

Night Builder Clues

Use text details to build understanding.

2.6 "Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that tell why a beaver builds a dam. Circle the sentence that gives the passage's big idea.

The Night Builder

- ① At dusk, a beaver swims along a slow stream. It carries a leafy branch in its teeth. Near the bank, it piles sticks, mud, and stones across the water. Its flat tail slaps the surface.
- ② The pile grows taller each night. Water slows behind it and spreads into a deep pond. The beaver's home has an underwater door. In the pond, the door stays hidden from animals that may want to hunt the beaver.
- ③ Beavers do not build dams just to make a pond. A beaver dam makes a pond that gives the beaver safety and water during dry days. When people protect streams, they can help beavers and many other pond animals.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why does a beaver build a dam? Use two details from the passage.

2 A reader thinks the night builder will be a person. How does the passage correct this prediction? Give one detail.

3 A reader does not understand why the pond matters to the beaver. Which paragraph should the reader reread? What two details will help?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a text you are reading. Write exactly two sentences: tell your purpose for reading, then write a question or prediction you will check as you read.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that tell why a beaver builds a dam. Circle the sentence that gives the passage's big idea. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does a beaver build a dam? Use two details from the passage.	The dam makes a pond that gives the beaver safety and holds water during dry days.
2	A reader thinks the night builder will be a person. How does the passage correct this prediction? Give one detail.	The builder is a beaver. It piles sticks, mud, and stones across the water.
3	A reader does not understand why the pond matters to the beaver. Which paragraph should the reader reread? What two details will help?	Reread paragraph 3. The pond gives the beaver safety and water during dry days.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I will read my book about volcanoes to learn how eruptions change land. I predict that melted rock can cool into new land because the cover shows dark rock near a volcano.

Accept answers that use the passage details about safety, water, the beaver, and its dam. For Part 3, accept a clear reading purpose and a question or prediction connected to the student's chosen text.