

Pond Builders

Use a question and text details to understand an informational text.

2.P.EICC.3 "Comprehension Strategies: Engage with a range of complex texts for a variety of tasks and purposes, accessing and using strategies for comprehension* before, during, and after reading as part of the meaning-making process."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Before you read, ask, "How does a beaver pond help living things?" As you read, underline three details that help answer your question.

Beaver Ponds

- ① Beavers live near streams and ponds. They use their strong front teeth to cut branches. Then they carry sticks, mud, and rocks to a stream. Their dam slows the water and can make a pond behind it.
- ② A beaver pond can become a home for many animals. Fish may swim in the deeper water. Frogs lay eggs near pond plants. Ducks can rest there. The pond also gives some animals water to drink.
- ③ Beavers do not build dams only to help other animals. The deep pond gives beavers a safer place to swim and hide from some enemies. A beaver family may build a lodge in the pond, with an underwater entrance.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Use a detail you underlined. How does the pond help frogs?

2 The text says that a lodge has an “underwater entrance.” Reread the words around underwater. What does underwater mean?

3 After reading, answer the question in the job text. Use two ideas from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a nonfiction book page. Before reading, write one question; as you read, underline two details; after reading, write one sentence that answers your question using the details.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Before you read, ask, “How does a beaver pond help living things?” As you read, underline three details that help answer your question. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Use a detail you underlined. How does the pond help frogs?	Frogs lay eggs near pond plants.
2	The text says that a lodge has an “underwater entrance.” Reread the words around underwater. What does underwater mean?	It means under the water.
3	After reading, answer the question in the job text. Use two ideas from the passage.	A beaver pond can be a home where animals rest or lay eggs, and it gives animals water to drink.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Before reading: How do ladybugs help plants? I underlined “Ladybugs eat aphids” and “Aphids can harm plants.”
After reading: Ladybugs help plants by eating aphids that can harm plants.

Accept supported details for Question 1 and synonyms such as “below the water” for Question 2. For Question 3, accept a response that answers the guiding question with two accurate ideas from the passage.