

Zoom Out!

Zoom in on each paragraph. Zoom out to see the big idea.

GRADE 2 • RI.2.2

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.2 "Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text."

NAME _____

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READ Read it two times

Beavers by the Pond

- ① Beavers eat bark, leaves, and water plants. In summer, they also eat green plants near the pond. In fall, beavers cut small branches. They store the branches in water for food in winter.
- ② Beavers build dams from sticks, mud, and rocks. A dam can slow a stream and make a pond. Beavers build a home called a lodge in the pond. Its door is under water.
- ③ A beaver can stay safe in its pond. If danger comes, it can slap its tail on the water. This warns other beavers. Then the beavers can swim into their lodge.

ZOOM IN

One paragraph at a time

What is each paragraph mostly about? Draw a line from the paragraph to its match. **One phrase matches no paragraph.** Put an X on it.

Paragraph 1

How beavers stay safe

Paragraph 2

How beavers have babies

Paragraph 3

What beavers eat

How beavers build dams

ZOOM OUT

The whole text

Circle what the **whole** text is mostly about. Watch out: one choice is too small, and one is too big.

A. How beavers build dams

B. How beavers live by ponds

C. Animals

The whole text is mostly about _____

DRAW IT

Show what you learned

DRAW ONE THING THE TEXT TAUGHT YOU. ADD A LABEL.

ZOOM IN • MATCHES

- Paragraph 1 → **What beavers eat**
- Paragraph 2 → **How beavers build dams**
- Paragraph 3 → **How beavers stay safe**
- Gets the X (matches nothing): **How beavers have babies**

ZOOM OUT • MAIN TOPIC

Correct: **B. How beavers live by ponds**

Paragraph 1 focuses on food, paragraph 2 focuses on building dams and lodges, and paragraph 3 focuses on staying safe. “How beavers build dams” is too small because it covers one paragraph, while “Animals” is too big because it includes many animals besides beavers.

Sample sentence: The whole text is mostly about how beavers live by ponds.

DRAW IT

Accept any drawing that shows something from the text with a label, for example a dam, a lodge, a beaver eating bark, or a tail slap.