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Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Challenge Me

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Next, the beavers build the lodge in the pond. They cut down small trees by gnawing around the trunks. Then they drag the branches through the water. They stack the branches into a big dome and pack mud into the gaps.

The doors of the lodge are underwater. Inside, above the water, there is a dry room where the family rests. A small gap at the top lets fresh air in.

In fall, beavers pack more mud on the outside. When it freezes, the lodge becomes as hard as stone. They also store branches underwater near the lodge. All winter, they swim out under the ice to chew the bark.

A beaver's teeth never stop growing. Gnawing wood all year keeps them from getting too long.

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   to dry up the stream so they can walk across
   to make the stream flow faster and louder

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   by slapping them with their tails
   by digging up the roots
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3. Where are the doors of the lodge?
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4. Which sentence from the text shows that the lodge gets very strong in winter?
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