

Animal Homes

Read about animal homes and then answer the questions below.

People build homes. A home keeps us warm and dry. It gives us a place to live. Animals also build homes.

Birds build nests. Some birds use sticks, grass and leaves. Other birds use tree branches, mud or stones. A nest keeps eggs safe. It keeps baby birds warm and hidden from predators. Nests are often found in trees.

Beavers build lodges. They use sticks, logs and rocks that are held together with mud. A lodge is built on a stream, creek, in lakes or in ponds where water backs up around their house. The entrance to the lodge is underwater. Beavers are constantly working on their lodges to make sure that they do not fall apart.

Ants build nests. Some build nests in trees. Others build underground. See the mound of dirt? It is the entrance and exit to an ant colony. Ants remove dirt, sand and other material as they dig underground tunnels and chambers. Ant colonies can be as deep as 25 feet underground.

Rabbits live in burrows. Burrows are underground. Rabbits build them by digging. A burrow has chambers, or rooms. Chambers are connected by tunnels. As many as 20 rabbits can live together in a burrow.

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1. Why do animals build homes? _____

2. What is a beaver lodge like? Describe it using details from what you read.

3. How deep can an ant colony be? _____

4. How are rabbit chambers connected? _____

5. Describe, in your own words, why you think that the homes that each type of animal builds is perfect for them. _____
