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THE BEAVER

The world is full of awesome, powerful animals. Beavers (BEE-vuhr) live in wetlands throughout North America, Asia, and Europe.

They are construction experts because they use their large teeth to chew on wood and then build underwater dams.

DID YOU KNOW?

Beavers greet each other by nipping at the other's cheeks.




Beavers are the largest rodents in North America. They are in the same family as squirrels and mice.

BOLD BODIES

Beavers have amazing bodies. Their webbed back feet make them great swimmers. Strong claws on their front feet help them dig deep holes.

~~“When swimming underwater, protective flaps cover the beaver’s ears and nostrils.”~~

 Their thick fur keeps them warm and dry, even underwater.

Beavers can grow to be up to four feet (1 m) long. They weigh between 30 and 60 pounds (14 to 27 kg).

DID YOU KNOW?

A beaver’s tail looks like a paddle. It helps a beaver steer as it swims.

Include Diagram of the different body parts



THAT'S AWESOME!

Beavers are rodent construction experts. They build their homes near water and trees. They knock down trees by gnawing through their trunks. Tree branches are used to block the flow of a stream. Beavers build dams using wood, plants, logs, stones, and mud.

DID YOU KNOW?

The world's largest beaver dam is in Alberta, Canada.

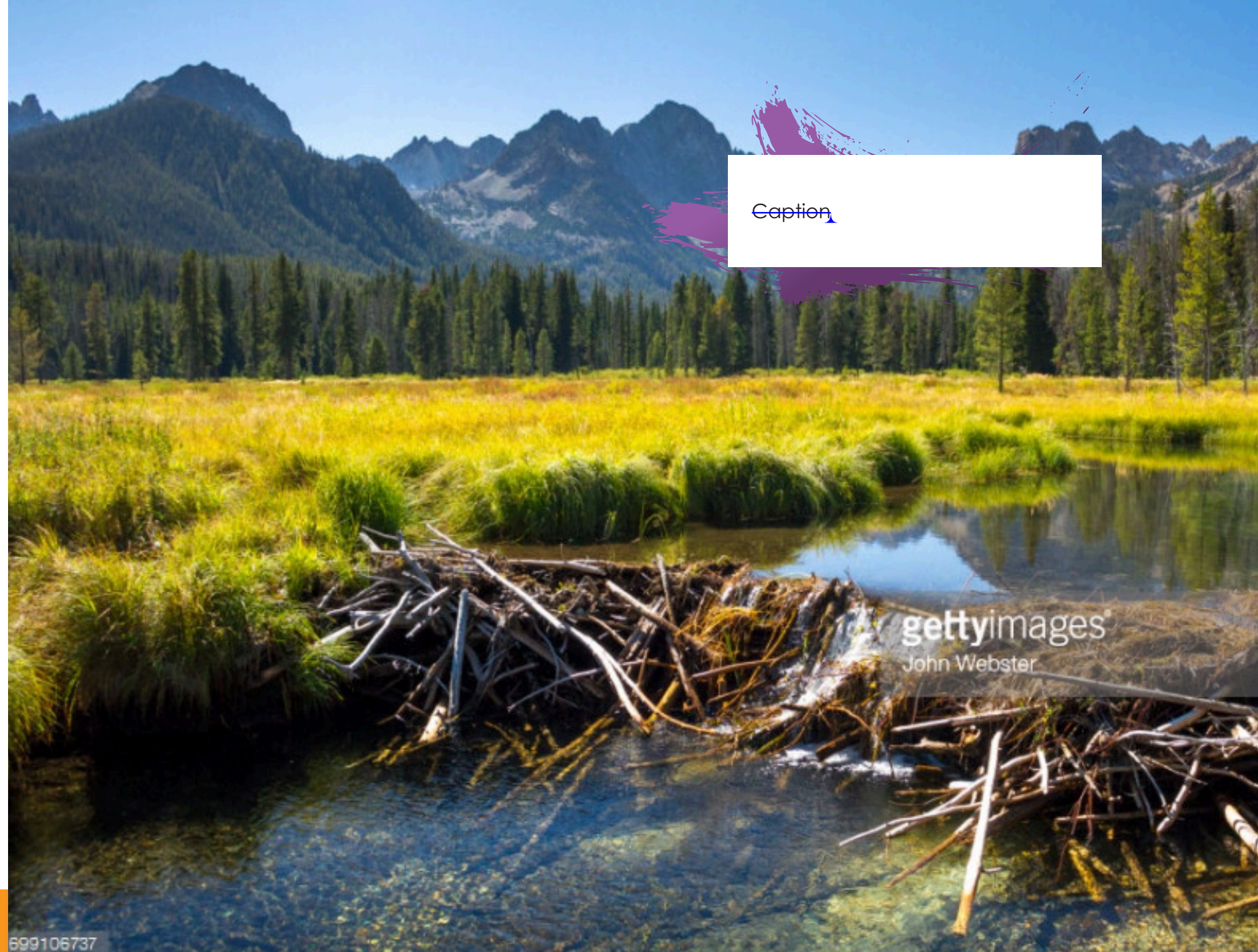


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Beavers' front teeth grow throughout their lives. So, they chew on wood to keep their teeth from getting too long.



