A Home That Helps

Find details that explain a main idea.

2.LF.24.a "Explain how the supporting details contribute to the main idea."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells the main idea, then circle one detail in each paragraph that helps explain it.

The Beaver's Hidden Home

(1) A beaver lodge is a home that helps beavers stay safe and dry. Beavers pile sticks and mud to build it. The thick walls help keep wind and rain out. From the shore, the lodge looks like a mound.

(2) The way into a lodge is under the water. A beaver can swim down and enter through this opening. Animals that hunt beavers on land cannot simply walk inside. This hidden door helps protect the beaver family.

(3) Inside the lodge, beavers rest in a room above the water. The room stays dry even though the entrance is wet. Young beavers can sleep in this dry space with their family. This room gives the family a safe place to rest.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do the thick walls help make the lodge a good home?

2. How does the underwater entrance help keep beavers safe?

3. How does the room above the water help the beaver family?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a place other than a beaver lodge that helps people or animals. Write one sentence telling your main idea about that place, then write two sentences that each give a detail and explain how it supports your main idea.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells the main idea, then circle one detail in each paragraph that helps explain it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the thick walls help make the lodge a good home?	**The thick walls help keep wind and rain out, so the beavers can stay dry.**
2	How does the underwater entrance help keep beavers safe?	**Animals that hunt beavers on land cannot simply walk into the lodge.**
3	How does the room above the water help the beaver family?	**It gives the family a dry place to sleep and rest.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A library helps people learn. Its books teach readers new facts, so people can learn about many things. Librarians help people find books, which makes it easier to learn about a topic.

For the marking job, accept details that explain how the lodge keeps beavers safe or dry. For Your Turn, accept any clear main idea about a different place with two details that each explain how the place helps.