Beaver Fact Finder

Find main ideas and the facts that support them.

2.3.W.2 "Students will write facts about a topic and include a main idea with supporting details in a paragraph."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the main idea sentence in each paragraph. In each paragraph, write 1 and 2 beside the two fact sentences that support it.

Busy Beavers

1. Beavers have body parts that help them swim. Their back feet have webbed toes that push water as they swim. Their flat tails help them steer and keep their balance in the water.

2. Beaver dams help make ponds. Beavers stack branches and pack mud between them to slow the moving water. Water gathers behind a dam and forms a pond where beavers can swim to their homes.

3. A beaver lodge is a safe home in a pond. Beavers pile sticks and mud to make strong walls above the water. The lodge has a door under the water, which makes it harder for some animals to get in.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph? Write one fact that supports it.

2. What two facts support the main idea of the second paragraph?

3. Which fact in the third paragraph shows how a lodge keeps beavers safer? How does it support the main idea?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a paragraph about an animal you know. Start with a main idea about how it moves or where it lives, then add two true facts that support your idea.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.3.W.2

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the main idea sentence in each paragraph. In each paragraph, write 1 and 2 beside the two fact sentences that support it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main idea of the first paragraph? Write one fact that supports it.	**Beavers have body parts that help them swim. Their webbed back feet push water, or their flat tails help them steer and balance.**
2	What two facts support the main idea of the second paragraph?	**Beavers use branches and mud to slow the water. Water gathers behind a dam and forms a pond.**
3	Which fact in the third paragraph shows how a lodge keeps beavers safer? How does it support the main idea?	**The lodge has a door under the water. This makes it harder for some animals to get in, so the lodge is a safer home.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A squirrel has body parts that help it climb trees. Its sharp claws grip the bark. Its strong back legs help it leap from branch to branch.

In each passage paragraph, the first sentence states the main idea and the next two give supporting facts. For the student's paragraph, accept any accurate animal facts that support its stated main idea.