Name: _____ Date: _____

Beaver Builds a Stick Dam

Circle group

A beaver has strong teeth. It chews sticks.

It puts sticks in a stream. It adds mud. This is a dam. The water stops. A pond forms.

The beaver builds a home in the pond. It is safe.

Questions

1. What does a beaver chew?

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2. What does the beaver add to the sticks?

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3. What forms when the water stops?

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4. Where is the beaver's home?

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5. Why does a beaver need strong teeth?

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Words to know

beaver: an animal with strong teeth that builds in water
dam: a wall of sticks that holds back water
stream: a small river
pond: a small pool of water

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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Triangle group

A beaver has strong front teeth. It can chew sticks and logs.

The beaver puts sticks in a stream. It adds mud. The sticks make a dam. The water stops and makes a pond.

The beaver builds its home in the pond. The water keeps it safe.

Questions

1. What does a beaver chew?

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2. What does the beaver add to the sticks?

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3. What does the dam make?

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4. Where does the beaver build its home?

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5. Why does a beaver need strong teeth?

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Square group

A beaver has very strong front teeth, and it can chew right through sticks and even small logs.

The beaver carries the sticks to a stream and piles them up. It packs mud between them. Together, the sticks and mud form a dam, which holds back the water and makes a pond.

Then the beaver builds its home in the middle of the pond, where the water helps keep it safe.

Questions

1. What can a beaver chew with its strong front teeth?

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2. What does the beaver pack between the sticks?

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3. What does the dam hold back, and what does it make?

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4. Where does the beaver build its home?

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5. Why does a beaver need such strong teeth?

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For the teacher: Beaver Builds a Stick Dam

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Beaver Builds a Stick Dam

Easier · 38 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.2

1. Sticks.
2. Mud.
3. A pond.
4. In the pond.
5. To chew the sticks for the dam.

Triangle: Beaver Builds a Stick Dam

This passage · 47 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.2

1. Sticks and logs.
2. Mud.
3. A pond.
4. In the pond.
5. To chew sticks and logs for the dam.

Square: Beaver Builds a Stick Dam

Harder · 71 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. Sticks and small logs.
2. Mud.
3. It holds back the water and makes a pond.
4. In the middle of the pond.
5. It must chew sticks and logs to build the dam.