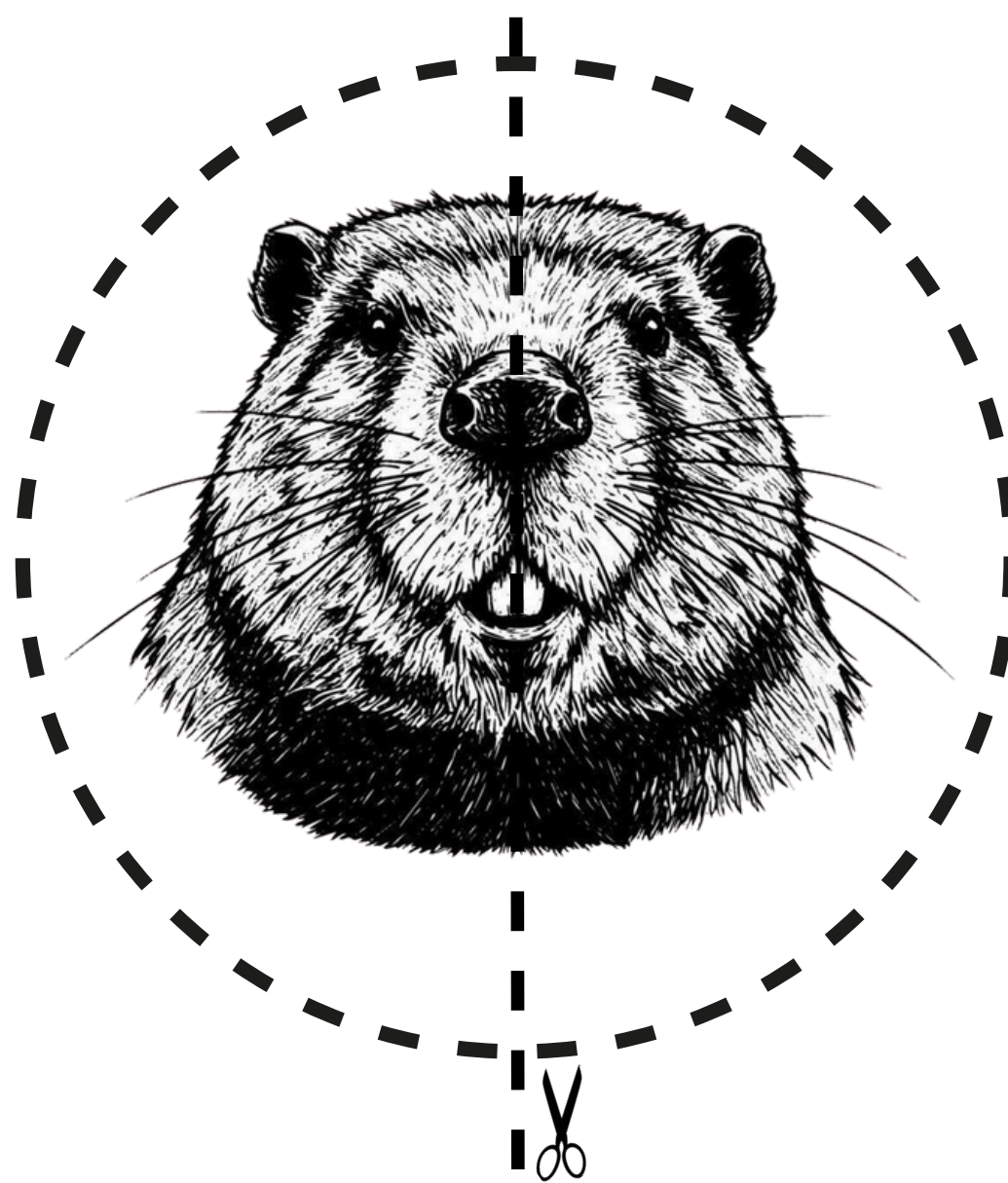


BEAVER LIFE CYCLE

Instructions

1. Cut out beaver and booklet piece.
2. Cut beaver in half
3. Fold booklet so the "glue here" tabs are on the top and bottom.
4. Glue sides of beaver to the booklet.
5. Colour your booklet.

