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Alberta Science Curriculum Earth Systems – Grade 4

3-Part Lesson Format

Part 1 – Minds On!

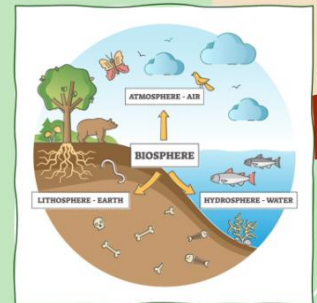
- Learning Goals
- Discussion Questions
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01

Earth's Systems: The Four Spheres

Learning Goal

We are learning to **identify and describe** Earth's four spheres so we can understand how the Lithosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, and Biosphere support life.



Sorting Activity – Facts About Earth's Four Spheres (Place a ☒ in the correct column.)

Items	Lithosphere (Land)	Hydrosphere (Water)	Atmosphere (Air)	Biosphere (Life)
1 Contains all the water on Earth				
2 Includes mountains, rocks, and soil				
3 Provides oxygen and weather patterns				
4 Supports all living things				
5 Includes rivers, rain, and oceans				
6 Has air that animals and people breathe				
7 Provides nutrients for plants to grow				
8 Includes forests, coral reefs, and animals				
9 Covers Earth with gases like oxygen				

Use this to complete the activity: ☒



Part 2 – Action!

- Writing
- Matching
- Drag and Drop
- Drawing
- And More!

Part 3 – Consolidation!

- Exit Cards
- Quizzes
- Reflection
- And More!

Consolidation – 3-2-1 Reflection Activity

After learning about the four spheres, reflect on the following:

- 3 things you learned about land, water, air, and life.
- 2 things you found interesting about how they connect.
- 1 question you still have about how changes in one sphere might affect the others.

Write your responses in your notebook or discuss with a partner. If short on time, share your answers as a whole-class activity.





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Cause And Effect: Layers Of The Earth

Instructions: Drag the letter of each Effect to match its corresponding Cause.

Cause	Effect
1) Heat from the inner core rises through the mantle.	A) New rock forms when lava cools.
2) The crust breaks because of pressure.	B) An earthquake shakes the land suddenly.
3) The outer core is liquid metal.	C) Earth's magnetic field forms around the planet.
4) Plates push together at their edges.	D) The surface stays cool and solid for living things.
5) Two plates move apart.	E) Hot rock moves in slow circles inside Earth.
6) Lava reaches the surface and cools.	F) Magma rises through cracks and builds volcanoes.
7) The crust is the coolest layer.	G) Mountains rise where plates push together.

Air – Multiple Choice

Write the letter (A, B, or C) in the Answer column

Question	A	B	C	Answer
1) Which gas makes up most of the air?	Oxygen	Nitrogen	Carbon dioxide	
2) Why do people and animals need air?	To breathe oxygen	To make food	To keep warm	
3) What do plants release into the air when making food?	Nitrogen	Steam	Oxygen	
4) What is the layer of air around Earth called?	Atmosphere	Hydrosphere	Lithosphere	
5) Which fact shows that air is matter?	It makes sound	It takes up space and has weight	It has no mass	
6) What can happen when air is polluted?	Winds get stronger	Living things can get sick	Air becomes colourful	

Word Search

CUMULONIMBUS
S Q F R Z V I R K K M N W H N I O
M W E A T H E R C U M U L U S G G
N I M B O S T R A T U S O N W H F
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C J A L S D A I N W I N D Q B G D

CUMULUS	NIMBOSTRATUS
STRATUS	CIRRUS
CUMULONIMBUS	RAIN
SUN	SNOW
THUNDER	LIGHTNING
WIND	FOG
CLOUD	WEATHER



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How Do Living Things Use The Biosphere?

Living things depend on different parts of the biosphere—land, water, air, and underground—to survive.

Match each statement to the correct part of the biosphere by placing the number beside it.

1

Land

2

Water

3

Air

4

Underground

A bird builds its nest high in a tree and flies to find food.

Fish and turtles live here, surrounded by plants and coral.

Earthworms and roots grow and move through soil in this area.

Humans grow crops and raise animals in this environment.

Frogs and beavers depend on this part for shelter and food.

Trees, flowers, and animals like deer live and grow in this region.

Moles dig tunnels here to stay safe and warm.

Rain clouds form here before water falls to the ground.



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Question			
1) What is a natural resource ?	Something made by people	comes from the ground	They are dry
2) Why are forests important in Alberta?	They clean the air and give wood	They cover only small areas	Making jewelry
3) What are oil and gas mostly used for?	Cooking food	Fuel for cars and heating homes	To find jobs near natural resources
4) Why do people move to resource towns ?	To visit national parks	To go on vacation	It only fills swimming pools
5) How does water help people and animals?	It's used to decorate cities	It gives drinking water and helps plants grow	They become stronger
6) What happens when people waste resources ?	The resources may run out	The land stays healthy	

Sentence

Bank Below to complete each sentence.)

Sentence	Missing Word
1) Turning off the ___ while brushing your teeth helps save clean water.	
2) Throwing trash into a ___ can make the water unsafe for animals.	
3) Factories that dump ___ into lakes cause serious pollution.	
4) Collecting ___ water helps people water plants without using extra water.	
5) Using too much ___ outside can send harmful chemicals into rivers.	
6) Fixing broken ___ at home helps prevent water from being wasted.	
7) Clean ___ is needed by people, animals, and plants to stay healthy.	
8) ___ clean and filter dirty water naturally to keep our environment healthy.	

water

tap

leaks

waste

Wetlands

river

soap

rain



Workbook Preview



Grade 4 – Science Unit

Organizing Idea: Earth Systems: Understandings of the living world, Earth, and space are deepened by investigating natural systems and their interactions.

Guiding Question: How does Earth sustain life?

	Learning Outcome - Students investigate the systems of Earth and reflect on how their interconnections sustain life	Pages
ES.1	<p>Earth scientists call Earth's systems the spheres, including the lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere</p> <p>The lithosphere is the outer layers of Earth's surface, is made of rocks, contains soils and minerals that support life</p> <p>The atmosphere is a gas layer that surrounds Earth, warms Earth's surface, reduces extremes of temperature, contains oxygen, which is used for breathing</p>	7-31, 40-46, 65, 76
ES.2	<p>Organisms require warmth and energy from the Sun to live.</p> <p>Sunlight is more direct at the equator than at the poles.</p> <p>The long-term temperature at the equator is warmer than it is at the poles.</p> <p>In Alberta, sunlight is more direct, and the length of daylight is longer, in summer than in winter</p>	77-90
ES.3	<p>Water is a basic need for plants and animals.</p> <p>Water provides habitat for many organisms.</p> <p>First Nations, Métis, and Inuit laws of nature honour water as being sacred because water sustains life.</p> <p>Laws of nature guide First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in their responsibility to protect water and sources of water.</p> <p>First Nations, Métis, and Inuit laws of nature include: how nature provides gifts of life, living in harmony with the land</p>	66-73

