

- Busy Beavers -



“Aren’t you a busy beaver?” //

Comparing a child to Canada’s national animal / is **complimentary**. // It **indicates** / **industry** and **ingenuity**. // Not only were the wonderful animals / once hunted near to **extinction** / for their beautiful fur, / but they have also grown famous / for felling trees with their teeth / to build dams. // These dams have / secret underwater escape routes / and **cozy chambers** inside / for the whole family — or **colony**. //

Beavers splash water / over the tops of their dams / so that the **structure** will freeze / into an **impenetrable fortress** / in winter. // If they sense any danger, / they use their big tails / to **slap** the water and sound the alarm. // Other beavers will run for cover. //

Some trees are too big / or too far / for a beaver to take home. // This will not stop him, though. // He completes his **heroic**, / nay, **herculean** task / by digging a **canal** / to drive his **lumber** home downstream. // The beaver is more than just a pretty **pelt**. //

「君はまるで忙しいビーバーだね！」 //

子どもをカナダの国の動物であるビーバーと比較するのは / ほめ言葉である // それは示している / 勤勉さと独創性を // この素晴らしい動物たちは / かつて絶滅寸前まで狩られたこともあった / 彼らの美しい毛皮のために / しかし彼らはまた有名になった / 木を歯で切り倒すことで / ダムを作るために // これらのダムには / 水中に隠れた逃げ道や / 内側に快適な部屋がある / 家族全員、または群れのための //

ビーバーは水をかける / ダムの頂上に上から / その構造物（ダム）が凍って / 突破できない要塞となる / 冬に // なにかしら危険を感じたら / 大きな尾を使って / 水を叩いて、警報を鳴らす // 他のビーバーたちは（その音を聞いて）慌てて隠れる //

一部の木は大きすぎたり / 遠すぎたりする / ビーバーが家に持ち帰るには // しかし、それでもビーバーは諦めない // 彼らは勇敢にもやり遂げる / いや、それどころか非常に困難な作業を / 運河を掘ることで / 材木を下流の家まで運ぶために // ビーバーは美しい毛皮だけの存在ではない //

Vocabulary and Phrases

compare	比べる	structure	構造
compliment	褒め言葉	impenetrable	突破できない
indicate	示す	fortress	要塞
industry	勤勉	slap	叩く
ingenuity	創意工夫	hero	英雄
extinct	絶滅した	heroic	英雄的な
cozy	居心地の良い	herculean	ヘラクレスのような/困難な
chamber	部屋	canal	運河
colony	群れ	lumber	材木
		pelt	毛皮

Total Number of words used

: 158 words

Time for 100 wpm

: 95 sec.

Time for 120 wpm

: 79 sec.

Your BEST TIME

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【Listen & Fill Blank】

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【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What is the national animal of Canada?

Question 2: Why do Beavers splash water upon their dams?

Question 3: Have you built anything? If not, is there anything you would like to build?

Ask 1: 答えが「tail」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: Dams についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1: Beaver

Sample Answer 2: Beavers splash water onto dams to make the walls become strong in winter when it freezes.

Sample Answer 3: I built a birdhouse/ chair/ cutting board/ computer.
I would like to build a house/ car / better society / doomsday device.

Sample Question 1: What do Beavers use to slap the water?

Sample Question 2: Where do beavers build dams?

Where do people build dams?

What is a dam?

What makes a good dam? Etc...

Sample Question 3: How many beavers are there?

Why is it good to be busy?

Can I have a beaver as a pet?

What is beaver fur used to make? Etc...