Beaver Builders

Read closely, then support an idea with text evidence.

2.DSR "The student will build knowledge and comprehension skills from reading and listening to a range of challenging, content-rich texts. This includes fluently reading and gathering evidence from grade-level complex texts and reading widely..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the details that tell how a beaver builds or makes its dam strong. Number each underlined detail in the order you find it.

A Beaver's Pond

1. At dusk, a beaver carries a branch to a pond. It uses its wide, flat tail to steer while swimming. On the shore, it gnaws the branch with sharp front teeth and adds it to a dam.

2. A dam is a wall of sticks, mud, and stones. It slows moving water, so a deeper pond forms behind it. The pond can make a safe place for the beaver's home, called a lodge.

3. Beavers work mostly at night, when fewer people are nearby. They carry mud with their front paws and press it into gaps. A strong dam helps keep the pond water deep, even when some water flows away.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does gnaws mean in paragraph 1? Which words in the paragraph help you know?

2. Why might a beaver work at night? Use evidence from paragraph 3.

3. Describe two actions a beaver uses to build or strengthen a dam. Use one detail from paragraph 1 and one detail from paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences that explain why a beaver needs a strong dam. Use one detail from paragraph 2 and one detail from paragraph 3, and write the paragraph number after each detail.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the details that tell how a beaver builds or makes its dam strong. Number each underlined detail in the order you find it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does gnaws mean in paragraph 1? Which words in the paragraph help you know?	**Gnaws means bites or chews. The words "sharp front teeth" help show its meaning.**
2	Why might a beaver work at night? Use evidence from paragraph 3.	**A beaver might work at night because fewer people are nearby.**
3	Describe two actions a beaver uses to build or strengthen a dam. Use one detail from paragraph 1 and one detail from paragraph 3.	**It gnaws a branch and adds it to the dam. It carries mud and presses it into gaps.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A beaver needs a strong dam because the pond can make a safe place for its lodge (paragraph 2). A strong dam also keeps the pond water deep when some water flows away (paragraph 3).

Accept accurate paraphrases or short quotations that match the passage. For the open response, accept a reasonable claim supported by one relevant detail from paragraph 2 and one from paragraph 3, with both paragraph numbers identified.