Welcome to the Elkhorn Slough Reserve! A slough (pr:slew) is a slow, winding waterway that is shaped like the letter “S.” We have lots of animals that like to live in our slough, and all around it too.

Today you get to go on a journey on one of our trails! As you fly over the trail, I want you to think about the types of animals that live here. 

After you watch the video, answer the questions! Ready? Let’s get going!

1. Many animals live in the **Oak trees**. I’m thinking of an animal that has feathers, wings and a beak for eating. Can you guess what it is?

   Yes, a bird! I want you to draw a parent and a baby bird living in an oak tree. What does their house look like?

2. Animals live on the ground in the **green grass**. I’m thinking of an animal with no arms and no legs. It has scales and it likes to slither. What am I thinking of?

   That’s right, a snake! Snakes live under the ground, but they like to move through the grass and be in the sun on a warm day. Can you draw a snake in the grassland?
As you fly out over the mud flats and the water of the Slough think about the animals that live here.

3. In the **mud** we might find an animal with a hard shell and pinching claws, who might that be?

![Crab Image]

That’s right, a crab! They are busy eating sea grass and hiding. Can you pretend to be a crab eating sea grass? Can you draw a crab?

4. Animals live in the salty water of the slough. There are fish swimming in the cold water, but there is another animal I am thinking of. It is brown, furry and it has whiskers. It likes to lay on its back and fluff its fur. Can you guess this one?

![Otter Image]

It’s an otter! Otter moms like to carry their babies while they float on their back. Can you pretend to be an otter floating on your back? Can you draw a furry otter mom with her baby pup on her stomach?