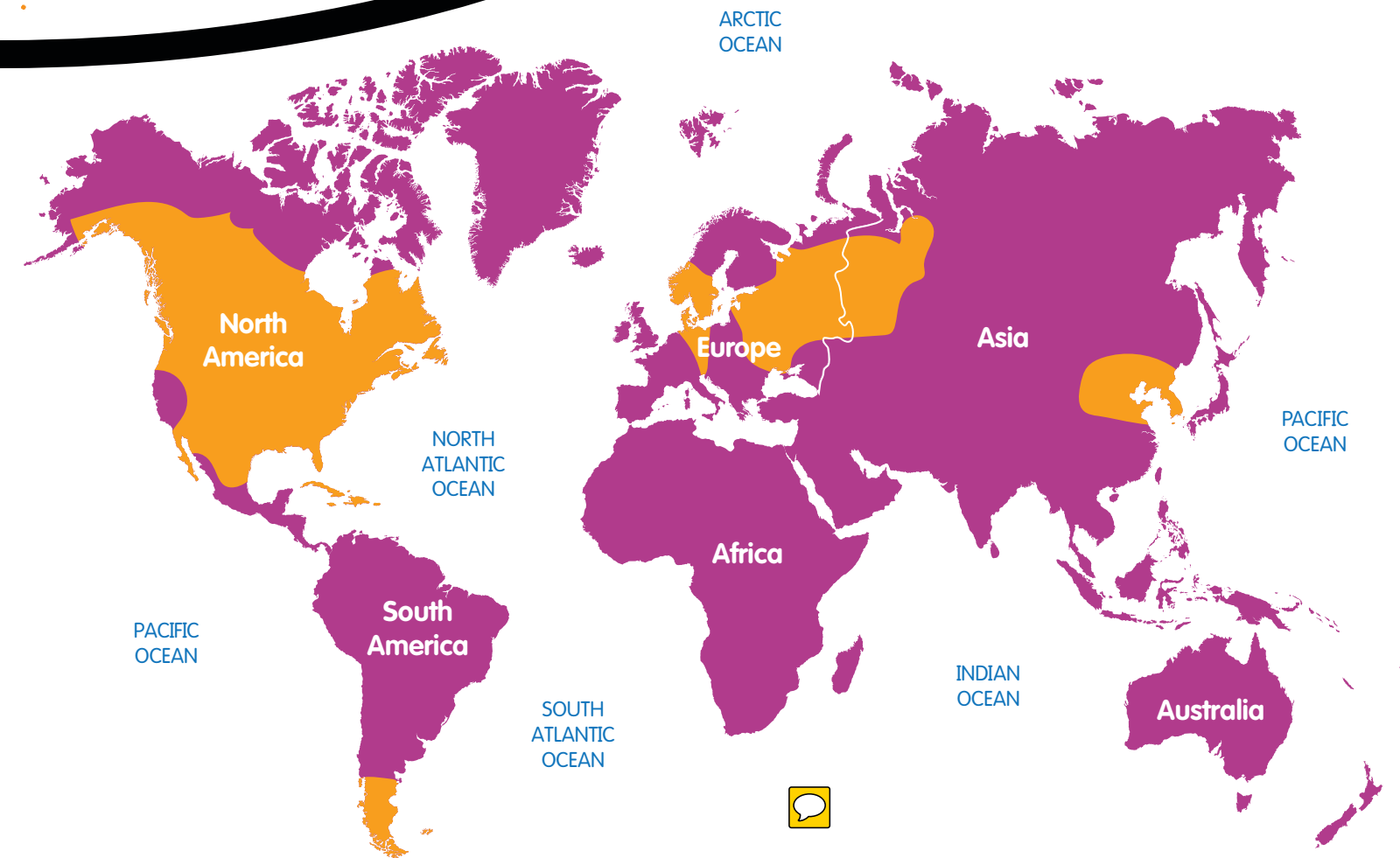
Beaver dams create a pond. Their dams can turn a small stream into a deep pond about six feet (2 m) deep. A beaver family lives in a lodge in the middle of the pond.



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

 = BEAVER REGION

Beavers live in streams, rivers, marshes, and ponds. They also live along lakeshores. Beavers build lodges on river banks or lake shores. The lodge is where beavers rest, stay warm, and care for the kits."



DAILY LIFE

Beavers spend their time eating, grooming, sleeping or building. They gnaw on trees for food and to build dams. The beavers cut away at the trunk until the tree falls.



Beavers can chew through a six-inch tree in 15 minutes. Each year, one beaver can chew through hundreds of trees.