

Oscar Otter

RIVER SAFETY & EDUCATION

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Name: _____

1. Let someone know before you go!



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About the Author

The author worked as a fire fighter, rescue specialist, and rescue instructor. He taught flood and river rescue extensively through Rescue 3 International, both in the United States and abroad. Having been on many rescues and recoveries during his career, he felt a strong need to educate people about the dangers associated with moving water. He envisioned a program to begin educating children at an early age, with knowledge they could grow with, and that would ultimately have an impact on the number of water related fatalities in years to come. In 2008, he was forced to retire from firefighting and rescue instruction due to a debilitating disability. That same year he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to Rescue 3 and the rescue industry. However, even after retirement, he never lost sight of that vision to develop this program, and this work is the culmination of that goal.

About the Artist

Lena Podesta works as an illustrator and animator in beautiful, soggy Portland, Oregon. She loves drawing, a good story, and swimming (safely of course). Find out more about Lena at www.lenapodesta.com or follow her on twitter @lenapodesta

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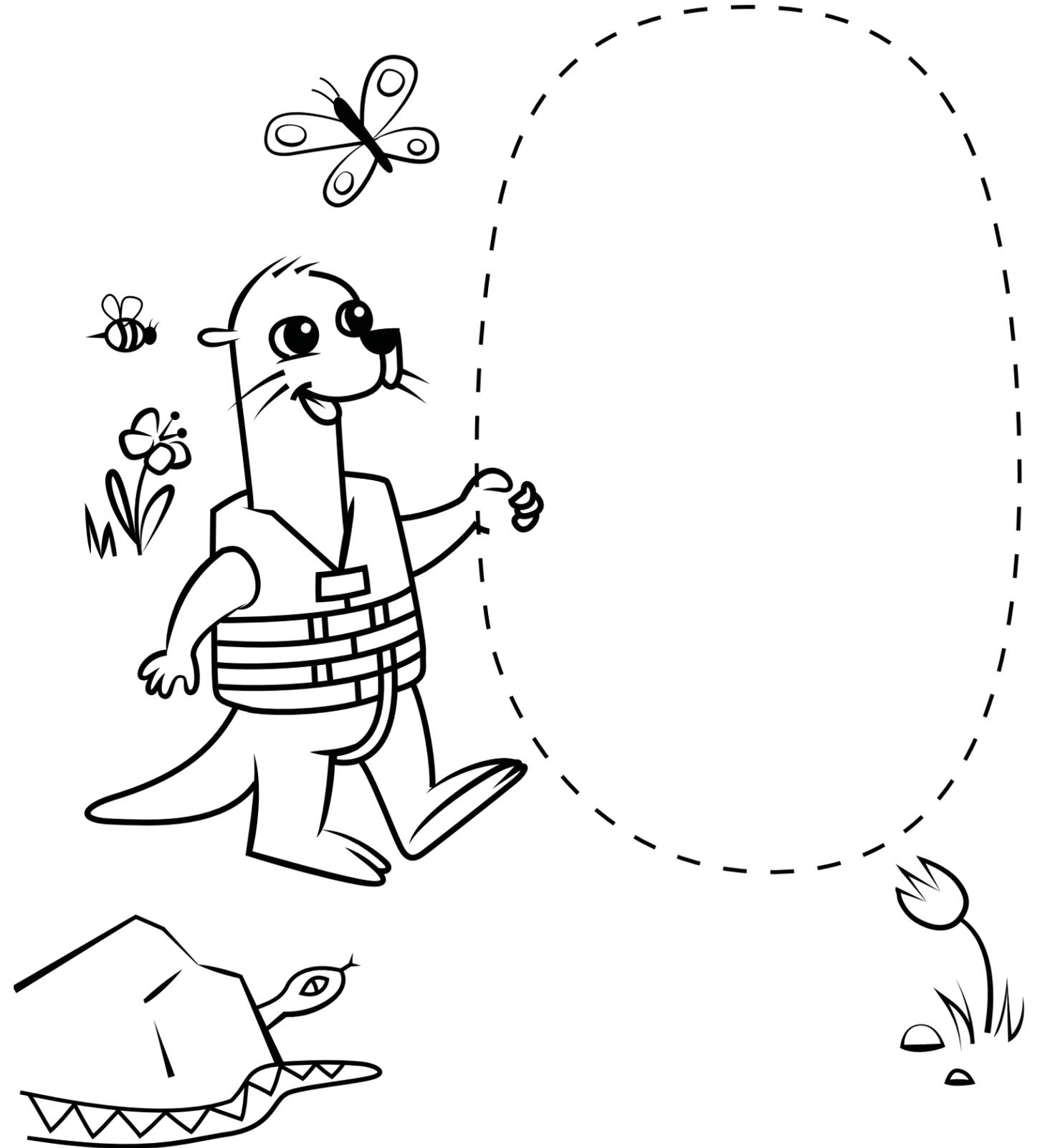
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Oscar says:

