

**A** NO CHANGE

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**B** how large a role that it played

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**C** how large a role sea otters played

It provides the noun “sea otters” to identify who or what “played a role.”

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**D** that they played such a large role

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