Compare Two Texts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read both texts. Each question starts with a detail from one text. Use the other text to circle the answer.

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

Dear Principal Hammond,

Our fourth-grade class would like to visit the beaver pond behind Alder Creek Park. Beavers moved there last spring, and we have been watching them from the bridge. Their dam has made a pond that is now home to frogs, ducks and fish.

We think a trip would help us learn about nature. We could count the animals we see and measure how deep the pond is. A park ranger has offered to walk with us. The pond is only a ten-minute walk from our school.

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. Text 2 says the class has watched a pond. What does Text 1 explain about why the pond is there?

   A beaver dam holds back the stream water.

   Park workers dug it before the beavers came.

   Rain collected in a low spot in the park.

2. Text 2 says frogs, ducks and fish now live in the beaver pond. According to Text 1, why is it hard for hungry animals to get into a beaver's lodge?

The lodge is hidden under a thick pile of rocks.

A fence of sticks is built around the lodge.

The entrance to the lodge is under the water.

3. Text 1 says the beaver builds its lodge in the middle of the pond. According to Text 2, where do the students watch the beavers from?

from a boat on the pond from the bridge from inside the lodge

4. Text 2 says beavers moved to the pond behind Alder Creek Park last spring. According to Text 1, what does a beaver do first to start a dam?

It builds a lodge in the middle of the pond.

It piles up mud along the bank of the stream.

It cuts down small trees with its front teeth.

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