Lodge Builder Clues

Find what an informational author wants to explain.

2.RI.2.B "Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the words that show the order of building a lodge. Circle two details that show the author is explaining how lodges are made.

How Beavers Build Lodges

1. Beavers use branches, mud, and stones to build homes called lodges. A lodge may sit in a pond or beside a stream. The water around it can help keep land animals away from the beavers.

2. First, a beaver cuts small trees with its strong teeth. It carries branches to a shallow place in the water. Then it piles branches together and presses mud between them. The mud helps hold the lodge in place.

3. Inside the lodge, beavers make a dry room above the water. An underwater door leads into the lodge, so beavers can swim home. In winter, thick walls of branches and mud help the lodge stay warmer.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the author's main purpose for writing this text?

2. Does the author mainly answer a question, explain how something happens, or describe a place? Use one detail from the text to show your answer.

3. What question does the author want to answer for the reader?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences that explain how to do a simple task, such as washing hands or packing a backpack. Then write one sentence telling your purpose as the author.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the words that show the order of building a lodge. Circle two details that show the author is explaining how lodges are made. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the author's main purpose for writing this text?	**The author wants to explain how beavers build lodges.**
2	Does the author mainly answer a question, explain how something happens, or describe a place? Use one detail from the text to show your answer.	**The author mainly explains how something happens. The words "First" and "Then" show the steps beavers use to build a lodge.**
3	What question does the author want to answer for the reader?	**How do beavers build a lodge?**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

First, wet your hands with clean running water. Next, rub soap over your hands for at least 20 seconds. Last, rinse and dry your hands with a clean towel or air dryer. My purpose is to explain how to wash hands.

Accept answers that state the author explains how beavers build lodges, even if students also mention lodge features or protection. For evidence, accept sequence words or accurate building details from the passage.