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	Learning Outcome - Students investigate the systems of Earth and reflect on how their interconnections sustain life	Pages
ES.4	<p>Changes in one system that can impact another system include changes in: number of organisms, food sources, habitat, water distribution and cleanliness, weather patterns</p> <p>Governments, conservation groups, and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities collaborate with Parks Canada to conserve, restore, and protect Canada's natural and cultural heritages through initiatives such as: culture camps, science camps, land management and preservation of important sites, cultural centres</p>	104-109
ES.5	Natural resources are materials from nature that are used to meet human needs, and include: air, water, soil, minerals, metals, forests, organisms	91-103
ES.6	<p>Conservation is the preservation and protection of Earth's systems from pollution, depletion, or extinction.</p> <p>Conservation practices can be implemented in natural and human-made areas.</p> <p>Conservation can involve creating local, provincial, and national parks.</p> <p>First Nations, Métis, and Inuit have a long history with the land that has informed conservation practices and beliefs.</p>	110-118, 130-136
ES.7	<p>Conservation can be practised through personal actions, including: use of electricity; e.g., turning off lights when leaving a room, use of water; e.g., taking shorter showers, reducing waste; e.g., using reusable packaging</p> <p>Conservation can be practised through community or global actions, such as: use of energy-efficient alternatives; e.g., solar panels, supplying water to support crops (irrigation), community recycling or composting programs</p>	126-129, 137-149
Computer Science		
CS.1	Students examine and apply design processes to meet needs.	32-39, 47-51, 119-125

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EARTH SYSTEMS

PREVIEW



Earth's Systems: The Four Spheres

Introduction

Our Earth is made up of different parts or systems, also known as spheres.

These four spheres include the Lithosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, and Biosphere.

The Lithosphere

The Lithosphere is the solid, rocky part, including the ground and upper mantle. It's the ground beneath our feet and the mountains we climb.

The Atmosphere

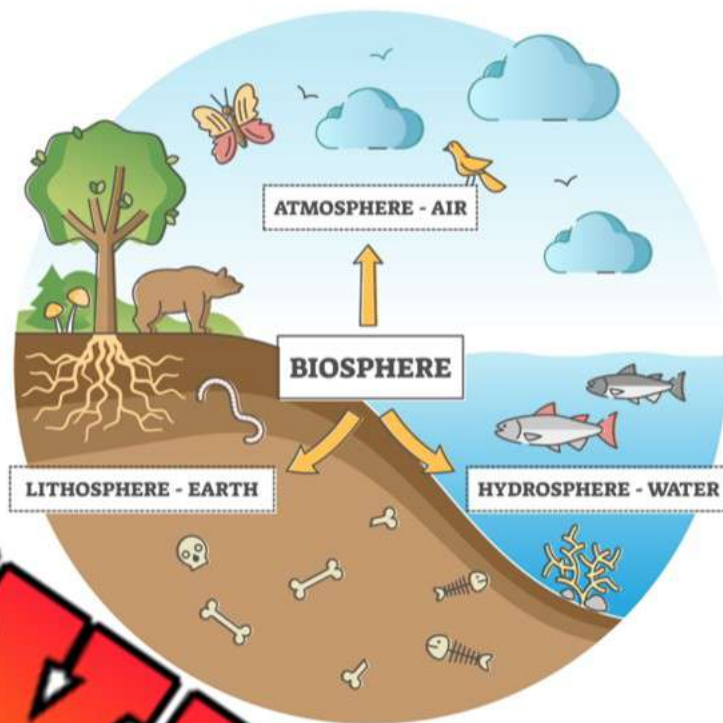
The Atmosphere is a layer of gases surrounding Earth. It gives us the air we breathe and protects us from space's harsh conditions. It's the air in our faces and the warmth of the sun.

The Hydrosphere

The Hydrosphere includes all the water on Earth, in lakes, rivers, glaciers, underground, or in the ocean. It's the water we drink and the rain that waters plants. It's very important as water is necessary for all known forms of life.

The Biosphere

Lastly, the Biosphere is where all life exists. The biosphere includes all living organisms on Earth, including humans, animals, and plants. It overlaps with parts of the other spheres, including forests (lithosphere), coral reefs (hydrosphere), and birds (atmosphere).



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Curriculum Connection
ES.1

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The Lithosphere is made up of gases.	True	False
2) We breathe in air in the Atmosphere	True	False
3) The Hydrosphere includes all the water on Earth	True	False
4) The Atmosphere is the solid part of the Earth	True	False
5) Birds are part of the Lithosphere.	True	False

Describe

Describe each of the spheres below

Lithosphere	
Atmosphere	
Hydrosphere	
Biosphere	

Questioning

Write 3 questions you have about Earth's systems/spheres

1)	
2)	
3)	

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

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Mark

Circle the answer for each question.

1) Where do trees and animals live?	Lithosphere	Biosphere
2) Which sphere includes rivers and oceans?	Hydrosphere	Atmosphere
3) Which sphere contains air and weather?	Atmosphere	Hydrosphere
4) Mountains and rocks belong to which?	Biosphere	Lithosphere
5) Glaciers and groundwater are in which?	Hydrosphere	Lithosphere

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The Lithosphere: Earth's Outer Layer

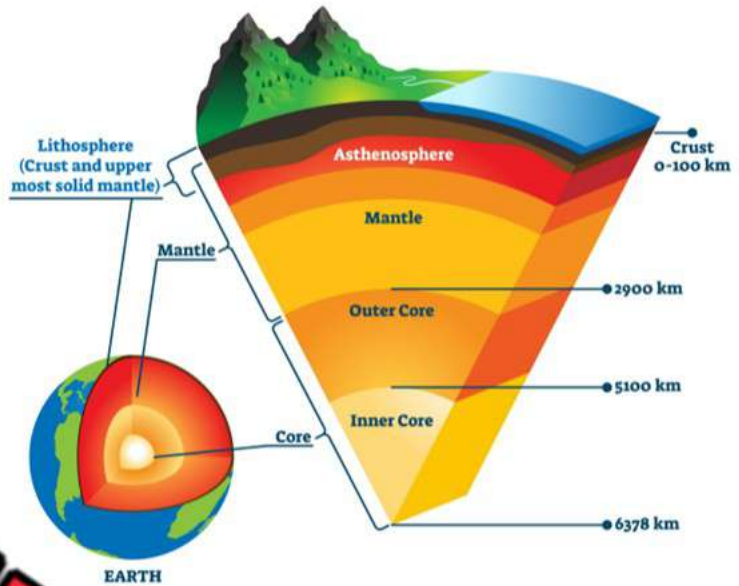
What is the Lithosphere?

The lithosphere is the top layer of the Earth's surface. When you walk on the ground, climb a hill, or touch a rock, you are in contact with the lithosphere.

Layers

The crust and upper mantle make up the two layers of the lithosphere.

- **The Crust:** This is the very top layer of the lithosphere that we walk on daily. It includes the continents and the ocean floor.
- **The Upper Mantle:** Beneath the crust is the upper part of the mantle. Even though it's rocky, it's very, very hot, and parts of it can melt like silly putty.



What's in the Lithosphere?

The lithosphere is mostly made of rocks. These rocks can be as big as a boulder or as small as a grain of sand. There are three types of rocks in the lithosphere: igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary.

How Does the Lithosphere Help Life?

The lithosphere helps life in many ways:

- **Soils:** The lithosphere has soil, which is made of tiny rock pieces and stuff from dead plants and animals. The soil gives plants a place to grow and holds water.
- **Minerals:** The lithosphere has minerals too. Minerals are found in rocks. They are things like iron, calcium, and potassium. Plants and animals need minerals.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The crust is part of the lithosphere	True	False
2) The lithosphere is made up of only one layer	True	False
3) The upper mantle is cooler and more solid than the crust	True	False
4) The lithosphere can contain rocks as big as mountains	True	False
5) Minerals are not found in the lithosphere	True	False

Question Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is the lithosphere?

