Beaver Word Hunt

Notice vowel teams and silent-e patterns in connected text.

3.F.P.4 "Decoding & Encoding with Phonics: Use knowledge of phonics to decode and encode grade-level words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each word that has a vowel team, two vowels that work together to spell one vowel sound. This helps you notice spelling patterns as you read.

Beavers at Work

1. At dawn, a beaver swims across a quiet pond. Its flat tail steers it past reeds and stones. The beaver carries a green branch to its lodge, a home made from sticks and mud. Near the shore, it chews wood with strong teeth. A beaver can close its ears and nose while it dives below water.

2. Beavers are busy builders. They pile logs and rocks in a stream to make a dam. The dam slows the water and can form a deep pool. This pool gives the animals a safe place to rest. In winter, the lodge may be covered by ice, but the beavers stay warm inside with stored food.

3. One evening, a child watches a beaver drag a leafy twig. Splash, the beaver slips beneath the water. The child sees bubbles rise near the dam, then hears a soft scrape on the bank. Soon, moonlight shines on the pond. The child walks home, thinking about the clever animal and its careful work by night.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Write two words from the passage that use ee to spell the /ē/ sound.

2. In the word tail, what sound does ai spell?

3. Write one word from the first paragraph with a consonant, vowel, consonant, silent-e pattern. Circle the silent e.

4. Write the word from the third paragraph that ends with -ight.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an animal. Use one word with a vowel team and one word with a silent e. Underline the vowel-team word and circle the silent e.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each word that has a vowel team, two vowels that work together to spell one vowel sound. This helps you notice spelling patterns as you read. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Write two words from the passage that use ee to spell the /ē/ sound.	**green; teeth**
2	In the word tail, what sound does ai spell?	**The long a sound, /ā/.**
3	Write one word from the first paragraph with a consonant, vowel, consonant, silent-e pattern. Circle the silent e.	**made, home, or nose, with the final e circled**
4	Write the word from the third paragraph that ends with -ight.	**moonlight**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A goat trots down a trail. It comes hom ⓔ before dark.

Accept correctly spelled passage words and accurate sound or pattern identifications. For the open task, accept any two animal-related sentences with one correctly marked vowel-team word and one correctly marked silent-e word.