Beaver Detail Detectives

Use question words to find key details.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.1 "Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Mark three details in the passage. Next to each detail, write a different question word, who, what, where, when, why, or how, that the detail helps answer.

Beavers at Work

1. Beavers are busy builders that live near streams and ponds. Their wide, flat tails help them swim and balance on land. Strong front teeth let beavers cut small trees and branches. A beaver's thick fur helps keep its body warm in cold water.

2. To make a pond, beavers place branches, mud, and stones across a moving stream. This dam slows the water. Water collects behind the dam, making a deeper pond. The pond gives beavers a safer place to swim and find food.

3. Beavers often build a home called a lodge in the pond. The lodge may have an underwater door, which can help keep some animals out. In autumn, beavers store branches near the lodge. They eat bark and twigs during winter.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What materials do beavers place across a moving stream?

2. Why does water collect behind a dam?

3. When do beavers store branches near the lodge?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two new questions about the passage using two different question words that were not used in Part 2. Answer each question in a complete sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Mark three details in the passage. Next to each detail, write a different question word, who, what, where, when, why, or how, that the detail helps answer. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What materials do beavers place across a moving stream?	**Beavers place branches, mud, and stones across a moving stream.**
2	Why does water collect behind a dam?	**Water collects behind a dam because the dam slows the water.**
3	When do beavers store branches near the lodge?	**Beavers store branches near the lodge in autumn.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Where do beavers often build a lodge? Beavers often build a lodge in the pond. How do beavers get food during winter? They eat bark and twigs during winter.

Accept equivalent answers that are supported by the passage. For Part 3, accept two question words not used in Part 2 and complete, accurate answers from the passage.