1. Let someone know before you go
2. Don't go alone when you leave your home
3. You otter be in a good PFD
4. Reach from the beach and DON'T jump in if someone can't swim.
5. You otter scout before you go out
6. You otter scam if you see a dam
7. On your back to swim if you go in
8. You otter not stand until you're on land



2. Don't go alone when you leave your home!

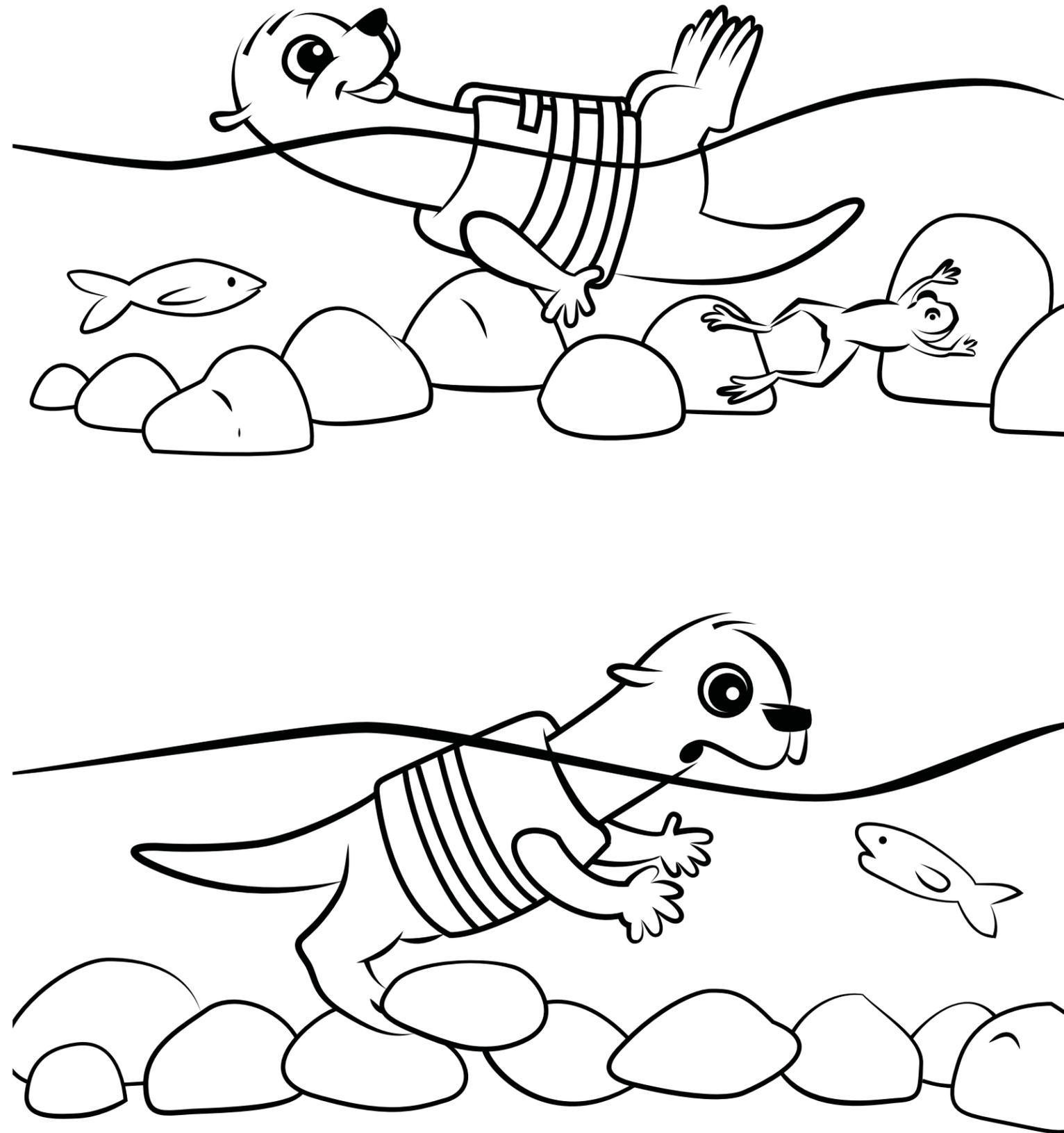


Draw a grown-up in the circle to go with Oscar.

