Beaver Word Builders

Read closely to find long-vowel spelling patterns.

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

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each vowel team that spells the long e or long a sound. This helps you notice how two letters can work together to spell one vowel sound.

Busy Beaver Builders

1. Beavers are busy builders that live near ponds and streams. At night, a beaver may carry leafy branches to the water. It uses its wide, flat tail to steer and to warn other beavers of danger. Its sharp teeth can cut through wood, helping it gather pieces for a strong home beside the bank safely.

2. A beaver's home is called a lodge. The lodge can have an underwater entrance, which helps keep the animal safe from many predators. Inside, the beaver makes a dry room above the waterline. A family may share this shelter through the winter, when ice covers the pond and food is harder to reach each cold day.

3. To build a dam, beavers pile stones, sticks, and mud across moving water. The barrier slows the stream and creates a deeper pond. A quiet pond gives the animals room to swim, store food, and raise their young. Beavers also repair weak spots, so their homes can last through heavy rain or melting snow in spring.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, write the word with ee that means “guide.”

2. In paragraph 1, write the two-syllable word with ea that names the animal.

3. In paragraph 2, write the word with ea that means “get to something.”

4. In paragraph 3, write the word with ai that falls from clouds.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two factual sentences about an animal other than a beaver. Underline one word with ea that spells long e and a different word with ai that spells long a.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each vowel team that spells the long e or long a sound. This helps you notice how two letters can work together to spell one vowel sound. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, write the word with ee that means “guide.”	**steer**
2	In paragraph 1, write the two-syllable word with ea that names the animal.	**beaver**
3	In paragraph 2, write the word with ea that means “get to something.”	**reach**
4	In paragraph 3, write the word with ai that falls from clouds.	**rain**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A rabbit can leap over a log. It may leave a trail in fresh snow.

Accept the listed passage words when spelled correctly. For the open task, accept two factual sentences about another animal with correctly spelled, underlined examples of ea for long e and ai for long a.