

# Bumper the Beaver

All the **b**eavers were **b**usy.

**B**eavers are not lazy.

**B**eavers work together to **b**uild their home.

This home is called a 'dam'. It is **b**uilt of **t**imber wood in streams and rivers.

**B**etty, the **B**eautiful **B**eaver, was **b**usy **b**reaking down trees with her sharp **b**eaver teeth.

**B**osco, the **b**ig **B**oss **B**eaver was **b**usy **b**iting off twigs to add to the pile.

**B**elinda and **B**obby, the **B**aby **B**eavers, were **b**usy playing.

**B**ut **B**umper, the **B**ig-Tailed **B**eaver, just sat on a **b**ump on a log. His teeth were not very sharp. He was not very strong. He could not swim very well.

The other **b**eavers teased him **b**ecause his tail was so **b**ig and as flat as a pancake.

One day, the **b**eavers were very **b**usy.

They had to finish the dam before winter.

The **b**eavers did not see **B**runo, the **B**lack **B**ear.

The hungry **b**ear was creeping up **b**ehind little **B**elinda and **B**obby!

**B**ut **B**umper saw him.

**B**umper quickly raised his **b**ig, flat tail.

His tail slapped the water with a **b**ang!

**B**ang! **B**ang! **B**ang!

His tail slapped the water again and again.

**B**runo, the **B**lack **B**ear heard the sudden, loud noise.

He jumped up and ran away into the woods.

The other **b**eavers saw what **B**umper did.

They began to cheer.

Hooray for **B**umper! Hooray for **B**umper!

After that, the **b**eavers named **B**umper as their 'Watch-**B**eaver.

From then on, they called him, **B**umper, the **B**rave **B**eaver!

THE END

## Did You Know?

- There are 2 kinds of beavers: European and North American
- It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest rodent (1<sup>st</sup> is the capybara/South America)
- Once there were 60,000,000 beavers in North America (now 12,000,000)
- Their front teeth never stop growing
- They can stay underwater for 15 minutes
- They can see under the water
- They are 3 feet long and can weigh up to 55 pounds
- They live 24 years in the wild
- "As busy as a beaver" means 'a hard-working person'
- They are the national animal of Canada



**B is for "Beaver"**

## True False Quiz

*Answers are in the Story and Did You Know*

**Circle the right answer.**

1. T      F      Beavers are lazy.
  
2. T      F      A beaver's home is called a 'dam'.
  
3. T      F      Bumper saved the beavers by yelling, "Look-out, a bear!"
  
4. T      F      Two kinds of beavers are the European and the North American.
  
5. T      F      A beaver's front teeth never stop growing.
  
6. T      F      A beaver is the national animal of the United States.
  
7. T      F      Beavers build their 'dams' with cement.
  
8. T      F      Beavers live 24 years in the wild.
  
9. T      F      "As busy as a beaver" means a person is 'slacking.'
  
10. T      F      A beaver can stay under the water for 15 minutes.

# BEAVERS BUILD THEIR HOMES WITH STICKS AND MUD!