3. You otter be in a good PFD!

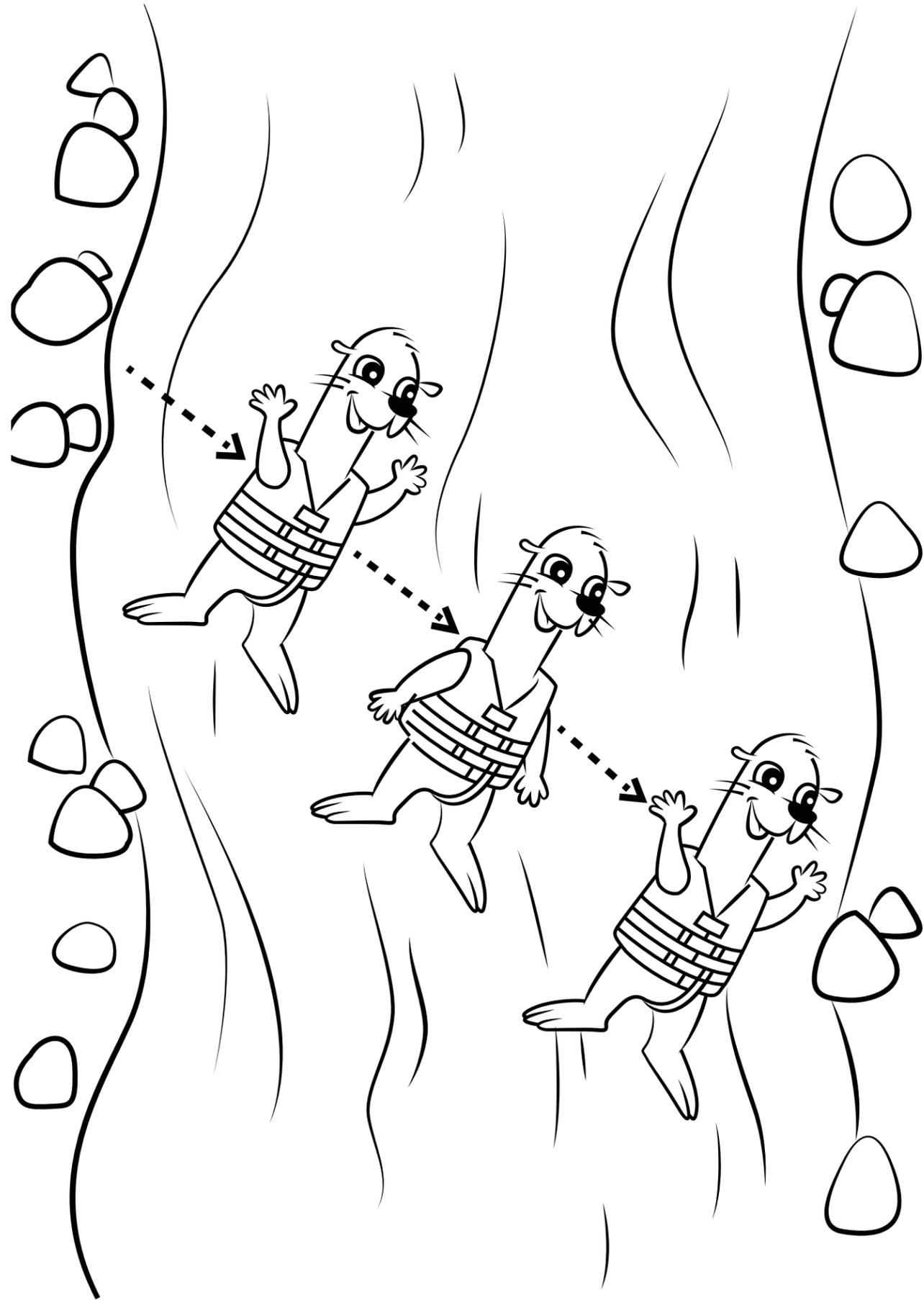


8. You otter not stand until you're on land!

