

Beaver Pond Builders

See how facts and examples develop an informative topic.

2.W.1.B "Write informative/explanatory texts that introduce a topic and develop the ideas with facts and examples."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline any five sentences that give a fact or an example about beavers or their ponds. These details help the writer explain the topic.

Beavers Make Ponds

- ① Beavers are animals that change the places where they live. They build dams across small streams. A dam is a wall made from sticks, mud, and stones. It slows the water.
- ② When water slows behind a dam, it can form a pond. The pond gives beavers a safe place to swim and store food. Ducks, frogs, and fish may also live near the pond.
- ③ Beavers use their strong teeth to cut down small trees. They carry branches to the dam. By building dams, beavers can make wet places that help many animals find homes.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What topic does the writer introduce in the first paragraph?

2 Write one fact from the passage that tells what a dam is made from.

3 How do the examples of ducks, frogs, and fish help explain the topic?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences about an animal or object you know. Introduce the topic in the first sentence, then add two facts or examples that explain it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline any five sentences that give a fact or an example about beavers or their ponds. These details help the writer explain the topic. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What topic does the writer introduce in the first paragraph?	Beavers and the dams they build.
2	Write one fact from the passage that tells what a dam is made from.	A dam is a wall made from sticks, mud, and stones.
3	How do the examples of ducks, frogs, and fish help explain the topic?	They show that a beaver pond can be a home for other animals.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A sea turtle is a reptile that lives in the ocean. It uses flippers to swim through water. It comes to land to lay its eggs in sand.

Accept any five underlined sentences that give facts or examples from the passage. For Part 3, accept three sentences with a clear topic and at least two accurate facts or examples that develop it.