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WelcomeBC



Walter swims on his back at the Vancouver Aquarium.
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Sea otter recovers 📖

Walter is a sea otter. He was found on the beach near Tofino.

Someone shot Walter with a shotgun in October. He was shot many times.

He almost died. He had broken teeth and a broken flipper.

He was starving. He is blind.

Walter was lucky. He was taken to the Vancouver Aquarium for help.

The aquarium staff cared for him. He spent eleven weeks at the Rescue Centre.

Walter is recovering. He has a pool all to himself.

He is too hurt to live on his own in the wild. He will live his life in the aquarium.

Walter is the fourth sea otter at the aquarium.

Adapted from *The Vancouver Sun*

Links

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Answer key

1. quack
2. quick
3. quart
4. quarter
5. quiet

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Walter lives in an aquarium.

About the letter 'q'

The letter 'q' is almost always followed by a 'u'.

The letters 'qu' sound like 'kw'

Put 'qu' in front of these letters and make a word. Put the word in the sentence.

1. ___ ack _____ is the sound a duck makes.
2. ___ ick The boy moved fast. He was _____.
3. ___ art There are two pints in a _____. There are four _____s in a gallon.
4. ___ arter A _____ is worth 25 cents.
5. ___ iet After everyone is asleep, it is _____ in the house.

Answer key is on page 1.