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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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   on the bank in the dry room under the water

2. Which sentence from the text shows that the lodge gets very strong in winter?
   Beavers live in family groups near ponds and streams.
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3. How do beavers get food when the pond is frozen?
   They walk across the ice to the forest to find food.
   They break the ice and look for fresh trees to eat.
   They swim under the ice to branches stored nearby.

4. Why is gnawing wood good for a beaver's teeth?
   It makes the teeth grow faster and faster.
   It keeps the teeth clean of mud and dirt.
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