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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the information report in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 Why do animals build homes?
2 What do tent caterpillars make their nest from?
3 How do termites keep their nest cool?
4 What do weaver birds use to make their nests?

Inferential

5 Why do some animals work in teams to build their home?
6 How do paper wasps get their name?
7 Why do beavers hide from wolves and bears?
8 Why is a tree a good place for a chimpanzee to build a home?

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Animal Builders

Some animals are very good builders.
They build homes so that they have a place to care for their babies.
A home is somewhere for animals to keep food, too.



Beavers build their homes using wood.

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Paper wasps build their nests from paper.

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Some animals work in teams to build a home. The home is a safe place for them to live together.

Tent Caterpillars

Tent caterpillars are insects.
They live together in a **colony**.

In spring, tent caterpillars build a nest in a tree.
They make the nest from **silk** that they spin.
The nest looks like a little tent.

Tent caterpillars stay inside the nest
on very hot days and on days when it is raining.

Soon the caterpillars come out of the nest.
Then, they are ready to turn into moths.

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Paper Wasps

Paper wasps are insects.
These wasps live together in colonies.

Paper wasps build their nests from paper.

To make the paper, they chew **bark** from trees.
When the bark is soft and wet,
they put it on the nest.



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When the bark is dry, it turns into paper.
The paper is thin, but it is very hard to break.

The paper nests are a safe home for baby wasps.



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