2) Why do we need the lithosphere? How does it support life?

Visualizing

Draw what you were picturing while you were reading. Explain the picture

The Rock Cycle

The Rock Cycle

The **Rock Cycle** is the process by which rocks change forms from one type to another.

There are three main kinds of rocks:

igneous rock, metamorphic rock, and sedimentary rock. Each type of rock can change into another through the following processes: melting, cooling, weathering, erosion, compaction, cementing, and lithification. Heating and pressure can also change rocks.

Magma and Sediment

Magma and sediment are substances that become rocks and enter the rock cycle. Magma is liquid rock that is underground.

Sediments are particles from rock erosion. Weathered rocks and these sediments eventually will become sedimentary rock in the future.

Igneous Rock

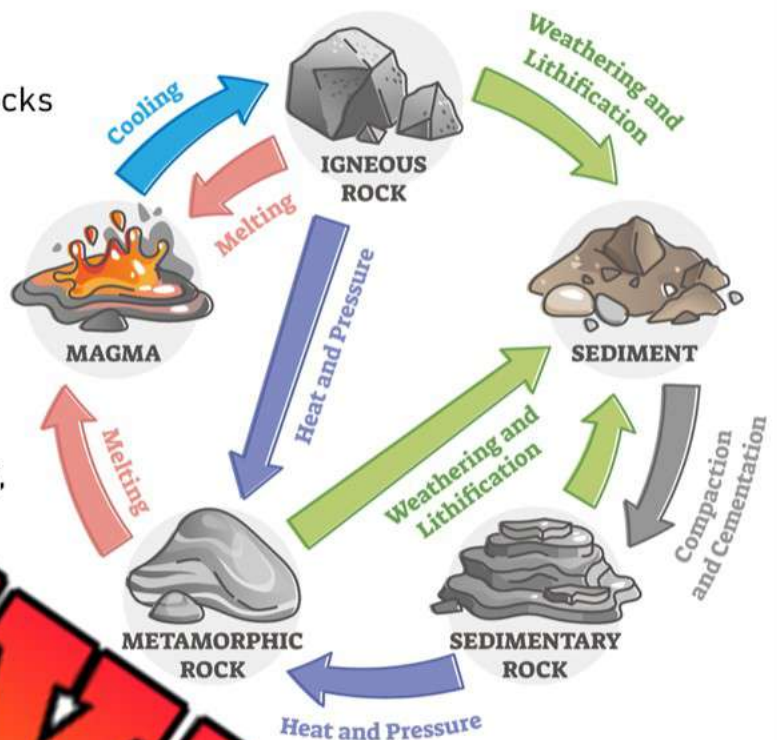
Igneous rock is hardened magma that can happen below or above the ground. It can become one of the other types of rocks through the following processes: melting into magma, eroding into sediment, or be compacted and pressurized to become metamorphic.

Metamorphic Rock

Metamorphic rock is igneous or sedimentary rock that has been heated and squeezed under heat and pressure. It can erode into sediment or melt into magma.

Sedimentary Rock

Sedimentary rock is compacted sediment. Sediment can be in the form of tiny rock materials or remains of living things. When these tiny materials are compacted together, they form a weak rock known as sedimentary rock.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1. Metamorphic rock is hardened magma	True	False
2. Rocks can change forms under physical processes like heating	True	False
3. Sediments are big chunks of rock	True	False
4. A sedimentary rock is very strong and tough to break	True	False
5. Igneous can be compacted to become metamorphic	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is the rock cycle?

2) How can rocks change from one form into another?

Summarize

What is the main idea and supporting details from the reading passage

Formation of Different Rocks

Explain

How are each type of rock formed? Use the diagram to help

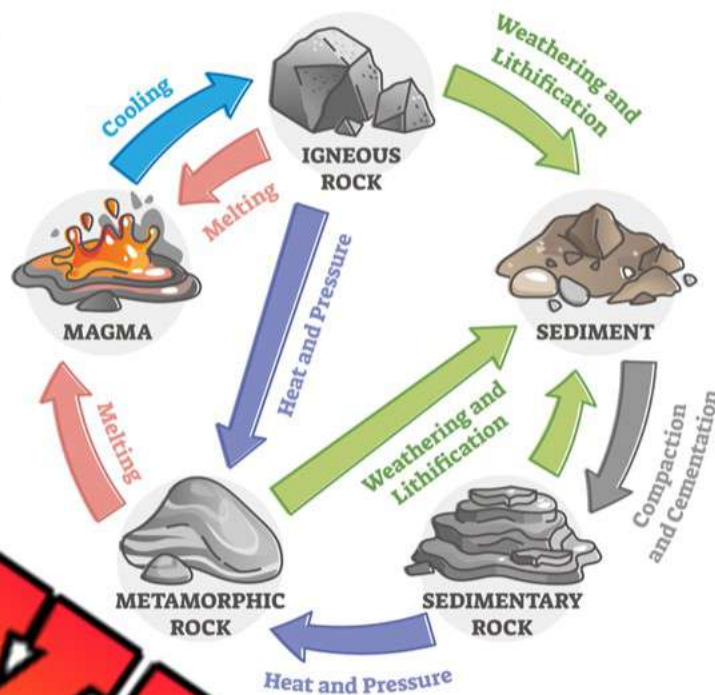
1) How are sedimentary rocks formed?

2) How are metamorphic rocks formed?

3) How are igneous rocks formed?

4) How do igneous rocks turn into metamorphic rocks?

5) How do metamorphic rocks turn into sedimentary rocks?



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) When magma is cooled, it turns into metamorphic rock	True	False
2) Igneous and metamorphic rocks can be weathered into sediments	True	False
3) Sediments are compacted and cemented into sedimentary rock	True	False
4) Igneous rock cannot become metamorphic rock	True	False
5) Through heat and pressure, magma becomes metamorphic rock	True	False
6) Metamorphic rock can melt into magma	True	False

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark

Circle the answer for each question.

What is underground liquid rock called?	Lava	Magma
Which rock forms when magma hardens?	Igneous	Metamorphic
Which process wears rocks into pieces?	Weathering	Cooling
Which process turns sediment into rock?	Cementing	Melting
Which rock forms from heat and pressure?	Sedimentary	Metamorphic

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Fact or Fiction: Rock Cycle Edition

Objective

What are we learning about?

To help students learn about the rock cycle by listening to true and false statements about igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks, as well as the processes that change them over time.

Materials

What do you need for the activity?

- Fact or Fiction statements
- A 'Fact' sign and a 'Fiction' sign to place on the two sides of the room
- Designated areas in the classroom to place the 'Fact' and 'Fiction' signs, allowing space for students to move to either side

FACT
OR
FICTION



Instructions

How will you complete the activity?

1. Your teacher will read statements. Pay close attention as each statement is read.
2. Consider carefully whether you think the statement is true or false.
3. If you decide the statement is true, walk to the 'Fact' side of the room.
4. If your guess is that it's not true, move to the 'Fiction' side of the room.
5. Stay on your chosen side and listen attentively for the correct answer to be revealed.
6. When the right answer is announced, return to your seat, ready for the next round.
7. Have fun getting up and moving!

