

Beaver Builder Facts

Find how an informational text introduces, explains, and concludes a topic.

2.T.T.2.d "Use knowledge of expository techniques to create texts that introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop the topic, and provide a concluding statement or section. (C)"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that introduces beavers. Circle each sentence that tells what a word means, and put a star by the ending sentence that sums up why beavers matter.

Busy Beavers

- ① Beavers are mammals that live near ponds, streams, and rivers. A mammal is an animal with hair or fur that feeds milk to its babies. Beavers have thick brown fur and wide, flat tails.
- ② Beavers use their strong front teeth to cut down small trees. They pile logs, mud, and rocks across water to make a dam. A dam is a wall that holds back water. The dam can make a deep pond.
- ③ Beavers also build homes called lodges in or near the pond. The water around a lodge helps keep many predators away. Beavers are important builders because their dams create pond homes for other animals too.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What sentence introduces the topic of beavers?

2 What does the text say a dam is?

3 What idea does the last sentence give the reader?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write four sentences about an animal, plant, or place. Introduce your topic in sentence 1, give a definition in sentence 2, add a fact in sentence 3, and end with a concluding sentence in sentence 4.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that introduces beavers. Circle each sentence that tells what a word means, and put a star by the ending sentence that sums up why beavers matter. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What sentence introduces the topic of beavers?	Beavers are mammals that live near ponds, streams, and rivers.
2	What does the text say a dam is?	A dam is a wall that holds back water.
3	What idea does the last sentence give the reader?	Beavers are important because their dams create pond homes for other animals.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A cactus is a plant that grows in dry places. A cactus is a plant with a thick stem that stores water. Its spines can help protect it from animals. A cactus is well suited for a dry desert home.

Accept answers that correctly identify the introduction, definitions, and concluding idea in the passage. For Part 3, accept a clear topic introduction, an accurate definition, a related fact, and a concluding sentence.