

Beavers in Winter

Read with a question in mind and mark details that answer it.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.2.4a "Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read to learn how beavers get ready for winter. Underline three details that help answer that question.

Ready for Cold Days

- ① Beavers work hard before winter comes. They build homes called lodges in ponds or slow streams. A lodge has an underwater door, so the animals can swim inside and stay safer from many land animals.
- ② As fall days grow cooler, beavers gather branches near their lodge. They push the branches underwater and make a food pile. In winter, the water above the pile may freeze, but the branches remain easy to reach.
- ③ Beavers do not sleep through winter like some animals. They stay in the lodge and eat bark from the branches they stored. When the ice melts in spring, beavers can swim out to find fresh food.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What question should you keep in mind as you read this passage?

2 What is the passage mostly about?

3 What detail tells why beavers can eat during winter?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write a new question that you could read the passage to answer. Then write two details from the passage that answer your question.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Read to learn how beavers get ready for winter. Underline three details that help answer that question. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What question should you keep in mind as you read this passage?	How do beavers get ready for winter?
2	What is the passage mostly about?	Beavers prepare for winter by building lodges and storing branches for food.
3	What detail tells why beavers can eat during winter?	They make a food pile underwater, where the branches stay easy to reach even if the water above freezes.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Question: How does a beaver's lodge help it in winter? The underwater door lets the beaver swim into its lodge. Inside, it can stay safer from many land animals.

Accept any clear reading question about the passage and two accurate details that answer it. For the marking job, accept any three details about building a lodge or gathering and storing branches for winter.