

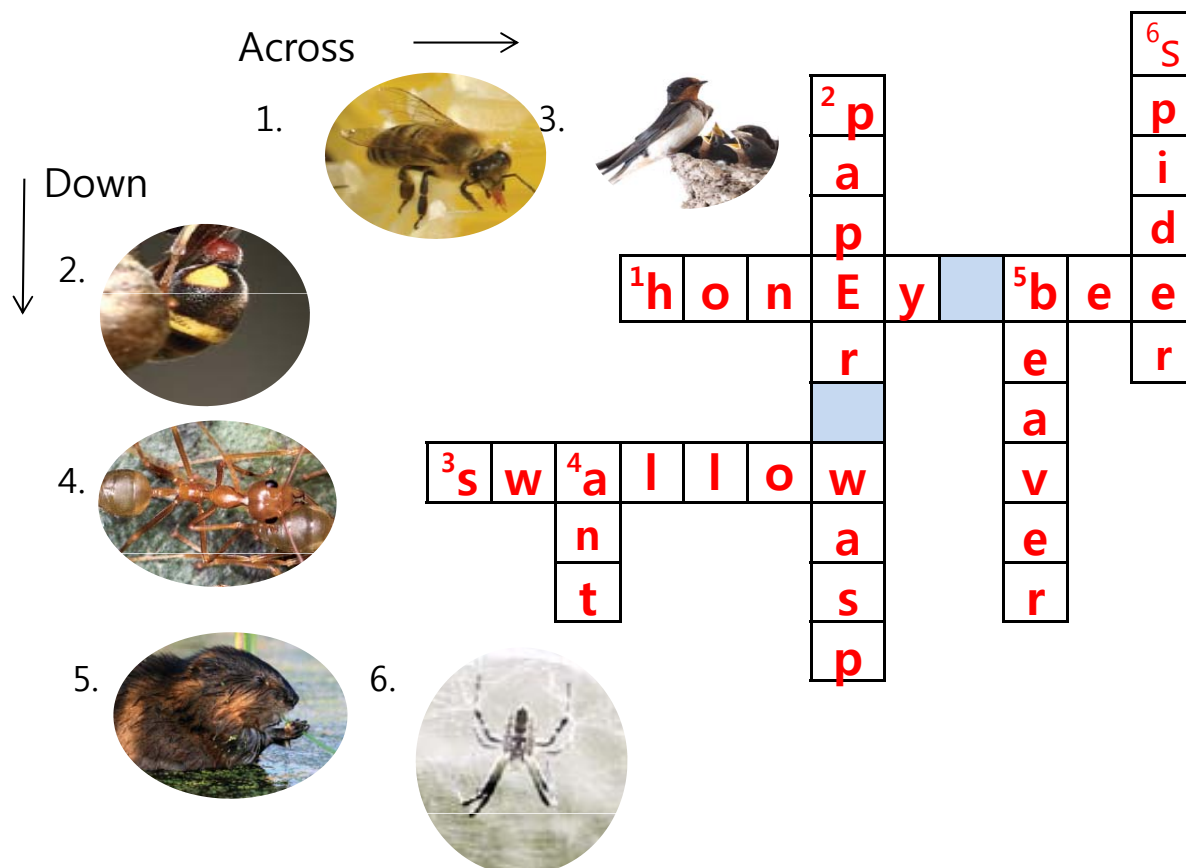
Alpha Level 3

## Animal Builders



## Word Study

**A** Solve the crossword puzzle below.



**B** Complete the sentence using words in the box.

Word Box

defend, chew, mends, builders, lodge

- 1) All these animals are builders.  
a person or company that builds or repairs things
- 2) Green tree ants chew plants to make them soft.  
to use your teeth to cut food into small pieces
- 3) The female spider traps insect in the web and then she mends the web.  
to repair
- 4) Solider ants defend the nest.  
to fight in order to keep safe
- 5) In winter the beavers go in and out of the lodge under the ice.  
the place where a beaver lives

## Word Study

### C Choose and write the correct word to complete the sentence.

- 1) Some animals build homes to live in.
- 2) The queen bee lays eggs in the hive.
- 3) Green tree ants use leaves to build nests in trees.
- 4) The female spider makes silk to build a web.
- 5) Swallows line the nest with dry grass, fur, and feathers.
- 6) Beavers use small tress, mud, and stones.



bee ants silk trees fur homes

### D Write your own sentences using the same sentence pattern.

build of~ / build from ~ = be made of / be made from



Swallows **build** nest **of** mud.  
Honey bees **build** a hive **from** wax.

