

### Title: Otter Boy: A North American Folktale

#### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

lodge	gentleness	humps	otters	chew
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1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your food before you swallow it.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are cute animals that spend a lot of time in the water.
3. Doctors that work with babies are well-known for their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There is a very nice ski \_\_\_\_\_ on top of the mountain.
5. Camels have either one or two \_\_\_\_\_.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Otter Boy's grandmother was very rich. T / F
2. The Chief's daughter's long black hair was made of eagle feathers. T / F
3. A squirrel was the last animal to come to Otter Boy in his dream. T / F
4. Otter Boy hit the squirrel with his arrow. T / F
5. The squirrel hid every time a boy shot an arrow at it. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. When Otter Boy gave the squirrel food, he also (sang to / pet) him.
2. The Chief had many beautiful (horses / daughters).
3. All of the animals gave Otter Boy some (hair / advice).
4. The day of the contest was an (important / terrible) day for all the boys in the village.
5. As he held up the squirrel, Otter Boy (knew / prayed) it wasn't hurt.

**C. Choose the best answer.**

1. What is NOT one of the qualities the Chief wanted in the man who married his daughter?

- a. Speed
- b. Strength
- c. Bravery
- d. Cunning

2. What did Otter Boy's grandmother tell him to do for the contest?

- a. Practice really hard
- b. Go find a horse
- c. Get a new bow and arrow
- d. Ask for help

3. What did many of the boys have the day of the contest?

- a. Gifts they had gotten in a dream
- b. Fine clothes and new bows
- c. Support from their family
- d. Good advice from the Chief

4. Where did the people follow the Chief to?

- a. Another village
- b. The river
- c. A tree
- d. His big house

5. What is one thing Otter Boy did NOT do after the contest?

- a. Marry the Chief's daughter
- b. Become a Chief himself
- c. Live with the squirrel
- d. Thank the animals

## Summary

**Fill in the blanks with the words.**

wrestled	squirrel	Pawnee	cunning	buffalo
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Otter Boy was poor and lived with his grandmother in a village. His only friend was a \_\_\_\_\_, Skipis. Otter Boy wanted to marry the Chief's beautiful and kind daughter. The Chief planned to choose his daughter's husband by having a contest. He wanted to find a boy who was strong, brave and \_\_\_\_\_. All the boys in the village prepared for the contest. They \_\_\_\_\_ and practiced shooting and running. Otter Boy was sad because he did not think he could win. His grandmother told him to ask for help. Otter Boy went on a journey. In a dream, an otter, a \_\_\_\_\_, and other animals appeared. They offered him help and gave him some of their hair. Otter Boy returned for the contest. The boys had to shoot a squirrel. Otter Boy tried but missed. However, the squirrel pretended to be dead. It was Skipis! Otter Boy won the contest and married the Chief's daughter. He later became a leader of the \_\_\_\_\_ people.