Pond Builders

Trace how actions and changes affect a pond habitat.

2.RI.3.C "Describe the interactions between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in texts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB In each paragraph, underline an action and circle what the action changes. Draw an arrow from the action to the change.

A Beaver's Pond

1. At a pond, a beaver uses its sharp teeth to cut small trees. It carries branches to the water and piles them across a stream. The branches slow the moving water and begin a dam.

2. Pond water rises behind the dam. The deeper water makes a safer place for the beaver's lodge, its home. Other animals, such as frogs and fish, can use the quiet pond water for shelter.

3. Beavers keep adding mud and sticks to fix holes in the dam. When rain brings more water, the strong dam holds back much of it. The pond stays deeper, and the lodge entrance remains underwater.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do the branches affect the stream water?

2. How does the dam affect the beaver's lodge?

3. What happens when rain brings more water to the pond?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one beaver action from the passage and one result of that action. Write two sentences explaining how the action changes the pond and how that change helps an animal.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

In each paragraph, underline an action and circle what the action changes. Draw an arrow from the action to the change. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the branches affect the stream water?	**The branches slow the moving water and begin a dam.**
2	How does the dam affect the beaver's lodge?	**The dam makes the pond deeper, creating a safer place for the lodge and keeping its entrance underwater.**
3	What happens when rain brings more water to the pond?	**The strong dam holds back much of the water, so the pond stays deeper.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A beaver builds a wall of branches across a stream, so water collects behind it. The new pond gives frogs a calm place to hide.

Accept two sentences that correctly connect a beaver action to a change in the pond and then to a benefit for the beaver, frogs, or fish. Students may use different accurate details and wording from the passage.