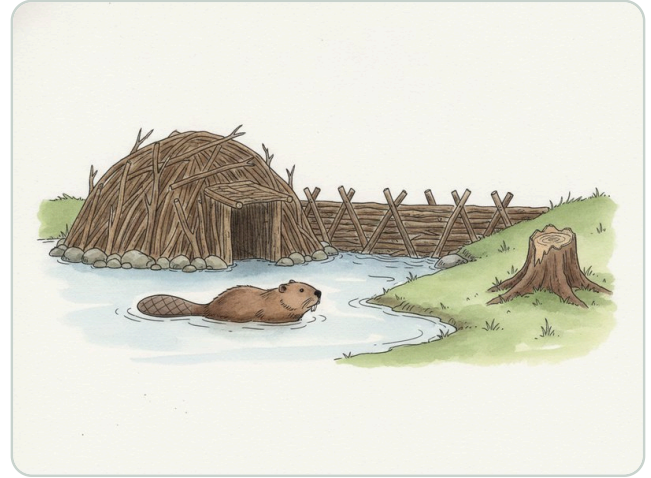


Busy Beavers

Read the text. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 Beavers are some of the best builders in the animal world. They change the land around them to make a safe home.
- 2 A beaver's teeth are its tools. The four front teeth are long, sharp, and orange. They never stop growing. A beaver uses them to cut down small trees and to chew off the branches.
- 3 Beavers build dams. A dam is a wall of sticks, mud, and stones across a stream. The dam holds back the water, and a deep pond forms behind it.
- 4 In the pond, the beavers build a home called a lodge. It looks like a pile of sticks, but it is hollow inside. The door is under the water. A wolf or a coyote cannot get in, so the beaver family stays safe and dry.



A beaver lodge in a pond.

Busy Beavers: Questions

Go back to the text to find your proof. Underline it in the color shown.

1. What is the topic of this text?

- ☐ beavers
- ☐ ponds
- ☐ trees

2. Which sentence tells the main idea of the whole text?

- ☐ A beaver's teeth are orange.
- ☐ Beavers change the land around them to make a safe home.
- ☐ The door of a lodge is under the water.

red

3. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- ☐ Small trees have branches.
- ☐ Orange is a bright color.
- ☐ A beaver's teeth are its tools.

orange

4. Write two details from paragraph 3 that tell about a dam.

yellow

5. What is paragraph 4 mostly about?

green

6. Which would be the best new title for this text?

- ☐ Animals of the Forest
- ☐ How to Cut Down a Tree
- ☐ Beavers: Nature's Builders

Busy Beavers: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

1. What is the topic of this text?

☒ beavers

☐ ponds

☐ trees

Proof The word “beaver” is in the title and in every paragraph.

2. Which sentence tells the main idea of the whole text?

red

☐ A beaver’s teeth are orange.

☒ Beavers change the land around them to make a safe home.

☐ The door of a lodge is under the water.

Proof Paragraph 1: “They change the land around them to make a safe home.”

3. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

orange

☐ Small trees have branches.

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☒ A beaver’s teeth are its tools.

Proof Paragraph 2: “A beaver’s teeth are its tools.”

4. Write two details from paragraph 3 that tell about a dam.

yellow

A dam is a wall of sticks, mud, and stones. It holds back the water, and a pond forms behind it.

5. What is paragraph 4 mostly about?

green

The beavers’ home, called a lodge, and how it keeps them safe.

6. Which would be the best new title for this text?

☐ Animals of the Forest

☐ How to Cut Down a Tree

☒ Beavers: Nature’s Builders

Proof Every paragraph is about something beavers build or what they build with.