

Beaver Clue Detectives

Use clues when meaning gets tricky.

2.6.I "monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, checking for visual cues, and asking questions when understanding breaks down."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the title, underline words near a word you might not know that help explain it, and put a question mark beside one sentence you would reread. These marks help you notice clues and fix your understanding.

Beaver Builders

- ① Beavers live near ponds, streams, and lakes. They use their strong front teeth to cut small trees. A beaver may drag branches through the water to its home, called a lodge. The lodge has an underwater entrance.
- ② Beavers also build dams from branches, mud, and rocks. A dam is a wall across moving water. It slows the water and can make a pond. The pond gives beavers a safer place to swim and hide.
- ③ In winter, a pond may freeze on top. Beavers stay inside the lodge and swim under the ice to reach stored branches. They eat the soft bark beneath the outside layer of a branch. This food helps them live through winter.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Reread paragraph 1. What is a lodge? Which words in that paragraph help you know?

2 Use the title and what you know about builders. What does the title suggest beavers do? Give one detail from the text that proves it.

3 Ask a question that would help you understand how beavers get food in winter. Then answer your question using paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a book or article you have read. Write two sentences: in the first, name a title, heading, or picture clue and what you already know; in the second, write a question and name the part you would reread to answer it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the title, underline words near a word you might not know that help explain it, and put a question mark beside one sentence you would reread. These marks help you notice clues and fix your understanding. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Reread paragraph 1. What is a lodge? Which words in that paragraph help you know?	A lodge is a beaver's home. The helpful words are "its home, called a lodge."
2	Use the title and what you know about builders. What does the title suggest beavers do? Give one detail from the text that proves it.	It suggests that beavers build things. The text says they build dams from branches, mud, and rocks.
3	Ask a question that would help you understand how beavers get food in winter. Then answer your question using paragraph 3.	Sample: How do beavers get food when the pond freezes? They swim under the ice to stored branches and eat the soft bark.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The heading "Frog Life Cycle," the picture of a tadpole, and what I know about frogs tell me the article is about growing. I would ask, "When do legs grow?" and reread the part about the tadpole.

Accept equivalent wording for the questions if it uses passage evidence. For the open task, accept a relevant visual clue or background knowledge, a sensible question, and a specific part the student would reread.