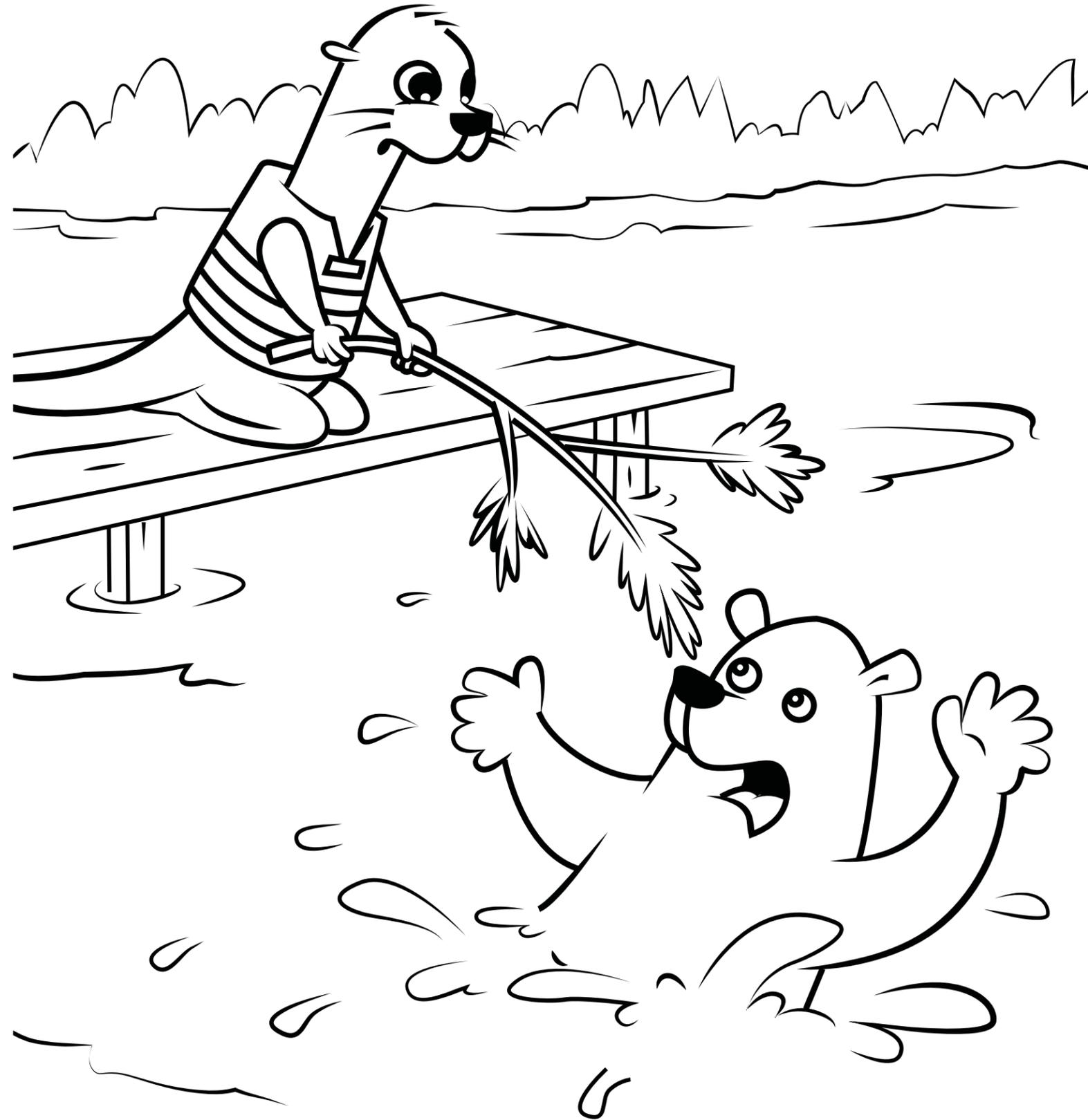


A PFD is a Personal Flotation Device (Lifejacket).
Make sure it's US Coast Guard Approved!

