

## Text-to-Comparison Answer Key

Answers will vary. Sample correct responses are below.

1. **Comparison:** Both animals rely on unique water skills, since the river otter can stay underwater for up to eight minutes, according to the Wildlife Study Group, and the sea otter floats on its back to eat, as described in Marine Life Review.
2. **Contrast:** Unlike the river otter, which can remain underwater for up to eight minutes according to the Wildlife Study Group, the sea otter floats on its back to eat, as noted in Marine Life Review.
3. **Contrast:** The river otter can stay underwater for up to eight minutes, according to the Wildlife Study Group; however, the sea otter floats on its back to eat, as reported in Marine Life Review.

### Teacher's Guide

- Review how to smoothly **embed evidence** by placing quotes or facts inside a sentence, rather than tacking them on at the end.
- Emphasize using **proper transitions** such as while, unlike, however, both, or similarly.
- For differentiation:
  - Provide sentence frames like "According to \_\_\_, ..." or "As \_\_\_ explains, ...".
  - Offer a graphic organizer with compare and contrast stems for students who need support.
- For engagement:
  - Let students choose two short factual blurbs from classroom texts and create their own evidence embedded sentences.
- For extension:
  - Ask students to use their sentences as the foundation for a multi paragraph compare and contrast response.