Fact or Fiction

Read the statements to the class.

#	Statement	
1	The rock cycle shows how rocks can change from one type to another.	Fact
2	Igneous rocks are formed when sand and shells press together.	Fiction
3	Metamorphic rocks are made when heat and pressure change existing rocks.	Fact
4	Sedimentary rocks form from layers of materials like sand, mud, and tiny fossils.	Fact
5	Rocks stay the same forever and never change.	Fiction
6	Lava that cools on Earth's surface makes igneous rock.	Fact
7	Sedimentary rocks form underground when magma hardens.	Fiction
8	Only igneous rocks can turn into magma.	Fact
9	Metamorphic rocks can turn into magma.	Fact
10	Sedimentary rocks can contain fossils of plants and animals.	Fact
11	Weathering and erosion break rocks into small pieces that form sedimentary rocks.	Fact
12	Igneous rocks can become sedimentary rocks through weathering and compaction.	Fact
13	Rocks in the cycle can only move in one direction.	Fiction
14	The rock cycle is part of Earth's natural systems.	Fact
15	All rocks begin as sedimentary rocks.	Fiction
16	Magma is melted rock found beneath Earth's surface.	Fact
17	Metamorphic rocks can become sedimentary if they are broken into pieces.	Fact
18	Metamorphic rocks are formed only from melted lava.	Fact
19	Rocks can change from one type to another many times.	Fact
20	Sedimentary rocks form when lava hardens quickly.	Fiction

**Quiz
Check-In**

This quiz will assess students' understanding of the concepts covered in the Fact or Fiction activity. Cut along the lines and give each section to a student.

Name: _____

Mark

Is the statement true (T) or false (F)?

1. Sedimentary rocks are formed from layers of sand, mud, or shells.	T	F
2. Igneous rocks always form deep underground.	T	F
3. Heat and pressure can change rocks into metamorphic rocks.	T	F
4. The rock cycle only goes in one direction.	T	F
5. Magma is melted rock found under Earth's surface.	T	F
6. Weathering and erosion can break rocks into sediments.	T	F

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Underground Drones

History of Drones

A **drone** is an aircraft with no on-board crew or passengers. Drones are also called "Unmanned aerial vehicles" (UAVs). Drones are controlled by a remote control.

The first drone was made in Britain during the First World War. It was named "Britain's Aerial Target." It was tested and showed promise, but it wasn't used in the war.

Fast forward over 100 years, and drones are now in many different ways, from monitoring crops to carrying out search and rescue operations after natural disasters.

Underground Drones

Mining companies are now using underground drones to help their mining projects. These drones are sent into mines to search caves, collect samples, and map out underground tunnels.



Underground drones are useful in the following ways:

- ✓ They have technology that can record the ground's surface.
- ✓ They can identify geological features like caves, holes, and underground lakes.
- ✓ They can send quality videos of what miners can expect to find underground.
- ✓ They can map out any dangerous areas before sending miners down.

The technology has only been around since 2017, but it will be very useful. Being able to send drones underground to learn more about a mine will keep humans safer.

In the past, human surveyors were sent deep into these mines to do the research themselves. Drones will save them from potential collapses, unsafe gas conditions, and from getting trapped underground.



Drone Operators

A new job industry is becoming more popular as drones are being used more and more. To get into the drone industry, you'll need A Transport Canada Advanced RPAS Pilots License and a Class 5 Driver's License.



True or False

Is the statement true or false

1) An underground drone can map out an underground mine	True	False
2) Underground drones will save people's lives	True	False
3) You can drive a drone as a professional without a license	True	False
4) Drones can be sent into dangerous areas to protect humans	True	False
5) Underground drones have been around a very long time	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below

1) Is the mining industry using drones? What can drones be used for?

2) How is science and technology helping miners? What about the underground drone technology, how are humans affected?

Visualizing

Draw what you were picturing while you were reading. Explain the picture

IF/THEN Statements - Underground Drones

Directions

Follow the if/then statements to move the drone to the gold

1)	If sedimentary rock is the softest	then	Move down 3 spots
2)	If heat and pressure change rocks	then	Move right 5 spots
3)	If metamorphic rock is the weakest	then	Move left 4 spots
4)	If igneous rocks are cooled lava	then	Move down 2 spots
5)	If a rock is a combination of minerals	then	Move right 3 spots
6)	If we eat rocks	then	Move down 1 spot
7)	If steel is made without iron	then	Move left 3 spots
8)	If rocks can tell us about the past	then	Move left 7 spots
9)	If rocks and minerals are made of atoms	then	Move right 2 spots
10)	If sediments are small particles of rock	then	Move down 1 spot





Writing Code - Underground Drones

Nova is a robot drone that helps gather information about underground mines. Nova is controlled by a remote control.

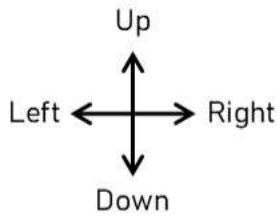
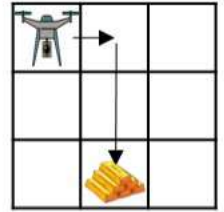


Mining

Use the map to write code on the back of the page

Start Here

Start Here				Volcano		Obsidian	
					Granite		
Zinc							Graphite
	Iron Ore						
		Platinum					
				Titanium			
	Gold						Bronze
Emerald					Diamond		

**Commands** – Use the example below to learn the codeMove 1 rightMove 2 down**Mining**

Tell Nova where to dig so that they get to all the materials

1) Find the copper and emerald

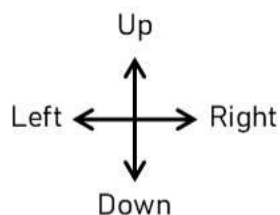
2) Find the platinum and diamond

3) Find the silver, graphite, and granite

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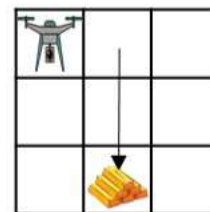
Curriculum Connection
CS.1



Commands – Use the example below to learn the code

Move 1 right

Move 2 down



Mining

Collect the minerals/rocks below using as few lines of code as possible.
You can pick up the rocks/minerals in any order

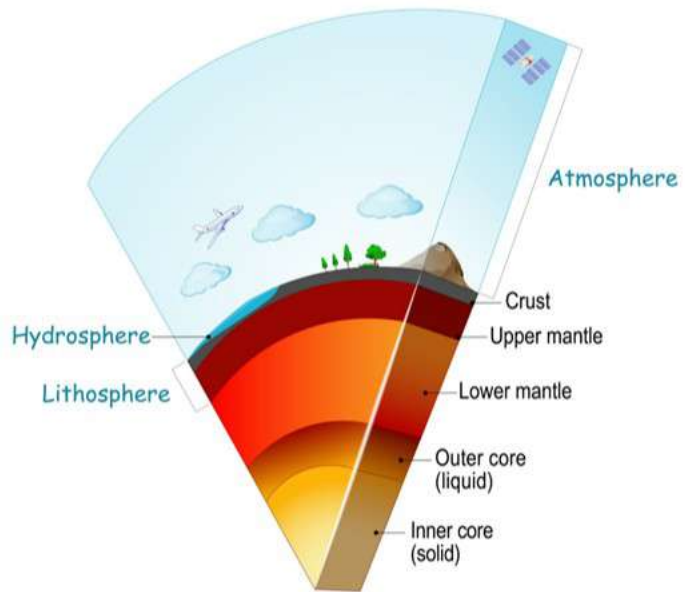
4) Find the iron ore, copper, diamond, gold, and emerald.

