Busy Beaver Builders

Find important facts and use them to summarize.

2.2.R.4 "Students will begin to summarize facts and details from an informational text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one important fact in each paragraph about how beavers make a safe home. Circle one detail in each paragraph that helps explain the fact you underlined.

A Beaver's Safe Home

1. Beavers live near rivers and streams. They use their strong front teeth to cut down small trees. They drag branches through the water. These branches help beavers build a safe place to live.

2. Beavers pile branches, stones, and mud across a stream to make a dam. The dam slows the water. Water gathers behind it and makes a pond. Deep pond water helps keep beavers safe from animals on land.

3. In the pond, beavers make a home called a lodge. They build it with branches and mud. Its door is under the water, but the room inside is dry. Beavers can swim into the lodge without walking past hungry animals.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Tell how beavers get branches to build with.

2. Tell how a dam changes a stream and helps beavers stay safe.

3. Tell how a lodge gives beavers a safe place to live.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences that tell the most important facts about how beavers make a safe home. Tell how both the dam and the lodge help them.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.2.R.4

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one important fact in each paragraph about how beavers make a safe home. Circle one detail in each paragraph that helps explain the fact you underlined. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Tell how beavers get branches to build with.	**Beavers cut down small trees with their front teeth and drag branches through the water.**
2	Tell how a dam changes a stream and helps beavers stay safe.	**A dam slows the stream and makes a deep pond that helps keep beavers safe from animals on land.**
3	Tell how a lodge gives beavers a safe place to live.	**A lodge has a dry room and an underwater door, so beavers can enter without walking past hungry animals.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beavers build dams that make deep ponds and help keep them safe from animals on land. They build lodges in the ponds with underwater doors and dry rooms inside.

Accept summaries in the student's own words that accurately connect each structure to how it helps beavers. For the marking job, accept any important fact in each paragraph with a related supporting detail.