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TOPIC: Reading Comprehension WORKSHEET

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Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Beavers are among the largest living rodents in the world. They have thick fur, webbed feet and flattened, scale-covered tails. With powerful jaws and strong teeth, they fell trees in order to build homes and dams, often changing their environment in ways few other animals can. Beavers have large teeth. Their upper incisors are from 20 to 25 mm long that continue to grow throughout a beaver's lifetime. Beavers have adapted to a semi-aquatic existence with closable nostrils and ears, and transparent eye membranes. All beavers need water to survive.

They live in or around freshwater ponds, lakes, rivers, marshes and swamps. A beaver's home is called a lodge. Lodges are little dome-shaped houses made from woven sticks, grasses and moss plastered with mud. Beavers are primarily nocturnal. They spend most of their time eating and building. Beavers create dams. They spend most of their time eating and building. Beavers create dams to make ponds, their favourite place to live.

Dams are created by weaving branches together, felling trees by cutting them down with their teeth and waterproofing the construction with mud. Beavers eat leaves, roots and bark from aspens, willows, maples and poplar trees. They also eat aquatic plants. Beavers have bodies that are made for the water.

Their rudder-like tail and webbed feet propel them through the water. A beaver's tail not only helps it swim faster, but can also be used to make a loud alarm call when slapped against water. In addition, the large tail helps the beaver balance when carrying a heavy log or tree trunk.

Beavers are very social and live in groups called colonies. Beavers do not hibernate. They continue to eat and build throughout the winter. Beavers are ecosystem engineers and can drastically modify their surrounding environment by raising water levels, slowing water speed and changing water direction.

I. Answer the following questions.

a. Why do beavers fell trees?

Ans. _____

b. Name any two places where beavers live.

Ans. _____

c. Write any two uses of the beaver's tail.

Ans. _____

II. Write True or False for the given statements.

1. The lower incisors of the beavers continue to grow throughout the lifetime of a beaver. _____
2. Beavers have bodies that are made for the water. _____
3. A beaver's home is called a swamp. _____
4. Beavers are nocturnal animals. _____

III. Find a word from the passage that means the same as:

- a. the fact or state of living- _____
- b. cutting down a tree - _____
- c. the state of being asleep for winter- _____
- d. a method which prevents water from seeping in- _____

- e. a device for steering a boat- _____

IV. Complete the following statements.

- a. Beavers spend most of their time _____.
- b. They are very social and live in groups called _____.

The Ecosystem Engineers



Beavers building a dam.