

# Beaver Builders

Read a model informational text and notice how facts build a topic.

**2W2** "Write informative/explanatory texts that introduce a topic, use facts and other information to develop points, use content-specific language, and provide a concluding statement or section."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the sentence that introduces the topic, circle three content words, and number two facts that explain what beavers do.

### Beavers at Work

- ① Beavers are busy mammals that live near ponds and streams. They use their wide, flat tails to swim and signal danger. A beaver's strong front teeth can cut through small tree trunks.
- ② A beaver builds a dam by placing logs, sticks, and mud across moving water. The dam slows the water and can make a pond. In the pond, the beaver builds a lodge, or home, with an underwater entrance.
- ③ Beavers help shape the places where they live. Their ponds can give frogs, fish, and birds a place to find food or shelter. By building dams and lodges, beavers create a safer home for themselves.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** What is the topic of this text?

---

**2** Write two facts that explain how a dam helps a beaver.

---

---

**3** Which sentence gives the text's concluding idea?

---

---

**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write four sentences about an animal you know. Introduce the animal, give two facts using a content word, and end with a concluding sentence.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the sentence that introduces the topic, circle three content words, and number two facts that explain what beavers do. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                               | ANSWER                                                                          |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | What is the topic of this text?                        | <b>The text is about beavers and what they build.</b>                           |
| 2 | Write two facts that explain how a dam helps a beaver. | <b>A dam slows moving water. It can make a pond.</b>                            |
| 3 | Which sentence gives the text's concluding idea?       | <b>By building dams and lodges, beavers create a safer home for themselves.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Sea turtles are reptiles that live in oceans. They use flippers to swim through the water. A hard shell helps protect their bodies. Sea turtles need clean beaches and oceans to live safely.

Accept accurate statements of the topic, dam facts, and the final sentence as the conclusion. For the writing task, accept a clear topic, at least two relevant facts, a content-specific word, and a closing statement.