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# River Otters



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Get started with reading

## River Otters

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Decodable with  
tricky words

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Scholastic Phonics Set 6

Find out about river  
otters, where they live and  
how pups grow.



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Other titles in Set 6:

Practise these sounds: **ar or ur ow oi ear air er**



Move to Set 7: Practise: adjacent consonants and short  
vowel sounds

# Help your child to read!

This book practises these letters and letter sounds.  
Point and say the sounds with your child:

or

ur

ear

er

Your child may need help to read these common tricky words:

you

the

and

are

Before reading

- Look at the cover picture and read the title together. Read the back cover blurb to your child.
- Ask your child: *What do you know about otters?*
- Talk about the image in the magnifying glass.



During reading

- If your child gets stuck on a word, remind them to sound it out and then blend the sounds to read the word: t-ur-n-s, turns.
- If they are still stuck, show them how to read the word.
- Enjoy looking at the pictures together. Pause to talk about the information.

After reading

- Talk about the images on page 16. What can your child tell you about them?
- Ask your child: *Where do otters live? How long do otter pups stay with their mums?*
- Discuss which page of the book your child likes the most and why.



This is an otter.





It gets a fish for its dinner.





An otter pup is with  
its mum for a year.







Now this pup can fish.