

Busy Beaver Builders

Find the big idea and details that support it.

2.9.D.i “the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance;”

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one sentence that tells the big idea. Circle three details that support the big idea.

How Beavers Change Streams

- ① Beavers are busy animals that change the places where they live. They use sticks, mud, and stones to build dams across small streams. A dam slows the water and can create a pond behind it.
- ② Beavers build dams for a safe home. The deep water around a beaver lodge can help keep some land animals away. Beavers also make underwater entrances to their lodges, so they can swim inside.
- ③ Beaver ponds can help other living things too. Fish may find calmer water near the dam. Ducks, frogs, and insects can use the pond area. When beavers change a stream, they can create a new wet place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is the central idea of the passage?

2 Write two details that support the central idea.

3 How does the detail about fish, ducks, frogs, and insects support the central idea?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of an animal that changes its home, such as a bird building a nest. Write one central idea and two details that support it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one sentence that tells the big idea. Circle three details that support the big idea. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the central idea of the passage?	Beavers build dams that change streams and create ponds.
2	Write two details that support the central idea.	Beavers use sticks, mud, and stones to build dams. A dam slows water and can create a pond.
3	How does the detail about fish, ducks, frogs, and insects support the central idea?	It shows that the pond made by beavers can help other living things.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Central idea: Birds build nests to hold their eggs safely. Details: A nest can be made from twigs and grass. It gives eggs a place to stay.

Accept a central idea that explains that beavers build dams and change streams or make ponds. For Part 3, accept another animal example with one clear big idea and two details that support it.