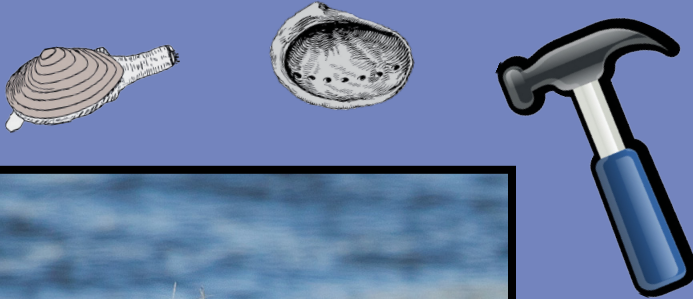


Did *you* know?

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....Sea otters sometimes use tools to obtain food.



Tool use and food preference is sometimes passed from



Rocks or other hard items are used like a hammer to **crack open** hard prey items like **shellfish** and **urchins**.

Mom to pup.



Cracking Open Food in 4 Easy Steps: *(using the sea otter method)*

1. Obtain rock or other hard item, retain for future use.
2. Obtain food source.
3. Place rock on chest.
4. Hit hard food source against rock until it opens.

Bon Appétit!

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