

Living Things Build

Read for evidence of living things changing places to meet needs.

K-ESS2-2 "Construct an argument supported by evidence for how plants and animals (including humans) can change the environment to meet their needs..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what each living thing does to change its environment. Circle the words that tell what it needs, so you can use evidence for your ideas.

Changes Near Home

- ① Beavers need a safe place to live. A beaver carries sticks and mud to a stream. It piles them across the water. The pile is called a dam. The dam slows the water and makes a pond near its home.
- ② A tree needs water and room to grow. Its roots push down into soil. As the roots get bigger, they can lift a sidewalk. The tree changes the ground around it as it grows.
- ③ People need food to eat. A child plants bean seeds in a small garden. The child digs holes in the soil and puts seeds inside. Later, bean plants grow there. The garden changes the bare ground into a place where food can grow.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 What does the beaver change, and how does this help the beaver? Use a fact from the passage.

- 2 What evidence shows that a tree can change the ground?

- 3 Make a claim about how the child changes the environment to get food. Give one piece of evidence.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose two living things from the passage. Draw their changes, then write three sentences: one claim that living things can change the environment to meet needs, and one evidence sentence for each living thing.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline what each living thing does to change its environment. Circle the words that tell what it needs, so you can use evidence for your ideas. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the beaver change, and how does this help the beaver? Use a fact from the passage.	The beaver changes the stream by making a dam. The dam slows the water and makes a pond near its home, helping it have a safe place to live.
2	What evidence shows that a tree can change the ground?	The passage says that as tree roots get bigger, they can lift a sidewalk.
3	Make a claim about how the child changes the environment to get food. Give one piece of evidence.	The child changes bare ground into a garden to grow food. Evidence: the child digs holes in soil and plants bean seeds, and bean plants later grow there.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Living things can change the environment to meet their needs. A beaver makes a dam that slows water and makes a pond near its home. A child digs soil and plants bean seeds to make a garden where food can grow.

Accept a claim that connects a living thing's change to a need, supported by accurate passage evidence. For Part 3, accept any two passage examples with a clear claim and one accurate evidence detail for each.