5) Find copper, bronze, obsidian, granite, silver, and gold. Don't touch the lava!

The Atmosphere: Earth's Invisible Shield

What is the Atmosphere?

Think of Earth wearing a giant, invisible coat. That's what we call the atmosphere! It's a layer of gases that goes all around our planet. Without this protective coat, Earth would be much different, and not very nice.



Keeping Earth Warm

One of the cool jobs of the atmosphere is to keep Earth warm. During the day, the Sun sends its heat to the Earth. But when the Sun sets at night, the heat tries to escape into space. Here's where the atmosphere comes in, acting like a cozy blanket, trapping some of the warmth near Earth's surface. This makes our planet comfortable for us.

Smoothing Out Temperature Extremes

The atmosphere also helps to level out temperature extremes. The atmosphere keeps Earth from getting too hot during the daytime and too cold during the nighttime. Without the atmosphere, daytime could feel like an oven, and nighttime could feel like a freezer!

The Atmosphere: Earth's Protective Shield

Besides warming our planet and giving us air to breathe, the atmosphere acts like a superhero shield for Earth! It protects us from small space rocks called meteoroids. Most meteoroids burn up in the atmosphere before they can reach Earth's surface. This is why we see shooting stars! Without the atmosphere, these space rocks could hit Earth and cause damage.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The atmosphere is not needed for life on Earth	True	False
2) All meteoroids that come towards Earth make it to the surface.	True	False
3) The atmosphere traps in heat when the Sun sets	True	False
4) The atmosphere doesn't let too much of the Sun's heat in	True	False
5) Without an atmosphere, it would be a warm paradise on Earth	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is the effect of the atmosphere?

2) Explain the three ways the atmosphere helps plants and animals survive.

1

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3

Exit Cards

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Name: _____

Mark

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2) It acts like Earth's protective coat.	True
	False
3) It is made of liquid water clouds only.	True
	False
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The Layers of the Atmosphere

The Layers of Earth's Atmosphere

1. Troposphere

- This layer is where all of the weather occurs, so whenever you experience wind, rain, or sunshine, it's thanks to the troposphere!
- Almost all the air we breathe, including oxygen and nitrogen, is found here along with clouds and flying birds.

2. Stratosphere

- The ozone layer is in the stratosphere, shielding us from the Sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays.
- It's the preferred flight path for commercial airplanes because it's stable and has few weather disturbances.

3. Mesosphere

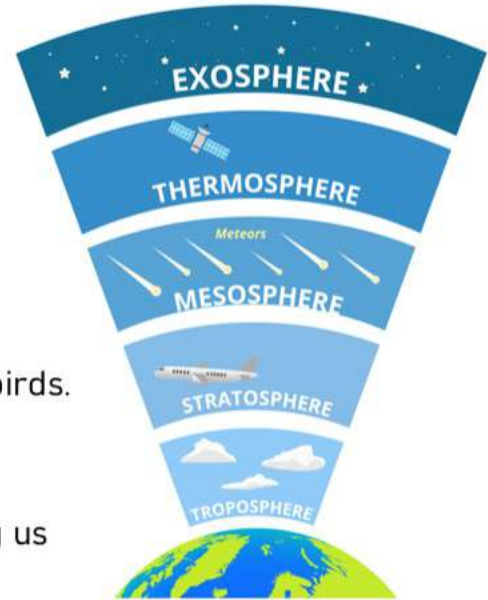
- The coldest layer of all, the mesosphere, protects us from meteors by causing most of them to burn up.
- Whenever you spot a shooting star, you're witnessing a meteor burn in the mesosphere!

4. Thermosphere

- The thermosphere may be super hot, but the air is too thin for us to feel the heat.
- This layer is home to the mesmerizing Northern and Southern Lights (Auroras) and the International Space Station orbits Earth here.

5. Exosphere

- The exosphere is the final layer of Earth's atmosphere, where our atmosphere fades into the vastness of space.
- Although mostly empty, the exosphere is where many satellites orbit the Earth.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Birds fly in the exosphere.	True	False
2) The ozone layer is in the troposphere.	True	False
3) Airplanes fly in the mesosphere.	True	False
4) Shooting stars burn up in the mesosphere.	True	False
5) Satellites orbit in the exosphere.	True	False

Questions

Describe each of the layers of the atmosphere

Troposphere	
Stratosphere	
Mesosphere	
Thermosphere	
Exosphere	

Name: _____

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Draw

Draw a diagram of the layers of the atmosphere

PREVIEW

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Mark

Circle the correct answer.

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	Stratosphere
2) Where do planes usually fly?	Mesosphere
	Stratosphere
3) Which layer has ozone?	Troposphere
	Stratosphere
4) Coldest layer is which?	Mesosphere
	Thermosphere
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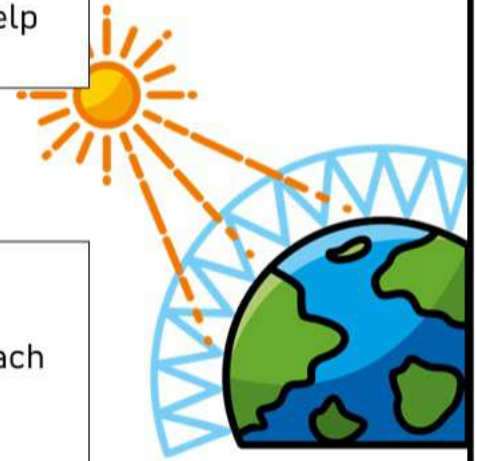
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Coding Activity – Layers of Atmosphere

Objective

What are we learning about?

To learn more about the atmosphere in a fun and engaging way. This is a physical activity that uses the principles of coding to help students understand the different layers of the atmosphere.



Materials

What do we need?

- ✓ Flashcards with names of the different layers of the atmosphere
- ✓ Flashcards with characteristics and facts about each layer
- ✓ Open space for movement

Method

How do we complete the experiment?

- 1) Setup: Lay out the flashcards with names of layers in order from the ground up in a line across the room or field.
- 2) Creating Human Code: Divide the students into four groups. Each group will represent a "program" and each student in the group will represent a layer of the atmosphere.
- 3) Atmosphere Fact Cards: Give each group a set of fact cards about the atmosphere. The facts can include things like "this layer is where weather occurs" or "this layer is where satellites orbit". The facts should correspond to the layers of the atmosphere.
- 4) Programming: The task for each group is to assign the correct facts to each member, representing the correct layer of the atmosphere. They need to "program" their group by discussing and matching the facts to the layers.
- 5) Execution: Once the groups have assigned the facts, each group will present their "program". When someone says, "run" or "start", they will line up in the order of the layers, and each student will say out loud the name of the layer they represent and the facts they were assigned.
- 6) Debugging: If a fact is wrong or misplaced, the other students can help "debug" the program by suggesting corrections.

