

Beaver Word Detectives

Use context clues to understand and use new words.

2.7.F “respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate.”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words habitat, gnaw, dam, lodge, and repair. Underline the nearby words that help you understand each word.

Busy Beavers

- ① Beavers live near ponds and streams. Their habitat is the place where they find food, water, and shelter. A beaver uses its strong front teeth to gnaw, or chew, tree trunks and branches.
- ② With branches, mud, and stones, beavers build a dam across moving water. The dam slows the water and helps form a pond. Near the pond, beavers make a lodge, a safe home with an underwater entrance.
- ③ A beaver's pond gives fish, frogs, and ducks places to live. When a dam has a hole, a beaver may repair it by pushing mud and sticks into the hole. This keeps the pond water deeper.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is a beaver's habitat? Use the word habitat in your answer.

2 What does a beaver do when it gnaws a tree trunk? Use the word gnaws in your answer.

3 Why might a beaver repair its dam? Use repair and dam in your answer.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine a beaver is building near a stream. Write two sentences about its work. Use at least two of these words: habitat, gnaw, dam, lodge, repair.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle the words habitat, gnaw, dam, lodge, and repair. Underline the nearby words that help you understand each word. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is a beaver's habitat? Use the word habitat in your answer.	A beaver's habitat is near ponds and streams, where it finds food, water, and shelter.
2	What does a beaver do when it gnaws a tree trunk? Use the word gnaws in your answer.	It gnaws, or chews, the tree trunk.
3	Why might a beaver repair its dam? Use repair and dam in your answer.	A beaver may repair its dam to keep the pond water deeper.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A beaver may gnaw branches to build a dam in its habitat. The dam can make a pond near its lodge.

Accept answers that use the target vocabulary correctly and give details supported by the passage. For Part 3, accept any two complete sentences that use at least two listed words appropriately.