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)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.T.T.2.d

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.