TROPOSPHERE

STRATOSPHERE

MESOSPHERE

THERMOSPHERE

EXOSPHERE

Set 1

This is the layer where we live and where weather happens, like rain and snow.

This layer is where the northern and southern lights (aurora borealis and aurora australis) occur.

This layer holds the ozone layer, which protects us from the sun's rays.

This is the outermost layer of the atmosphere, where space begins and objects orbit Earth.

This is the layer where most meteors burn up when they enter Earth's atmosphere.

Set 2

This layer is above the troposphere and extends up to 50 kilometers.

It's the layer closest to Earth's surface and extends up to 15 kilometers.

This layer is above the mesosphere and extends up to about 600 kilometers.

This layer has the lowest density of molecules as there are less air molecules, making the air thinner.

This is the least explored layer of the atmosphere because it's too high for aircraft and too low for satellites.

Set 3

It's the coldest layer of the atmosphere, with temperatures dropping as low as -90°C .

The ozone layer, which absorbs and scatters the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, is in this layer.

It's the layer where many satellites orbit Earth.

It's where we experience rain, snow, and thunderstorms occur.

The air in this layer gets warmer as you go higher due to the absorption of the sun's radiation.

Set 4

Is known as the middle sphere.

The air in this layer gets colder as you go higher.

It's the layer where the Northern and Southern Lights (Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australis) occur.

The air in this layer gets warmer as you go higher because of the ozone layer.

The air is extremely thin in this layer.

Set 5

Most of Earth's air mass (around 75-80%) is in this sphere.

The International Space Station orbits in this sphere.

It's very dry and has very little water vapor.

It gradually fades into space and has very few particles, mostly hydrogen and helium.

Most meteors burn up in this sphere as they fall towards Earth, causing shooting stars.

Set 6

This layer is above the stratosphere and extends up to about 85 kilometers.

This sphere is the outermost layer of the atmosphere, extending from the thermosphere up to 10,000 kilometers.

Birds and airplanes fly in the lower part of this sphere.

Despite its high temperatures, this layer would feel cold to us because of the thin atmosphere.

Most commercial airlines cruise in the lower part of this layer where the air is stable.

All About Air

All About Air

Everything around you is matter. The air you breathe is matter. The juice you drink is matter. The chair and desk in the classroom are both matter. They are all different kinds of matter. Matter can be liquid, solid or gas.

Air is matter in the form of a gas. We cannot see air, but it is all around us. Air covers the earth in a layer that is several kilometers deep. This layer is called the atmosphere. If you go to outer space, you leave the atmosphere and won't have air.

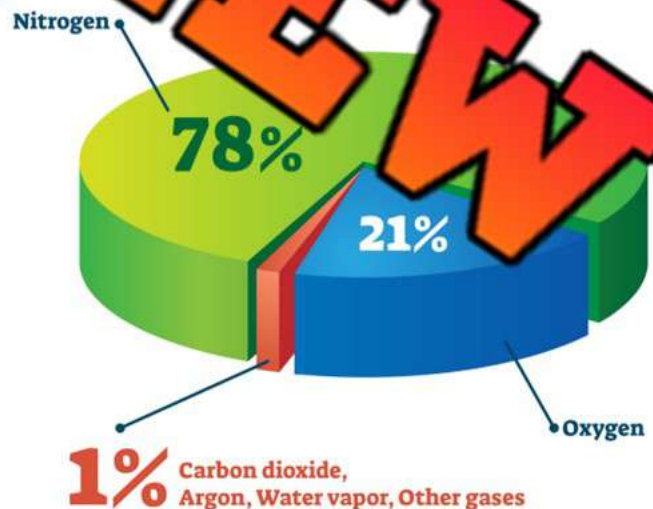
Air is made of several different kinds of gases. Air is made of:

- Nitrogen → 78 percent
- Oxygen → 21 percent
- Carbon Dioxide
- Water Vapour
- Argon
- Rare gases

Properties of Air

- We cannot feel air unless it is moving, like on a windy day
- We cannot see clean air
- Air has no colour, unless it is dirty
- We cannot smell air unless it is polluted. Clean air has no smell
- Air is a gas and a fluid. We know this because planes can fly through the air!

COMPOSITION OF AIR



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True or False

Is the statement true or false



1) Air is matter	True	False
2) Our air is made mostly of oxygen	True	False
3) Our bodies are matter	True	False
4) Air is a liquid	True	False
5) We can see or smell clean air	True	False

Search and Find

Find the answers to the questions below

1. What are the three states of matter? _____
2. Name the two main gases in air. _____
3. Can we see clean air? _____
4. What kind of air can we see? _____
5. What layer on earth has air in it? _____



Making Connections

Have you ever seen dirty air? Explain.

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1) Air is matter in gas form.	True
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2) Clean air has no colour.	True
	False
3) Oxygen is 50 percent of air.	True
	False
4) We can always see air.	True
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5) We only feel air when it moves.	True
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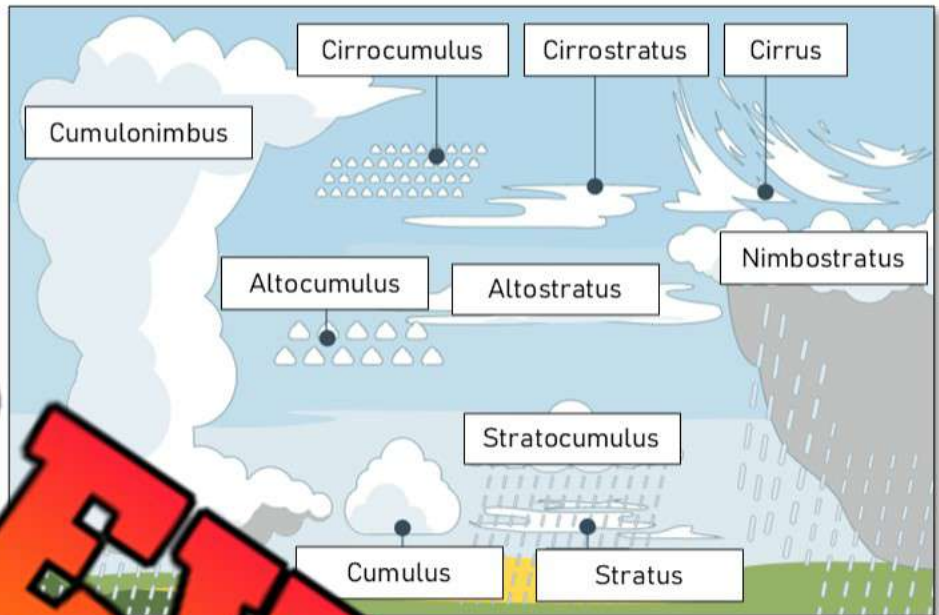
Types of Clouds

Understanding Clouds: Types and What They Mean

Clouds are a fascinating part of our sky. They come in different shapes, sizes, and can tell us a lot about the weather. Here are some common types of clouds:

Cumulus

Cumulus clouds are fluffy and look like pieces of cotton floating in the sky. They usually mean the weather is going to be clear. However, when they grow bigger and taller, they can turn into cumulonimbus clouds, which bring thunderstorms.



Stratus Clouds

Stratus clouds are like big gray blankets covering the sky. They are usually found low in the sky and can cover the whole sky. These clouds usually bring gloomy weather. If you've ever been in fog, you've been in a stratus cloud. It's like the sky is hugging the ground!

