

Beaver Text Clues

Use text features to find information in an article.

3.9.D.ii "features such as sections, tables, graphs, timelines, bullets, numbers, and bold and italicized font to support understanding; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each bold section heading, circle each italicized word or phrase, and put a star beside the numbered list to show features that help you find ideas quickly.

Busy Beavers

- ① **Home and Food** Beavers live near ponds, streams, and lakes. They build homes called *lodges* from branches and mud. A lodge often has an underwater entrance, which can help keep land animals out. Beavers eat bark, leaves, roots, and water plants. In autumn, a family stores sticks near its lodge for winter food when ponds freeze.
- ② **Building a Dam** A dam changes moving water into a deeper pond. Beavers use their front teeth and strong paws to work. To build, they use three actions: 1. cut small trees or gather branches; 2. push wood and mud into the water; 3. add more material where water leaks. The pond gives the beavers a safer place to swim and hide.
- ③ **Why It Matters** A beaver pond can become a wetland, a place where water covers soil for much of the year. Wetlands give frogs, fish, and birds places to live. They can also slow floodwater. *Wetland helpers* is a useful phrase because it tells why beavers can matter to many animals in one place at once.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which bold section heading helps you find information about how a dam is made?

2 What does the italicized word *lodges* name?

3 Why did the author use numbers in the **Building a Dam** section?

4 Which section explains how a beaver pond can help other animals? Write one detail from that section.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Create a short information card about an animal or plant. Add a bold section heading, italicize one important word, and use a numbered list of two facts that fit your heading.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each bold section heading, circle each italicized word or phrase, and put a star beside the numbered list to show features that help you find ideas quickly. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which bold section heading helps you find information about how a dam is made?	Building a Dam.
2	What does the italicized word <i>lodges</i> name?	It names the homes that beavers build from branches and mud.
3	Why did the author use numbers in the Building a Dam section?	The numbers show the three actions beavers use to build a dam in order.
4	Which section explains how a beaver pond can help other animals? Write one detail from that section.	Why It Matters. It says wetlands give frogs, fish, and birds places to live, or they can slow floodwater.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

How Ants Work *Ants* live in groups called colonies. 1. Worker ants gather food. 2. Some worker ants care for young ants.

Accept any accurate animal or plant topic. The response should include a bold heading, an italicized important word or phrase, and two numbered facts that match the heading.