

Beaver Home Needs

Read how a pond habitat meets a beaver's basic needs.

2.5.b "an animal's habitat provides all of its basic needs; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four details that show how the beaver's habitat provides food, water, shelter, or space, then label each detail Food, Water, Shelter, or Space.

A Beaver's Pond Home

- ① A beaver lives beside a pond or slow stream. This habitat has water for swimming and drinking. Beaver families find trees nearby. They eat the bark, leaves, and twigs. The water also helps them move safely from place to place.
- ② Beavers use branches, mud, and logs to build a lodge. The lodge gives them shelter from cold weather and some enemies. A beaver family needs room in and around its lodge. The pond gives the family space to swim, rest, and raise babies.
- ③ A habitat must meet all of an animal's basic needs. If a pond dries up, beavers may not have enough water or a safe way to travel. If nearby trees are gone, they lose food and building materials. They must find another habitat.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which part of the habitat gives beavers water for drinking and swimming?

2 How does a lodge meet one of a beaver's basic needs?

3 Name two things beavers can do because the pond gives them space.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose an animal and its habitat. Fill in the table to show how the habitat provides food, water, shelter, and space.

ANIMAL AND HABITAT	BASIC NEED	WHAT IN THE HABITAT PROVIDES IT?

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline four details that show how the beaver's habitat provides food, water, shelter, or space, then label each detail Food, Water, Shelter, or Space. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which part of the habitat gives beavers water for drinking and swimming?	The pond or slow stream gives beavers water.
2	How does a lodge meet one of a beaver's basic needs?	A lodge gives beavers shelter from cold weather and some enemies.
3	Name two things beavers can do because the pond gives them space.	Answers include swim, rest, and raise babies.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

ANIMAL AND HABITAT	BASIC NEED	WHAT IN THE HABITAT PROVIDES IT?
Mallard duck, pond	Food	pond plants and insects
Mallard duck, pond	Water	pond water
Mallard duck, pond	Shelter	reeds near the pond
Mallard duck, pond	Space	pond and shore for swimming and resting