Beavers at Work

Sort facts and share what you learn

2.W.6.c "Organize, summarize, and present the information, choosing from a variety of formats."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the two foods beavers eat and circle the two materials they use to build a dam so you can group facts for a fact card.

Busy Beavers

1. Beavers are animals that live near rivers, streams, and ponds. Their strong front teeth keep growing. Beavers use these teeth to cut small trees. They eat bark and leaves, and they use branches to build.

2. A beaver builds a home called a lodge. It piles up branches and mud in the water. The lodge has a dry room above the water. Beavers can rest there, even when rain or snow falls outside.

3. A beaver often swims into its lodge through an entrance under the water. This hidden way in can help keep land animals out. Beavers may also build a dam from sticks and mud. The dam can make a deeper pond around the lodge.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Make two groups: Things beavers eat and Things beavers build with. Write one fact in each group.

2. Write a heading for paragraph 2. Add one fact that belongs under your heading.

3. In one sentence, sum up how a lodge helps keep a beaver safe and dry.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make a mini museum card about beavers. Give it a title, then write three numbered facts in your own words: one about food, one about a lodge, and one about a dam.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.W.6.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the two foods beavers eat and circle the two materials they use to build a dam so you can group facts for a fact card. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Make two groups: Things beavers eat and Things beavers build with. Write one fact in each group.	**Things beavers eat: bark. Things beavers build with: sticks.**
2	Write a heading for paragraph 2. Add one fact that belongs under your heading.	**A Beaver's Lodge: The lodge has a dry room above the water.**
3	In one sentence, sum up how a lodge helps keep a beaver safe and dry.	**Its dry room keeps the beaver out of rain or snow, and its underwater entrance helps keep land animals out.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

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1. Beavers chew bark and leaves for food.
2. Their lodges have a dry place to rest.
3. Dams can make water deeper near lodges.

Accept other accurate headings and facts from the passage. The museum card should have a title and three numbered facts, one for each requested topic.