Beaver Evidence Hunt

Point to text details that support an idea.

2.T.RA.2.a "Refer to specific parts of texts when supporting an idea, answer, or opinion. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence in each paragraph that tells something a beaver can do. Number your three underlined sentences 1, 2, and 3 so you can point to text details when you answer.

Busy Beavers

1. Beavers live near streams and ponds. Their large front teeth cut small trees and branches. Beavers carry the wood to the water. They use mud, sticks, and stones to build dams across slow-moving streams.

2. A dam slows the water behind it and can make a deeper pond. In the deeper pond, a beaver can build a lodge, which is its home. The water around the lodge can help keep some animals away.

3. Beavers also use their flat tails while they work. A tail helps a beaver swim and steer in water. When a beaver feels danger, it may slap its tail on the water. The loud sound warns nearby beavers.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What sentence in paragraph 1 tells what beavers use to build dams? Write the sentence.

2. How does a dam help a beaver have a home? Use two sentences from paragraph 2 in your answer.

3. What are two ways a beaver's tail helps it? Use details from paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about beavers. First, state an opinion about beavers. Next, give one text detail from one paragraph. Last, give a text detail from a different paragraph that supports your opinion.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.T.RA.2.a

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence in each paragraph that tells something a beaver can do. Number your three underlined sentences 1, 2, and 3 so you can point to text details when you answer. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What sentence in paragraph 1 tells what beavers use to build dams? Write the sentence.	**They use mud, sticks, and stones to build dams across slow-moving streams.**
2	How does a dam help a beaver have a home? Use two sentences from paragraph 2 in your answer.	**A dam slows the water behind it and can make a deeper pond. In the deeper pond, a beaver can build a lodge, which is its home.**
3	What are two ways a beaver's tail helps it? Use details from paragraph 3.	**A tail helps a beaver swim and steer in water. When a beaver feels danger, it may slap its tail on the water, and the loud sound warns nearby beavers.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beavers have body parts that help them do important jobs. Their large front teeth cut small trees and branches. Their tails help them swim and steer in water.

Accept opinions that are supported by one accurate detail from each of two different paragraphs. Accept copied text details or accurate student paraphrases when the details support the stated opinion.