

# Beaver Minit Book Answer Key

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## Vocabulary

Castoreum—oily substance in a beaver's body produced by glands called castors

Lodge—beaver home built in the water, out of logs, sticks, and mud

Rodent—an animal that has front teeth especially adapted for gnawing

Canal—a path or trough dug out for water to flow in

Dam—a kind of wall built to hold back water

Kits—name for the babies of various animals, including beaver

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Diet—bark, twigs, leaves, roots, water plants

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## Classification—

Class: Mammalia (mammals)

Order: Rodentia (rodents)

Family: Castoridae (beaver family)

Species: Castor Canadensis

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## Idioms

An expression or phrase that does not mean exactly what it says.

Beaver idioms mean that a person is very busy, hard working, and enthusiastic.

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## Beaver Tales

May be used to record student written story, recording the history of beaver trapping and use in the new world, American Indian fables or for summarizing bible lesson.

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## Anatomy - Interesting Features

The Tail-- It is wide, flat and scaly; it helps with swimming and balancing for cutting down trees. Beaver tails were once eaten by Native Americans and European Explorers as a delicacy (special food).

Castors-- A gland at the base of the tail that secretes a musk called *Castoreum* used to keep the fur waterproof.

Teeth— Used for gnawing and become sharper with gnawing. Grow the entire lifetime.

Engineering Skills—beaver's are second only to man in their ability to change the earth. They build and repair large structures and are able to change the environment.

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### A Beaver's Life for Me!

Mates—Mom and Dad beavers stay together for life. They live in groups called colonies

Work— They work by cutting down or felling trees and using them to build dams and lodges. Then beavers spend time on repairs and storing food.

Family —Babies are called kits. The young ones born the year before are called yearlings. Young usually live with their family for about 2 years.

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### I'm an Animal Detective

Any answers that are correct are acceptable. General answers are given here. Not all answers here need to be listed\*

Beavers are Mammals. We know this because they have fur, give live birth, feed their young milk, etc.

They are Omnivores. They eat only plants. They do not hibernate or migrate. Their habitat is in rivers, streams, and lakes in wooded country. They are social creatures that live in family groups.

Predators may include wolves, lynxs, bears, coyotes, foxes, owls, alligators, wolverines, weasels, hawks, eagles, humans and most other large mammalian carnivores.

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### What's that Noise

A beaver slaps his tail flap on the water to produce a sound that warns other beavers of danger.

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### Beavers are the World's Largest...Rodent

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### Beaver's Have Been Used as Symbols

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### Where in the World Can I find a Beaver? shade in area of beaver's habitat.