

Worksheet 3/7 on Action Verbs

Mini Lesson

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established	swimming	hide	covered	use	sitting	
construct	gnawing	flow	assemble	block	ate	dogs

- 1) Gnawing the hard bark, beavers ate their dinner.
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- 2) Strong beavers _____ massive dams to _____ the river _____ .
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- 3) Industrious beavers _____ large lodges to live in.
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- 4) A beaver mother gives _____ to up to four kits once every spring.
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- 5) The beaver's lodge _____ through underwater passages.
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- 6) Mud is _____ on the outside to _____ it.
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- 7) Burrows are _____ along the banks.
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- 8) Bank burrows are a place to _____ .
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- 9) A beaver's tail is flat and _____ with scales.
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- 10) Beavers _____ their tail to _____ when _____ or for _____ when _____ on land.
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