Beaver Builds a Pond

Read how one action leads to another.

RI.2.3 "Describe the connection between individuals, historical events, scientific ideas or concepts or steps in technical procedures over the course of a text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words that show what the beaver does to build a dam. Underline the sentence that tells how a pond forms.

A Beaver Changes a Stream

1. A beaver lives beside a narrow stream. It cuts small trees with its sharp teeth. Then it drags sticks into the stream. Water still flows between the sticks, but the sticks slow it down.
2. The beaver packs mud around the sticks. Together, the sticks and mud make a dam. The dam holds back some of the stream water. Water spreads out behind the dam and forms a pond.
3. The beaver builds a home called a lodge in the pond. The deep water around the lodge helps keep some animals away. Frogs can live near the pond, too. The beaver's work has changed the stream.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How does cutting small trees help the beaver build a dam?

2. How does the dam help make a pond?

3. How does the pond help keep the beaver safe?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine the dam gets a large hole. Write two sentences explaining what might happen to the pond and how that change could affect frogs.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · RI.2.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the words that show what the beaver does to build a dam. Underline the sentence that tells how a pond forms. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does cutting small trees help the beaver build a dam?	**The beaver uses sticks from the trees to build the dam.**
2	How does the dam help make a pond?	**It holds back some stream water, which spreads out behind it and forms a pond.**
3	How does the pond help keep the beaver safe?	**The deep water around the beaver's lodge helps keep some animals away.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

More water would flow past the dam, so the pond might get smaller. Frogs would have less pond water to live near.

Accept answers that connect a larger hole to less water held behind the dam, then connect a smaller pond to a change for frogs.