Cirrus Clouds

Cirrus clouds are thin and wispy, found high up in the sky. They are made of ice crystals because it's very cold up high. Cirrus clouds usually mean good weather, but if they start to cover the whole sky, it might mean a change in the weather is coming.

Cumulonimbus Clouds

Cumulonimbus clouds are towering, dark clouds that bring thunderstorms, heavy rain, snow, or even tornadoes. They can reach high up into the atmosphere and sometimes have an anvil shape at the top.

Nimbostratus Clouds

Nimbostratus clouds are thick, dark clouds that cover the sky and bring steady rain or snow. Unlike cumulonimbus clouds, they don't bring thunder or lightning.

By looking at clouds, we can tell a lot about what the weather is going to do. So, next time you're outside, take a look up at the sky and see if you can spot these different types of clouds!

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Cumulus clouds often indicate good, clear weather.	True	False
2) Stratus clouds are high in the sky and made of ice crystals.	True	False
3) Fog is a type of stratus cloud that's touching the ground.	True	False
4) Nimbostratus clouds are known for bringing thunder and lightning.	True	False
5) Cirrus clouds are fluffy and white, resembling cotton.	True	False

Match the letter from the description beside the correct type of cloud

Answers	Description
Cumulonimbus	A) Thick, dark clouds that bring thunderstorms, heavy rain, and sometimes tornadoes.
Stratus	B) Low, grey clouds covering the sky, often bringing drizzle or rain.
Cirrus	C) Thin, wispy clouds, found high up in the sky and usually indicate clear weather.
Cumulonimbus	D) Fluffy, white clouds that look like puffs of cotton floating in the sky.
Nimbostratus	E) Thick, dark clouds that bring the steady rain or snow.

Draw

Draw the types of clouds below

Cumulus	Stratus	Cirrus	Cumulonimbus	Nimbostratus

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Cirrus clouds are made of ice crystals.	
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Cumulonimbus clouds may have an anvil top.	
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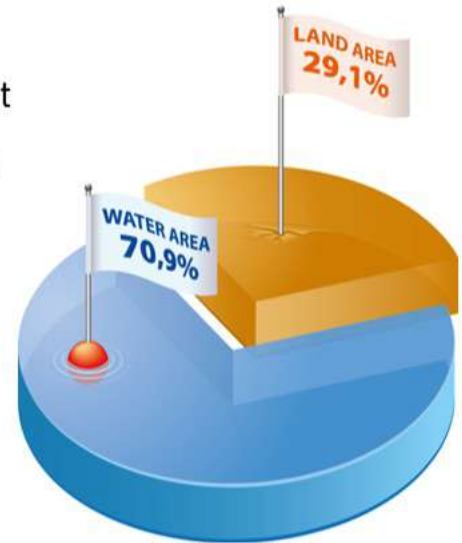
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What is the Hydrosphere?

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Have you ever looked at a globe? Notice how much of it is blue? That's water, and all of it together is called the hydrosphere. The hydrosphere includes all the places on Earth where water is found, whether it's a drop of dew on a leaf, a puddle, a river, a lake, or the deep ocean.



Places You Find Water

You can find the hydrosphere in many places! Here are a few:

- Oceans: This is the biggest part of the hydrosphere. Oceans cover more than 70% of Earth's surface.
- Rivers and Lakes: Flowing rivers and peaceful lakes are part of the hydrosphere too.
- Glaciers and Ice Caps: Even frozen water counts! Blocks of ice in the Arctic, Antarctica, and high mountains are part of the hydrosphere.
- Groundwater: Water underground that you can't see is also part of the hydrosphere. This water can be found in soil and rocks.
- Water Vapor: This is water in gas form. It's in the air all around us!

Water: The Essence of Life

Water is super important for life on Earth. Animals, plants, and humans all need water to live. Animals drink water and live in it. Plants need water to grow. Humans use water for drinking, cooking, cleaning, and lots of other things. Even our bodies are mostly water!

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The hydrosphere includes all the water on Earth.	True	False
2) Oceans cover less than half of Earth's surface.	True	False
3) Glaciers and ice caps are part of the hydrosphere.	True	False
4) There is no water underground.	True	False
5) Water vapor in the air is part of the hydrosphere.	True	False

Questions Write 3 questions you have about the reading

1)	
2)	
3)	

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answers

1) What is the hydrosphere? Where is most of the water found?

2) Why is the hydrosphere important to plant and animal life?

Exit Cards

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Mark

What is the Hydrosphere and why is it so important for life?

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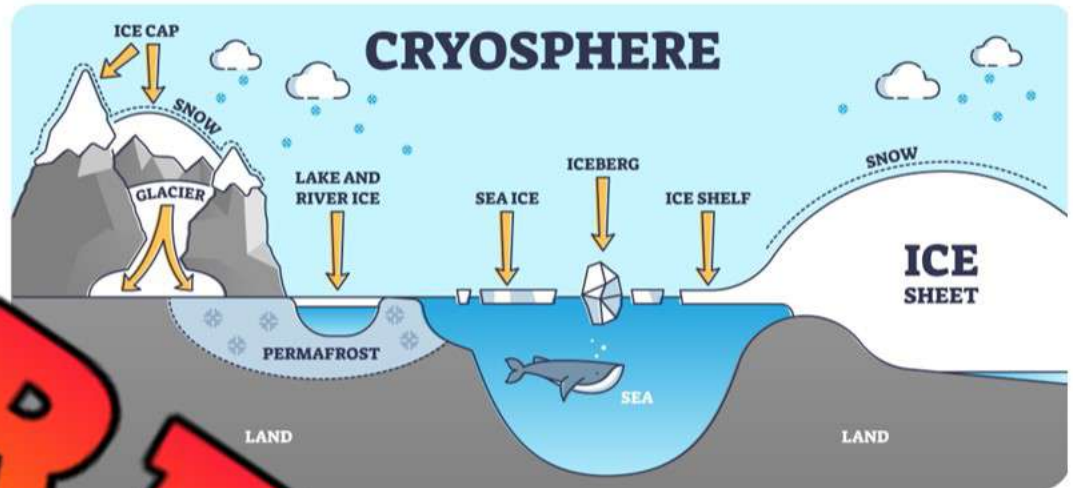
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Cryosphere - Glaciers

What is the Cryosphere?

The **cryosphere** is the part of the earth's surface that has solid water – ice.



What are Glaciers?

A **glacier** is a moving, large piece of ice that flows over a long period of time. Most glaciers are made of freshwater ice.

- **Ice Sheet** – Ice sheets are the largest ice formations. Ice sheets are the size of continents as they must be bigger than 50,000 square kilometres. The only ice sheets on Earth are in Antarctica and Greenland.
- **Ice Cap** – Ice caps are smaller than ice sheets, and are less than 50,000 square kilometres. Most ice caps are found near the North and South Poles of the earth. Canada has the Devon Ice Cap on Devon Island in Nunavut.
- **Icebergs** – Icebergs are floating pieces of ice that are more than 15 metres long. They are found in oceans or lakes. Icebergs are made when they break off a larger glacier. Icebergs are made of freshwater, as they begin their life on land.
- **Sea Ice** – Sea ice is frozen ocean water; therefore, it is made of saltwater. Sea ice floats on the ocean's surface.
- **Ice Shelf** – Ice shelves are permanent floating sheets of ice that are connected to a landmass. When ice breaks off an ice shelf, it can become an iceberg.

