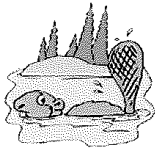


Beavers



Beavers are mammals from the rodent family. They are the largest rodents in North America. Beavers live in some forests and flat lands all over North America. Some even live in parts of Asia and Europe.

They have thick, brown fur with a black, flat tail. The tail has very little fur. Beavers can weigh over sixty pounds and be as long as four feet, including the tail. The fur keeps the beaver warm even in cold water.



The beaver is a good swimmer and his hind feet are webbed which helps him swim well. In fact, a beaver can swim for almost fifteen minutes underwater. Beavers do walk on land but are more mobile underwater.

Beavers have teeth that they use to cut down trees and to cut wood into pieces. These teeth must be large and strong to do that work.



Read each sentence below. Write the correct words on the lines.

1. Beavers are mammals from the _____ family.
2. The beaver's fur keeps him _____ even in cold water.
3. Beavers use their teeth to cut down _____ and to cut _____ into pieces.