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Reading	Warm-Up List
Story Words	Sound-Out Words
they	wades
wasp	webbed
butterflies	thrush
salt	doze
protects	
play	
all	

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I like mud—gobs and globs and blobs of mud.

There are animals that like mud as much as I do!



River otters like mud.

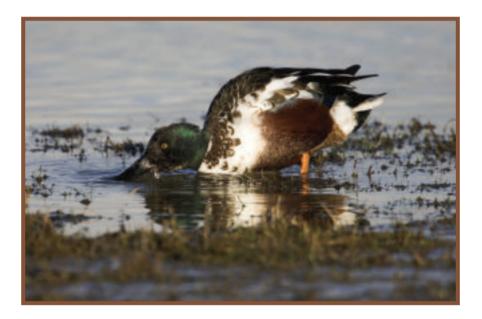
### An otter will make its home next to a river.



Then it can flip and flop and slip and slop in the mud for fun.

# Ducks like mud.

The mud in a pond is loaded with bugs.



A duck wades in the mud. It digs for bugs with its bill and gobbles them up.

## Frogs like mud.

Frogs have long, strong legs and webbed feet. They can swim well in mud-filled ponds. Mud is a big help to frogs. Some animals think that frogs are a terrific snack.



But this frog is well hidden in the mud. Other animals will not eat it for lunch. The thrush likes mud. She makes a nest of mud and twigs and grass.



The mud makes her nest snug and strong.

### The potter wasp likes mud.





She makes little pots of mud.





Then she drops her eggs in the pots.

New wasps wiggle from the pots.

Butterflies like mud.

## Butterflies gather to sip mud from a puddle.



Mud has salt and other things in it that butterflies need to eat.

# Pigs like mud—a lot!

When it is hot, pigs doze in the mud.

## Mud protects a pig's skin from the hot sun.



Piglets like to clomp and stomp in mud.

WE like mud. We like to swish and splish and splash and dash and play in mud all day!



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