

Bumper the Beaver

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

Beavers are not lazy.

Beavers work together to **b**uild their home.

This home is called a 'lodge.' It is **b**uilt of timber wood with an entrance and open area. **B**eavers also **b**uild a 'dam' - a wall of sticks to hold the water **b**ack.

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

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

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

But **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!

But **B**umper saw him.

Bumper quickly raised his **b**ig, flat tail.

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

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

His tail slapped the water again and again.

Bruno, 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 2nd largest rodent (1st 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!