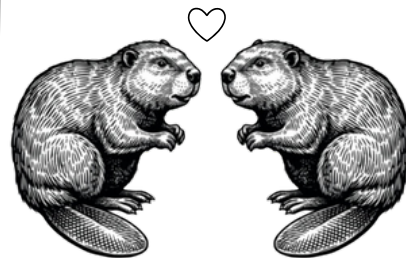


Glue
left
side of
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When beavers are about 2-3 years old, they are fully grown and ready to start families. They build lodges and dams in ponds or rivers using sticks, mud, and logs.



Beavers mate in late winter (January-March). They stay with the same partner for life.



In late spring (May-June), the mother gives birth to 1-4 babies called kits inside the lodge.



Baby beavers are born with fur, open eyes, and teeth! They can swim within a few hours but stay close to their family.



Young beavers drink milk at first, then begin eating plants like bark, leaves, and aquatic plants.



Kits stay with their family for about 2 years. They learn important skills, then leave to find their own home and start the life cycle again.



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NORTH AMERICAN BEAVER

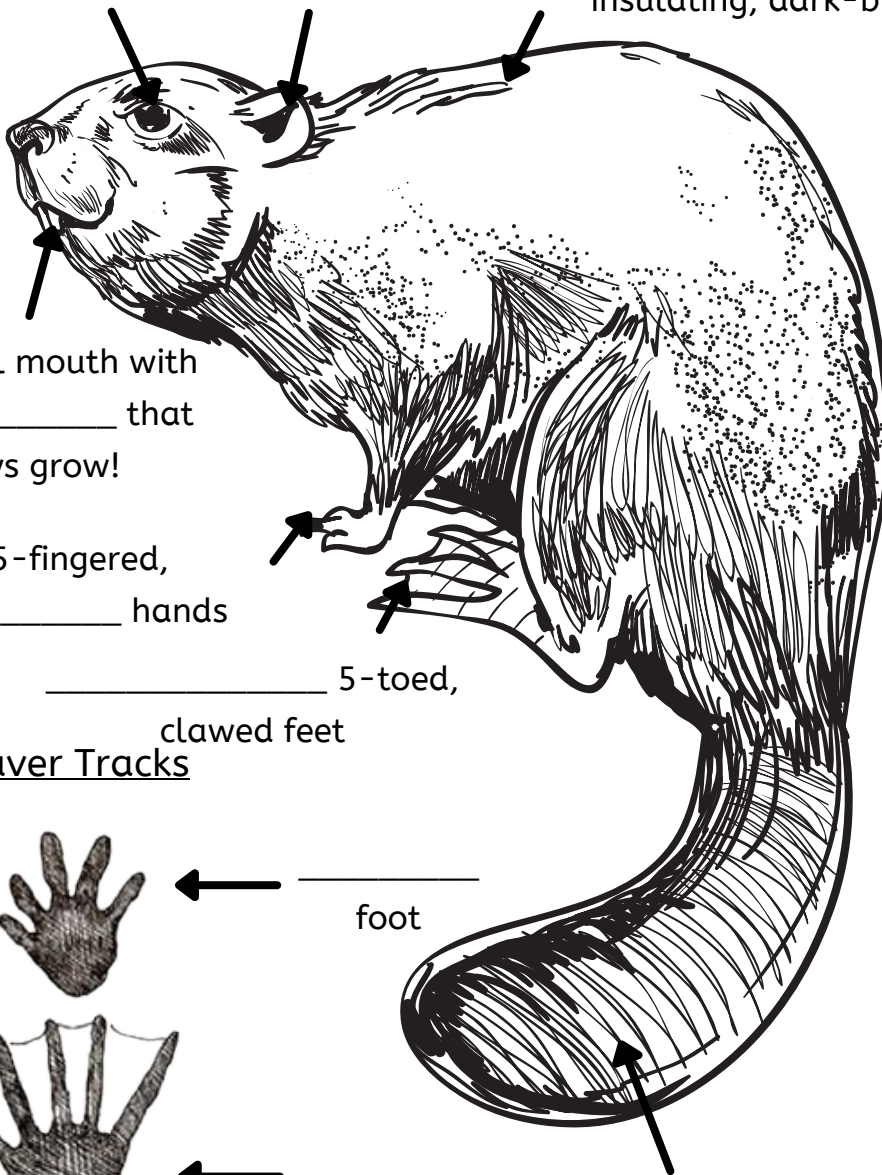
Let's explore the fascinating body features of the North American beaver. Use the word bank to fill in the missing body parts and characteristics.

