

# All About Beavers

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Beavers are builders. They build dams. A dam is like a wall made of wood and mud. Beavers build dams in rivers.

Beavers are swimmers. Their flat tails help them steer as they swim. Beavers can stay underwater for fifteen minutes!

Beavers are rodents. Rodents are mammals with strong teeth. Mice, rats, and rabbits are also rodents. Beavers use their strong teeth to gnaw on trees.

It's easy to see that beavers are busy animals!

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**Directions:** For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What is a dam?

- a) a wall made of wood and mud
- b) a type of plant beavers eat
- c) a wall made of sand and rocks

2. How does the author describe beavers?

- a) Beavers are builders, swimmers, and rodents.
- b) Beavers have giant teeth like rats that they use to eat garbage.
- c) Beavers are big, brown, and scary.

3. Beavers need to be able to swim to get to their dams. What part of the text tells us that this is true?

- a) It's easy to see that beavers are busy animals!
- b) Beavers build dams in rivers.
- c) Beavers can stay underwater for fifteen minutes!

4. What is "All About Beavers" mainly about?

- a) beaver dams
- b) the characteristics of beavers
- c) the characteristics of rodents

5. A) What do beavers have that help them steer as they swim?

Beavers have

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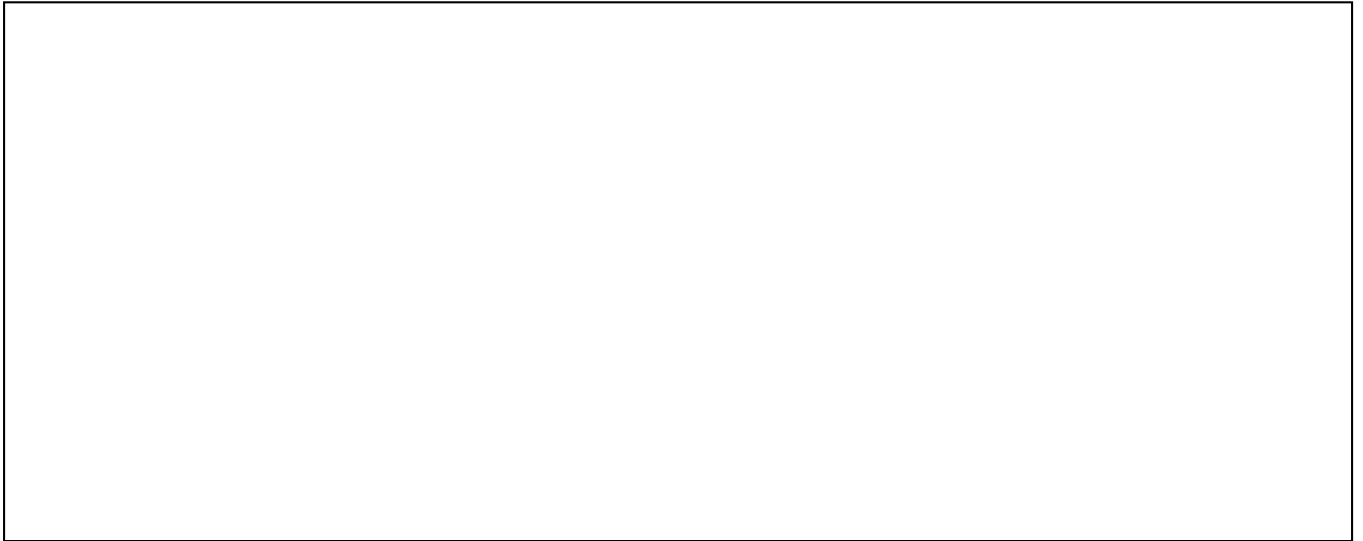
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B) Draw a picture of a beaver near its dam.



6. What did you learn from “All About Beavers”?

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**7. Class Discussion Question:** Explain why being good swimmers would probably help beavers build their dams. Use information from the text to support your answer.