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Busy as a Beaver

Have you ever wondered where the expression "busy as a beaver" comes from? People use this saying because beavers are always working. Beavers, in fact, are one of the few animals that change the natural environment to better suit their needs. A beaver family works together to build a dam that changes the course of a stream. The dam also creates a pond. Next, they build their underwater home, called a lodge or a den.



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MONDAY

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Building a beaver lodge is hard work. North America's largest rodent, however, has a body well-suited for underwater activity. Beavers have transparent eyelids that act as goggles to protect their eyes underwater. They can close off their nose, ears, and throat to keep the water out. Their powerful webbed back feet make them excellent swimmers. Their coarse, heavy fur is waterproof. Their broad, sharp front teeth can cut and carry wood.



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TUESDAY

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beaver families usually has two adults and two to six young beavers, called kits family members may work together to build the lodge. the families dome-shaped lodge is built partially underwater. It is made of sticks and rocks that are plastered together with mud beavers use their broad powerful teeth to carry sticks their five/fingered clawed paws are used to scoop up mud the top of the completed lodge reaches about 3 ft above water



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WEDNESDAY

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Doesnt it seem incredible that these rodents can make such an impact on their environment the average beaver after all is only about 3 ft long its flat thick tail is about 1 ft long. These herbivores or plant eaters usually way about 44 lbs, but they can reach up to 77 lbs It takes a lot of grass leaves twigs and bark to power up one of natures busiest creatures!



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THURSDAY

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