Small, dark _____

Small _____

Body covered with _____

insulating, dark-brown _____



Small mouth with _____ that always grow!

5-fingered, _____ hands

_____ 5-toed, clawed feet

Beaver Tracks



foot



foot

_____, flat, thick, heavy

Word Bank

ears

webbed

thick

front

clawed

eyes

teeth

hind

tail

fur

black

BEAVER TAILS

The beaver's wide flat tail serves many purposes!



Beavers slap their tails on the water as an alarm and to startle possible predators when they dive into the water. This behaviour informs other beavers in the area of danger.



Beaver tails are shaped like a paddle, which they use it to help them swim. The tail acts as a rudder while the beaver is swimming allowing them to steer, especially when moving sticks/logs.



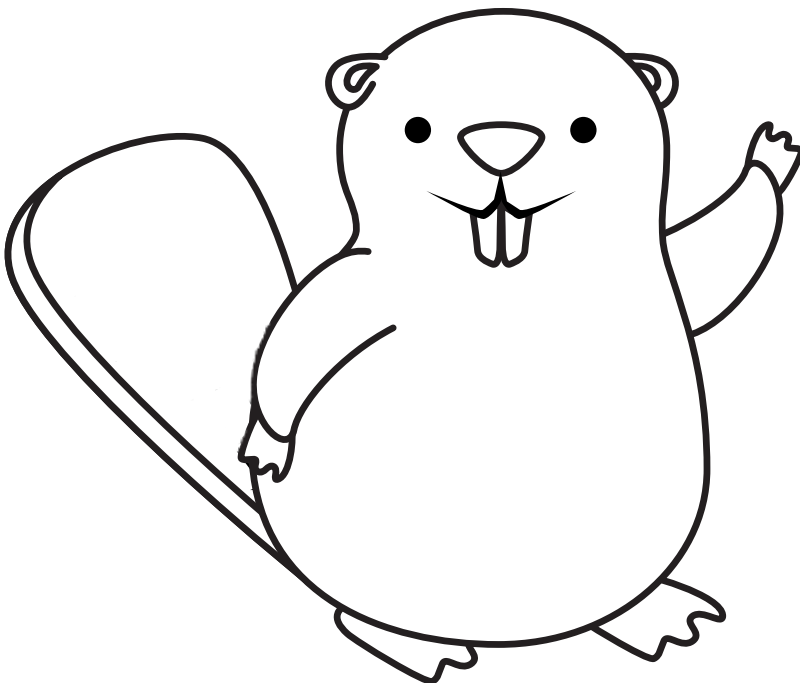
The tail stores fat which acts as a heater in the cold months. This helps them stay alive and full even when they don't have as much food as usual.



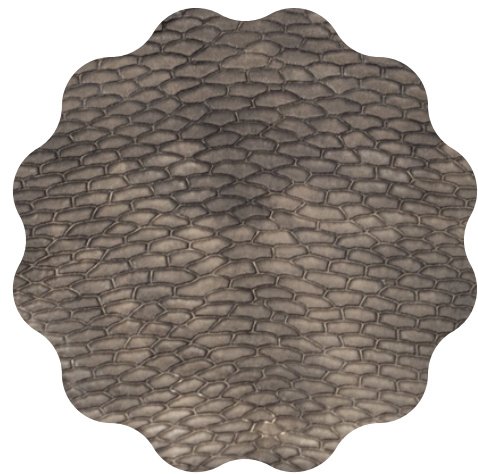
The tail helps stabilize the beaver when it is sawing down trees, allowing the beaver to stand up similar to a human on two feet.



Can you help design Benny the Beaver's tail. Use the beaver pattern picture below for inspiration.



A beaver's tail is scaly with a leather-like feeling. Check out the beaver tail pattern!



HUNGRY BEAVER

With all that construction, beavers must be quite hungry! But what do they actually eat?

Beavers are herbivores, which means their diet consists solely of plants and vegetation. They typically enjoy a variety of leaves, woody stems, and aquatic plants.

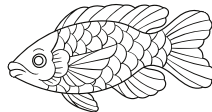
It seems that Justin Beaver is feeling peckish! Can you colour in the food items that you think Justin would enjoy?



Tree Bark



Fish



Pizza



Deer



Leaves



Water Lilies



Pond Weeds



Frogs



Insects



Maple Syrup



Twigs / Branches



Carrots

