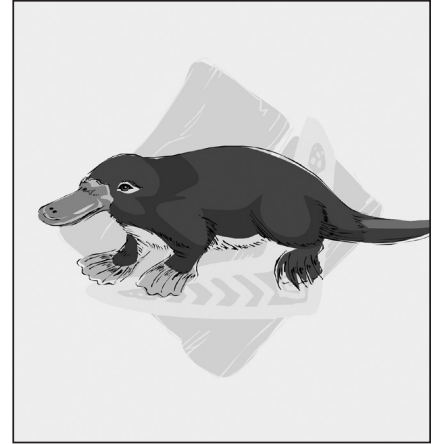


Read the passage and correct the errors. There are no errors in the picture or caption.

31. A Funny-Looking Mammal

All mammals have hair and provide milk for their young. The platypus is an Australian mammal that lives along Streams and Lakes. It has webbed feet, strong claws a rubbery bill that looks like a duck's bill, and a tail shaped like a beaver tail. It uses its bill to locate prey, and mainly hunts at night. The average platypus weighs about 2.5 to 3 pounds and is about 1.5 feet long. A platypus can swim with its eyes, ears, and nose shut. The platupus was discovered in 1796. The first specimen, a dried skin, was sent from London in 1799. The scientests in London, which were surprised by the skin, thought that someone had tried to fool them by attaching the bill of a duck to a mammal. It is probably a better thing that they didn't know for another 15 years that the platupus lays eggs? That real would have confused them!

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①	Adjective
①	Adverb



The platypus lives along streams and lakes. The first specimen, a dried skin, was sent from Australia to London in 1799. In 1884, scientists discovered that the platypus lays eggs.

Optional: Rewrite the passage without errors.

Answers

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All mammals have hair and provide milk for their young. The platypus is an Australian mammal that lives along **streams**¹ and **lakes**². It has **webbed**³ feet, strong claws,⁴ a rubbery bill that looks like a duck's bill, and a tail shaped like a **beaver's**⁵ tail. It uses its bill to locate prey, and mainly hunts at night. The average platypus weighs about 2.5 to 3 pounds, and is about 1.5 feet long. A platypus can swim with its eyes, ears, and nose shut. The platypus was discovered in 1796. The first specimen, a dried skin, was sent **to**⁶ London in 1799. The **scientists**⁷ in London, **who**⁸ were surprised by the skin, thought that someone had tried to fool them by attaching the bill of a duck to a mammal. It is probably a **good**⁹ thing that they didn't know for another **85**¹⁰ years that the platypus lays eggs.¹¹ That **really**¹² would have confused them!

1. streams – Capitalization: Do not capitalize common nouns.
2. lakes – Capitalization: Do not capitalize common nouns.
3. webbed – Spelling: **Web** has a short vowel sound (**e**), so double the final consonant before adding the vowel suffix **-ed**.
4. claws, – Punctuation: Use a comma to separate words in a series.
5. beaver's – Noun: Use **'s** to make a singular noun possessive.
6. to London – Content: See caption.
7. scientists – Spelling: Use **-ist** when the word means someone who does something.
8. who – Noun/Pronoun: Use the relative pronoun **who** to refer to people.
9. good – Adjective: Use a comparative irregular adjective to compare two things.
10. 85 years – Content: See caption.
11. eggs. – Punctuation: Use a period at the end of a sentence.
12. really – Adverb: Use an adverb to describe the verb **confused**.