduce their ability to raise healthy young.
4. Otters' parenting behaviors, like carrying their pups on their chest or teaching survival skills, show how attentive and protective they are as parents.

