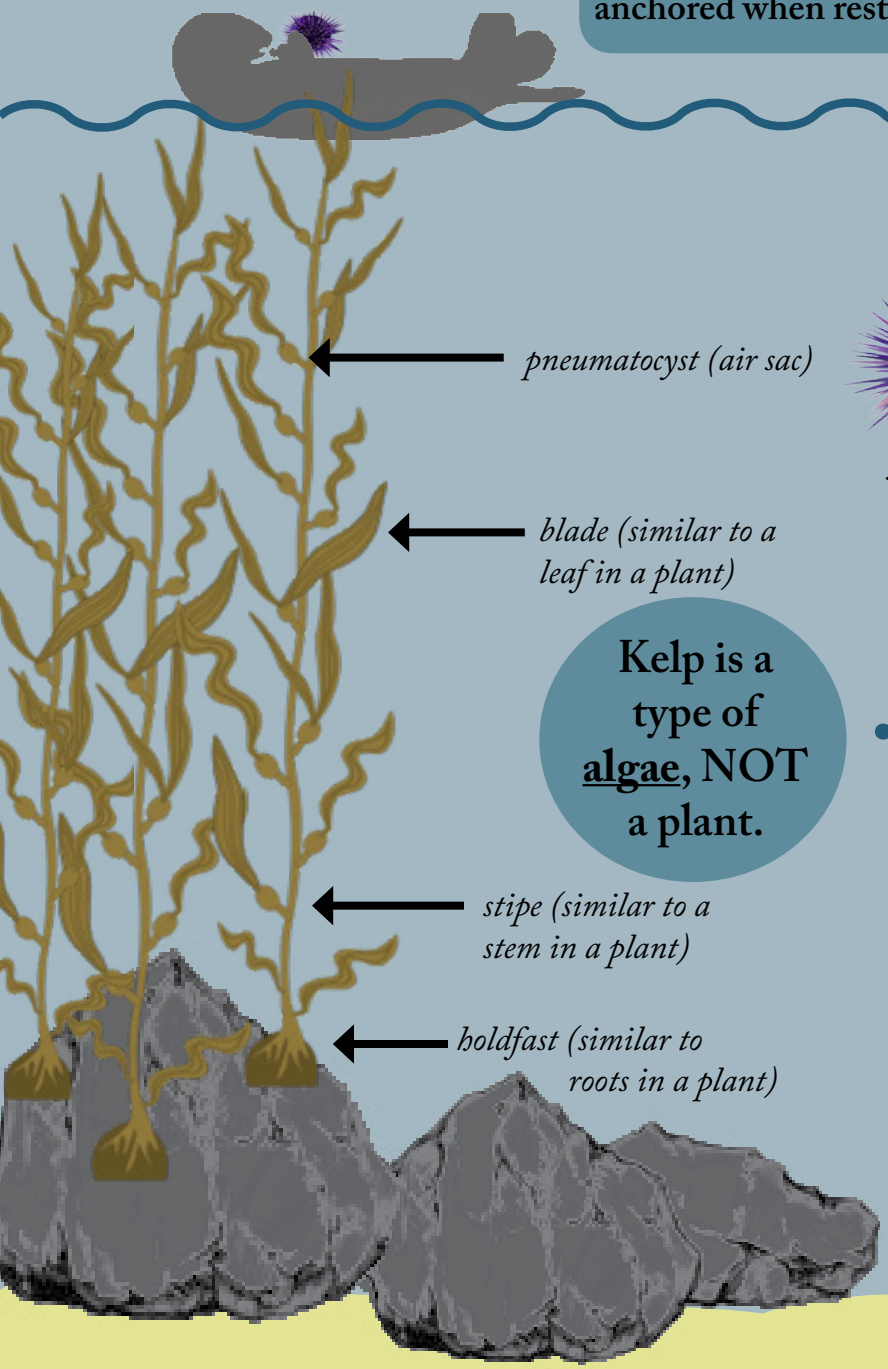
Did *you* know?

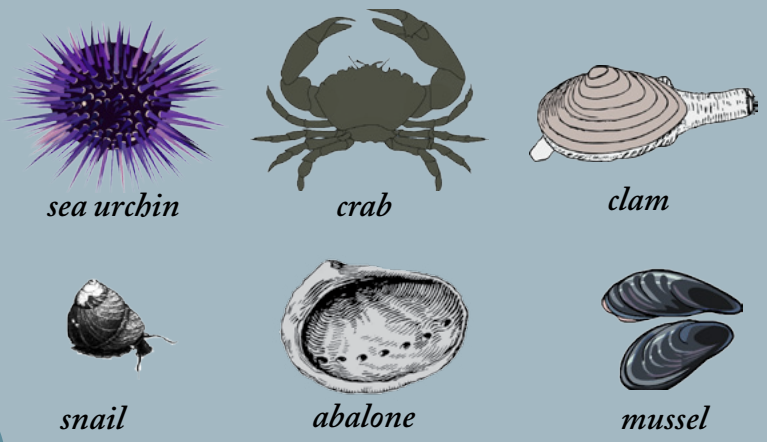
....Sea otters live in kelp forests.

Sea otters wrap kelp around their bodies to stay anchored when resting.



Kelp is a type of <u>algae</u>, NOT a plant.

Many of the sea otter's food sources live in kelp forests:



Kelp Parts – What do they do?

Holdfast: Anchors the kelp to the sea floor.

Stipe: This is the structural support of the kelp, transports nutrients to the holdfast below and the blades above.

Blade: Extends horizontally in the water to get sunlight for photosynthesis.

Pneumatocyst (air sac): Gas-filled sacs that keep the kelp afloat and toward the surface light for photosynthesis.

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Do it *fur* the otters, check it off!

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