

BEAVERS

Set 4:3 ACTIVITIES



REMEMBERING - What are the facts

1. What do beavers use their tail for ?
2. How long can a beaver stay under water ?
3. Write 4 questions like the ones above. You must be able to find the answers in the report.

UNDERSTANDING - Show that you understand the information

4. Draw a picture to show what a beaver's lodge looks like and how it works.
Include labels to explain what is happening in your drawing.
5. Use just your heading and trigger words from one paragraph in the report to rewrite the paragraph in your own words. If you have time, have a go at another one.

APPLYING - Using the information in another way

6. **Poetry**
Write an acrostic poem (or any other kind of poem or rap) about the life of a beaver.
7. **A day in the life of a beaver**
Use the information in the report to describe a day in the life of a beaver.
You can do this by writing a beaver story, a beaver diary, or as a comic strip with captions.
Try to include as many facts about beavers as you can.

ANALYSING - Identifying the features that help beavers survive

8. **Information Web**
List all the physical features of the beaver mentioned in the report and brainstorm ways which these help the animal to survive. Present this information as an INFORMATION WEB

Example :  → webbed back → good for swimming

EVALUATING - How safe is the beaver

9. **Predator Rating**—give beavers a predator rating from 1 to 10
1 = no danger from predators **10 = very high danger from predators**
Give reasons for your rating using information from the report and your own ideas.
10. **Extinction Rating**—give beavers an extinction rating from 1 to 10
1 = no risk of extinction **10 = very close to extinction**
Give reasons for your rating using information from the report and your own ideas.

CREATING - Coming up with new ideas

11. **Beaver Upgrade—overcoming natural threats**
Make some adaptations to the beaver's physical features, or the way they behave, to make them more competitive in nature.
Here are some ideas to get you started ...
 - Improvements for dam and lodge building
 - A new improved lodge design that is more comfortable and gives better protection

Remember to include diagrams, labels, and descriptions to explain your interesting ideas.
12. **Action Plan—saving beavers from human threats**
 - Make a list of the ways that human activity is endangering beavers
 - Write an action plan—the steps you would have to take to change the situation
 - Design some of the following to get your message across to the world about the importance of beavers
 - a radio, TV, or newspaper advertisement, billboard signs, bumper stickers