

Busy Beaver Builders

Find the big idea and its supporting facts.

ELA.2.R.2.2 "Identify the central idea and relevant details in a text."

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells the central idea, then number three details that tell how beavers build or protect their homes.

Beavers Build Homes

- ① Beavers are animals that build homes in ponds and streams. They use their strong teeth to cut small trees and branches. Then they carry the wood through the water to make a safe place to live.
- ② A beaver may pile logs, mud, and stones across a stream. This dam slows the water and makes a pond. The pond can help protect the beaver's lodge, which is its home.
- ③ Inside the lodge, beavers make a dry room above the water. They enter through an underwater opening, which can keep some predators away. By building dams and lodges, beavers create a safer home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is the central idea of the passage?

2 Which detail from paragraph 1 helps explain how beavers build homes?

3 How do the dam and the underwater opening help protect a beaver?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a different animal. Write two sentences about it: the first sentence tells a central idea, and the second sentence gives two details that support the idea.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells the central idea, then number three details that tell how beavers build or protect their homes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the central idea of the passage?	Beavers build dams and lodges to create safer homes.
2	Which detail from paragraph 1 helps explain how beavers build homes?	Beavers use their strong teeth to cut small trees and branches.
3	How do the dam and the underwater opening help protect a beaver?	The dam makes a pond that can protect the lodge, and the underwater opening can keep some predators away.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Sea turtles lay their eggs in safe places on land. A mother crawls onto a sandy beach and covers the eggs with sand. Accept central ideas that state that beavers build dams and lodges for safer homes. For the open task, accept a clear central idea and two details that support it.