

Beaver Facts



Part 1: Listen and fill in the blanks.

The _____ is Canada's largest "rat" and the second largest "rat" in the world. It is _____ and spends _____ of the time living in the water and the rest on land. It is an **emblem** of Canada, older than the _____. It is an important part of Canada's history and story.

This animal can shape its environment, so a beaver is known as an _____. Beavers are known for building dams, canals, and lodges. They do that to find a _____ place to swim. They are great _____.

Its body makes an oil that keeps its _____ dry. After swimming under water for _____ minutes the beaver is not wet to the skin. The large _____ tail has two benefits. It helps beavers swim _____ in the water. When it is in _____, a beaver will slap the water with its tail to tell its family to stay under the water.

A beaver's sharp front _____ never stop growing all its life!

Beavers were an important _____ source for Indigenous peoples in Canada. The animal was also part of the Indigenous culture, history, and stories. To Europeans, the beaver was important for fur trade. Because of the _____ in Europe at that time, the fur of beavers was used to make _____.

Saskatchewan's coat of arms, the first Canadian post stamp, and the _____ coins, all have a beaver on them!

- Highlight as many adjectives as you can find in the story. There are about 10 of them.

Part 2: Answer the questions after reading the paragraphs.

1. Where do beavers live?

2. What can a beaver build? Why does it do that?

3. What is the tail used for?

4. Why is the beaver important for Indigenous people?

5. Why was the beaver important for the Europeans?

6. Why is the beaver an emblem of Canada or why is it the national Canadian animal?

7. What can you see a beaver on?
