



# Beaver Adaptations

## Vocabulary Cards

# Aquatic

Related to water; living in or around water-based ecosystems.



# Herbivore

An organism that gets its energy from plants.



# Lodge

A structure built by beavers out of logs, mud, and other natural materials in slow moving ponds or streams.

Lodges contain multiple chambers and entry/exit tunnels that are accessible below the water line. Lodges are used for protection from predators, caring for kits, warmth, sleeping, and food storage, especially in the winter when plant life is scarce.



# Characteristic

Something you can observe about a plant or animal, such as the shape of a leaf or the color of an animal's fur; a unique distinguishing feature.



# Model

A representation of an idea, process, system, or object.



# Adaptation

Changes that happen to an organism over time to help it survive in its environment.



# Physical adaptation

Presents as a body part or function to help an organism survive.





# Behavioral adaptation

Presents as activities or social structures to help an organism survive.