7. On your back to swim if you go in!

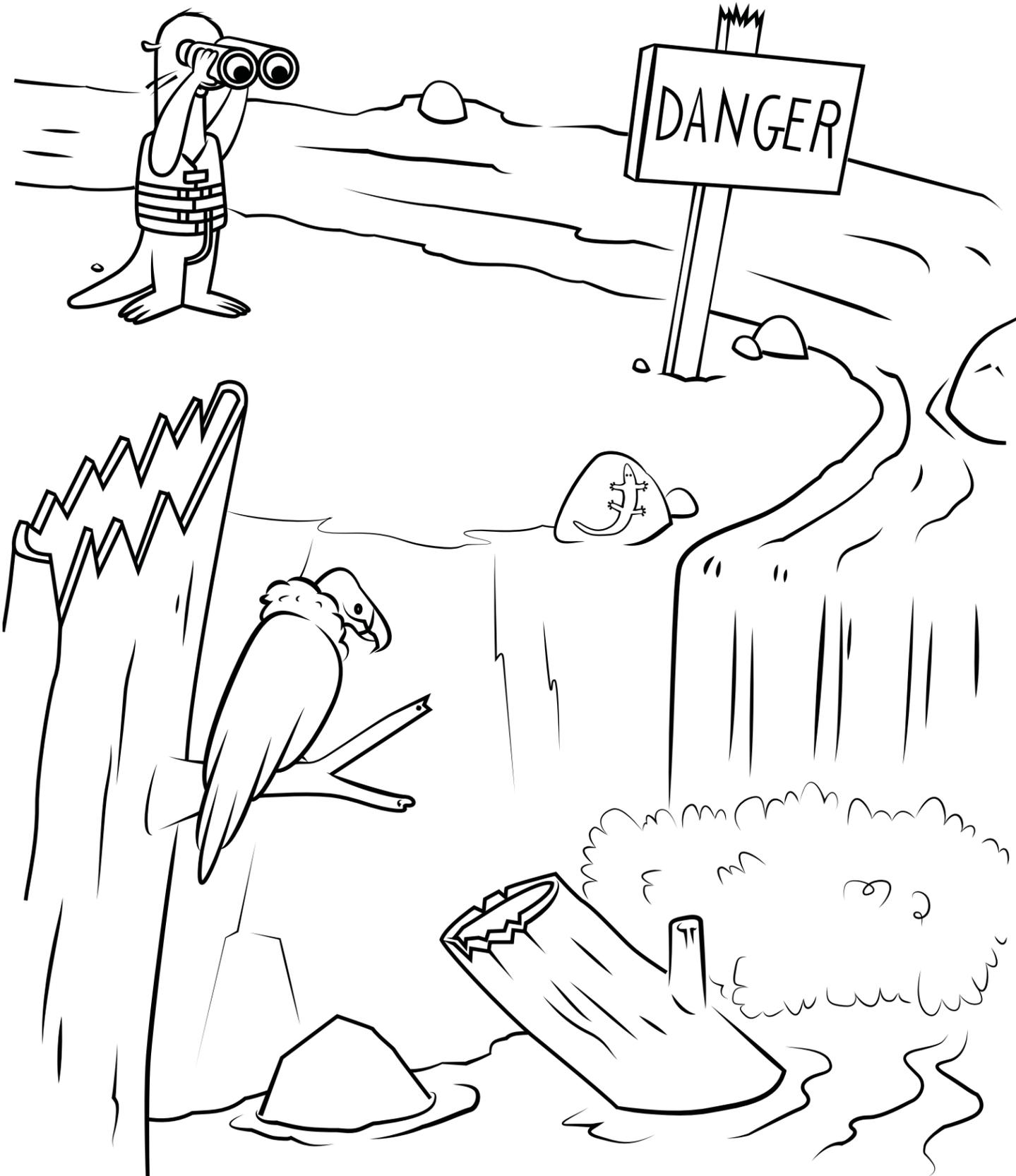


4. Reach from the beach and don't jump in if someone can't swim.



Draw a PFD on Oscar's friend.

5. You otter scout before you go out!



Name 3 dangers Oscar might see.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

6. You otter scam if you see a dam!

