Beaver Word Hunt

Find words that name, explain, and describe ideas.

2.L.V.1 "General, Academic, & Specialized Vocabulary: Acquire and use general, academic, and specialized vocabulary words and phrases in a variety of settings."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the science words about beavers and ponds. Underline the words that show Maya thinking or sharing information.

Maya at the Pond

1. On Saturday, Maya visited a pond near her town. She saw a beaver carry a branch through the water. The beaver's flat tail slapped the pond, making a loud sound. Maya wanted to observe what happened next.

2. A beaver lives in a habitat that gives it food, water, and shelter. At the pond, the beaver used its sharp teeth to gnaw wood. It stacked sticks and mud to build a dam across a small stream.

3. Maya wrote notes in her journal. She explained that the dam can slow water and make a deeper pond. Then she compared the beaver's work to people building a wall to hold back water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does the science word habitat mean in this passage?

2. Which word tells that Maya looked carefully to see what would happen next?

3. Name the two words that tell how Maya shared her ideas about the beaver's dam.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal you know. Use a general word, an academic word such as observed or explained, and a specialized animal word.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the science words about beavers and ponds. Underline the words that show Maya thinking or sharing information. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the science word habitat mean in this passage?	**A place that gives an animal food, water, and shelter.**
2	Which word tells that Maya looked carefully to see what would happen next?	**observe**
3	Name the two words that tell how Maya shared her ideas about the beaver's dam.	**explained and compared**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A barn owl is a nocturnal bird that hunts at night. I observed its feathers as it flew from a tree.

Accept answers that use the passage meaning for habitat, observe, explained, and compared. For the open task, accept two connected sentences that include a general word, an academic word, and an accurate specialized animal word.