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Odder by Katherine Applegate

Content Questions

1. In *Odder*, it is said that sharks as a rule do not eat what type of animal?
 - a. Sea otters (pg. 3)
2. In *Odder*, what number is Odder known as?
 - a. 156 (pg. 9-10)
3. In *Odder*, what is the name of Odder's favorite companion?
 - a. Kairi (pg. 14)
4. In *Odder*, what does Kairi say to Odder when Odder asks play or eat first?
 - a. "first we eat and then we play" (pg. 14-15)
5. In *Odder*, what is the name of the bay that is a little scary to some, but a place Odder thinks is worth the scare because there are succulent crabs there?
 - a. Monterey Bay (pg. 21)
6. In *Odder*, why does Odder say she wants to be close to a kayaker?
 - a. Because she is curious (pg. 32)
7. In *Odder*, how many times has Odder been trapped and relocated to quiet waters away from humans?
 - a. 8 (pg. 35)
8. In *Odder*, what does "the fifty" reference in the story of "THE FIFTY"?
 - a. That at one time there were only 50 sea otters left (pg. 43)
9. In *Odder*, how long can a sea otter stay underwater?
 - a. 6-7 minutes (pg. 45)
10. In *Odder*, what does Odder do when Kairi is nipped by a great white shark?
 - a. Swims towards the shark and begins hurling herself at him (pg. 56)
11. In *Odder*, ? (pg. 66)
 - a. He is trying to help and asks the mice
12. In *Odder*, after Odder is bitten by a young shark, where is she taken?
 - a. Highwater (pg. 73)
13. In *Odder*, what are the people called who take care of Odder at Highwater?
 - a. "aquarists" (pg. 75)
14. In *Odder*, what do the aquarists do to try and save Odder?
 - a. Surgery (pg. 79)
15. In *Odder*, what part of Odder's mom's body did she sleep on as a pup?
 - a. Stomach (pg. 86)
16. In *Odder*, what did Odder's mom do to keep her safe while she was diving for food?
 - a. Tied/looped/leashed her to strands of kelp (pg. 88)
17. In *Odder*, how many hairs per square inch is a sea otter said to have?
 - a. A million hairs per square inch (pg. 89)
18. In *Odder*, what happens to cause Odder and her mother to become separated?
 - a. A storm (pg. 106-107, 129)
19. In *Odder*, what are the names of the elder sea otters who decide to be kind to Odder?
 - a. Gracie and Holly (pg. 150-151)

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20. In *Odder*, what do Gracie and Holly tell Odder it is best to be: a name or a number?
 - a. A number (pg. 153)
21. In *Odder*, what does Odder call the humans taking care of her until Gracie and Holly inform her of what they are really called?
 - a. Animals (pg. 159)
22. In *Odder*, what does Odder find out has happened to Kairi from Gracie and Holly?
 - a. That she had a stillborn pup and that she has the shaking sickness (pg. 193-195)
23. In *Odder*, what name is given to Odder at Highwater when she returns there for rehabilitation after the shark attack?
 - a. Jazz (pg. 229)
24. In *Odder*, when Odder discovers Kairi is at Highwater, what does Odder discover has also been given to Kairi to take care of at Highwater?
 - a. An abandoned pup (pg. 218)
25. In *Odder*, what does Odder always say is an otter's purpose?
 - a. Play (pg. 252)
26. In *Odder*, what does Odder do for 3 days with the pup that has been placed in the tank with her?
 - a. Ignores her (pg. 238-239)
27. In *Odder*, how long does it take before the pup that Odder taught is released into the wild?
 - a. 6 months (pg. 259-260)

In Which Book Questions:

1. In which book does a 3-year-old sea otter get bit by a shark?
 - a. Odder
2. In which book are humans called “animals” and are trying to rescue a marine animal?
 - a. Odder
3. In which book do we find a character called Kairi?
 - a. Odder
4. In which book do we read about two settings: a marine rehabilitation center and the ocean?
 - a. Odder
5. In which book does a mother and her pup get separated during a storm?
 - a. Odder
6. In which book do aquarists wear “disguises” so the animals will not get too attached to them?
 - a. Odder
7. In which book are young pups placed with adults who are not their mothers?
 - a. Odder
8. In which book is it said that the whole purpose of life is to play?
 - a. Odder