

Reading Day 1: Beaver Lodge

Students need to read about Beaver Lodges, then use the text box tool to write in their answers for the reading. *If this doesn't work students may write on a piece of paper all of their answers.

Read

Genre: Science Article

BEAVER LODGES

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- 1 Do you know the saying "busy as a beaver"? People say this because beavers are always working. These crafty creatures spend a lot of time building their homes.
- 2 Beaver homes are called lodges. Lodges are found along streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes. Beavers build these homes from branches and rocks. They use mud to hold them together.
- 3 When they can, beavers build their homes into the banks along the water. Other times, they need to make a safe spot, first. To do this, they build a dam from logs, branches, and mud. They get the logs by gnawing at trees until they fall down. A dam is like a wall that blocks water from flowing. It then forms a pond. Once the dam is built, beavers can get to the business of building their lodge.
- 4 Beaver lodges are shaped like a dome. They are usually about 10 feet high and 20 feet across. Most lodges have at least one underwater opening. To get inside, the beavers must swim underwater. These "secret" openings keep out unwanted predators.
- 5 Inside the beaver lodge are different "rooms." There is an eating room and a nesting room. The floor of the lodge is built up out of the water. It is also made from rocks, branches, and mud. It is covered with plants and other soft materials.
- 6 A family of beavers lives in a lodge. Two parents and two sets of their offspring often live together.



Close Reader Habits

Think of two questions to ask about beaver lodges. Then **underline** words and phrases that help you answer your questions.

Explore

How can asking and answering questions as you read help you learn more about beavers and their homes?



You can ask questions that begin with *what*, *where*, *why*, and *how*.

Think

- 1 Complete the chart by asking questions about the passage. Then answer your questions with key details from the text.

Question	Answer	Key Details
What do beavers use to build their lodges?		

Talk

- 2 What does a beaver lodge look like? Using key details from the text, discuss the answer to the question.

Write

- 3 **Short Response** Why are the beaver lodge openings underwater? Use key details from the text in your response. Use the space provided on page 16 to write your answer.

HINT Reread the passage to find key details.



Write Use the space below to write your answer to the question on page 13.

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- 3 Short Response** Why are the beaver lodge openings underwater? Use key details from the text in your response.

HINT Reread the passage to find key details.



Don't forget to check your writing.