- 1) The desk is made of wood.



- 2) The house is made of ice.



- 3) The first pig built his house of straw.



- 4) The house is made of stones.

(your own words)

Answers can vary

wood  
steel  
ice  
leaves  
straw  
stones  
glass

# Comprehension

## A Answer the following questions.

1) The purpose of this book is to give information.

- ☒ a) to give information
- b) to persuade readers
- c) to entertain



2) What is the **main idea** of this story?

- a) Some animals use traps and build dams.
- ☒ b) Animals use different materials and skills to build their homes.
- c) Some animals build webs to trap insects.

3) What is the home for honeybees called? a hive. (p.5)

4) How do paper wasps build their nests? (p.7)

They chew plants and stick the soft plants together to make a nest.

5) Where does the queen ant lay eggs? (p.11)

The queen ant lays eggs in the nest.



## B Choose the right words about how the beavers make their home.



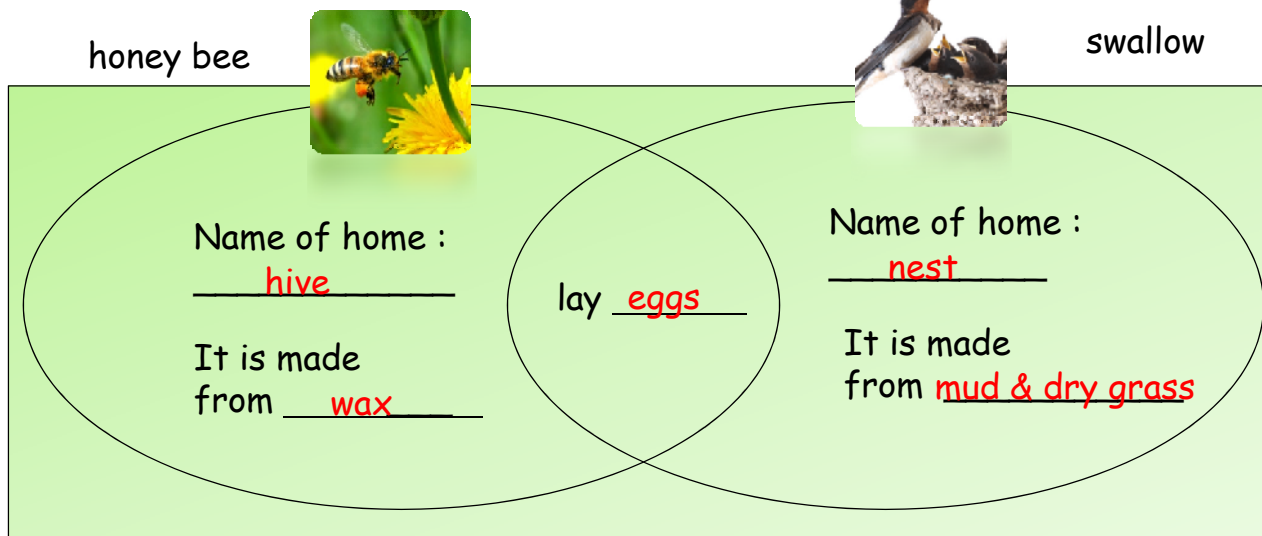
6) Beavers make dams across rivers and streams.  
around / across

7) Above the dam they build a home called a lodge.  
Above / Over

8) In winter, the beavers go in and out of the lodge under the ice.  
behind / under

# Comprehension

## C Compare and Contrast.



Honey bees and swallows are good builders.

Honeybees build the hive from wax, and keep nectar and pollen here. Swallows build a nest of mud and dry grass.

They build it on walls or in barns.

Honeybees and swallows both lay eggs in their homes.

## D Write and Speak

Match the words and to write your own book journal about 'Animal Builders'.

Who? (subject)	Did What? (verb + object)	Where? (preposition + place)
Beavers Frogs Birds Ants	build houses lay eggs live	in on across under
		trees ponds walls rivers barns

### Animal Builders

Beavers build a house across rivers.

Frogs live in ponds.

Birds build houses in trees.

Ants lay eggs in trees.

Answers can vary