Compare Two Texts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read both texts. Each question names one text. Circle the detail that only that text gives.

READ THIS FIRST

Beavers and Their Dams

Text 1: How a Beaver Builds a Dam

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In the middle of the pond, the beaver builds a lodge from sticks and mud. The lodge has an entrance under the water. This makes it hard for coyotes and other hungry animals to get inside.

Text 2: A Letter to Our Principal

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Please say yes. We promise to stay on the path and be quiet near the water.

Sincerely,
Tomas Silva and the students of Room 12

1. Which fact is given only in Text 1?

   A park ranger has offered to join a trip.

   Frogs and ducks live in the beaver pond.

   The door to a beaver's home is under the water.

2. Which fact is given only in Text 2?

   Beavers cut small trees with sharp teeth.

   The pond is close enough to walk to from the school.

   Rocks and mud are added to the dam.

3. Which fact is given only in Text 1?

Beavers moved to the pond behind Alder Creek Park last spring.

A beaver drags branches to a stream and pushes them into the mud.

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4. Which fact is given only in Text 2?

The students have watched the beavers from the bridge.

A beaver builds a dam to make a safe place to live in the water.

The lodge is built in the middle of the pond.

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Answer Key - Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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