Space Scout

See how clear spaces help readers.

2.F.H.1.c "Use appropriate spacing throughout the body of a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In the first sentence of each paragraph, lightly circle every space between words. Each circle should show one clear space so readers can tell where one word ends and the next begins.

Busy Beavers

1. Beavers build homes called lodges near ponds and streams. They use sticks, mud, and rocks. A lodge has an underwater door, which helps keep the beaver safe from many land animals. Families rest inside the lodge.

2. Beavers also build dams across moving water. The dams slow the water and can make a pond. In a pond, beavers can swim, find food, and carry branches to their lodge more easily.

3. Young beavers stay with their parents for about two years. During that time, they learn to swim and help with the lodge. When they are older, they leave to make a home of their own.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How many spaces are between the words in the first sentence of paragraph 1?

2. How many spaces are in this sentence from paragraph 2: "The dams slow the water and can make a pond."

3. In paragraph 3, write the three words that come after "When." Use one space between each word.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal you know. Put one clear space between each word, and begin the second sentence one space after the first period.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.F.H.1.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In the first sentence of each paragraph, lightly circle every space between words. Each circle should show one clear space so readers can tell where one word ends and the next begins. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How many spaces are between the words in the first sentence of paragraph 1?	**8 spaces**
2	How many spaces are in this sentence from paragraph 2: “The dams slow the water and can make a pond.”	**9 spaces**
3	In paragraph 3, write the three words that come after “When.” Use one space between each word.	**they are older**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beavers slap their tails on water. This sound can warn other beavers.

Accept 8 spaces for question 1 and 9 spaces for question 2. For question 3, accept “they are older” with one space between each word. For the writing task, accept two related sentences with clear spaces between words and one space after the first period.