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) What is a glacier?

2) What is an ice sheet? Where are they found?

Order

Put the glaciers in order from smallest (1) to largest (6)

Iceberg	Ice Cap	Ice Sheet	Ice Shelf	Sea Ice	Lake/River Ice

Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer

1) The largest glacier is an	Ice cap	Ice sheet
2) An ice sheet must be larger than	100,000 km ²	50,000 km ²
3) A glacier that is smaller and is made of freshwater	Sea Ice	Iceberg
4) Sea Ice is made of	Freshwater	Saltwater
5) Most glaciers are made of...	Freshwater	Saltwater
6) Glaciers are...	Moving	Still

Exit Cards

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Mark

Circle the correct answer.

1) Which term means Earth's frozen water areas?	Cryosphere
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	Ice Cap
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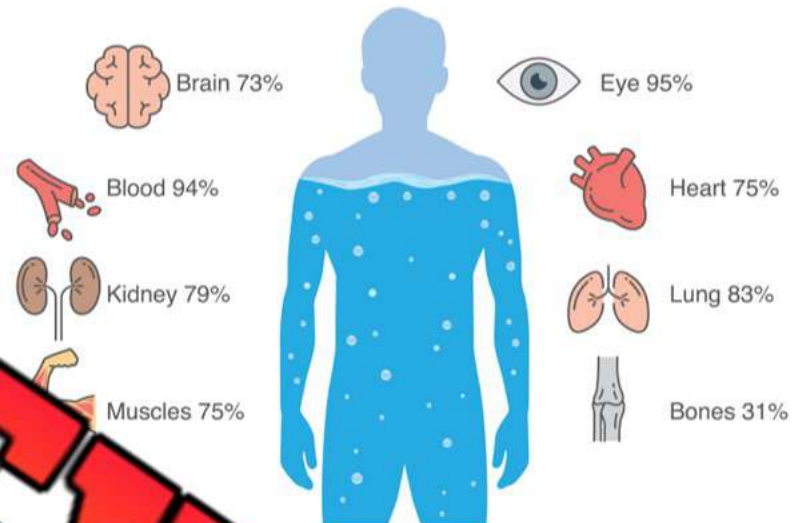
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All Living Things Need Water

Water

All living things need water to live. Our bodies are made of 75% water. It is very important to drink enough water every day. Most people should drink at least 8 glasses of water a day. Our bodies lose water when we go to the bathroom, when we sweat and when we breathe.

WATER IN CERTAIN ORGAN AND BODY PART



Water makes our bodies work and stay healthy. Our blood is made of 94% water. Even our brain does not work when we don't drink enough water. When we don't drink enough water, we say we are dehydrated.

Plants Need Water

Plants use water to make food for themselves. They take in water from their roots. The water moves up through the plant's stem and into the leaves. The chloroplasts in the leaves use the water to make sugar for the plant to eat.

Without water, a plant will die. This is because they can't make their own food without water. Even a cactus needs a bit of water! A cactus will need to take in water once every month.

Most plants that grow in Canada need to have 2 cm of water each week. Plants will grow best when it rains a lot.



Questions

Answer the questions below about the machine you chose

1) Why do we need water?

2) Why do we need water?

Visualizing

Draw what you picture when you were reading. Explain the picture

Word Search

Find the word bank words in the puzzle

A	B	F	U	D	B	O	D	I	E	S	G	L	H	W	B	C
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Word Bank

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drink | <input type="checkbox"/> Bodies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Need |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earth | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle |

Bodies of Water - Plants and Animals

Bodies of Water - Plants and Animals

Water is home to a diverse range of plants and animals. From the smallest pond to the vast ocean, each body of water has unique life forms. Let's dive in and explore some of them!

Ponds and Lakes

Ponds and lakes are freshwater bodies of water. They're home to a variety of plants and animals.

- Plants: Water lilies, duckweed, and pondweed are common. They provide shelter and food for animals.
- Animals: Frogs, turtles, ducks, and many kinds of fish live here. Insects like dragonflies and water beetles cross the water's surface.



Rivers and Streams

Rivers and streams are moving bodies of water. They are full of life too!

- Plants: Waterweeds and reeds grow here. Their plants are strong and can handle the fast water flow.
- Animals: Fish like trout and salmon live here. Rivers also have bears, and even bears can be found nearby.

Oceans

Oceans are the largest bodies of water. They're saltwater, not freshwater.

- Plants: Seaweed and kelp are common. They create underwater "forests" that many creatures call home.
- Animals: There's a huge range! Tiny shrimp, colorful fish, dolphins, whales, and sharks all live in the ocean.

Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are "underwater cities" in the ocean.

- Plants: Algae live in the coral and give it bright colors.
- Animals: Coral reefs are some of the most diverse habitats. They house clownfish, sea turtles, eels, and starfish.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Ponds and lakes are saltwater bodies.	True	False
2) Ducks live in ponds and lakes.	True	False
3) Trout and salmon live in rivers and streams.	True	False
4) Oceans are freshwater bodies.	True	False
5) Coral reefs are found in lakes.	True	False

Describe _____ aquatic habitats and the plants and animals that live there

Ponds and Lakes	
Rivers and Streams	
Oceans	
Coral Reefs	

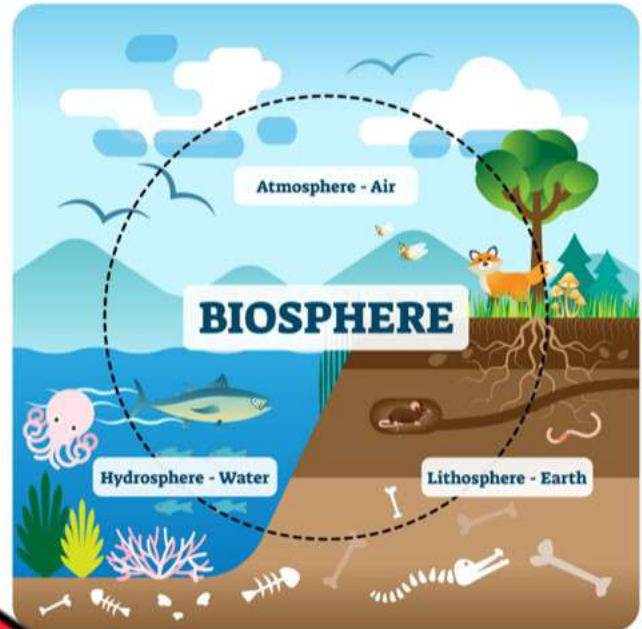
What is the Biosphere?

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The biosphere is like a giant, global house where every living thing on Earth resides! From the tiniest microbe to the tallest giraffe, from deep-sea creatures to birds in the sky, everything that has life is part of the biosphere.

Where is the Biosphere?

The biosphere is all the places where life exists on Earth. It covers many regions on Earth, from the deepest ocean to the highest mountains. Here's where you can find life in the biosphere:



- Land: On land, life can be found in all sorts of places. This includes lush forests, hot deserts, high mountains, and even your own back yard!
- Water: Life loves water! From the deepest ocean trenches to the smallest ponds, you'll find members of the biosphere. This includes whales, turtles, and tiny plankton.
- Air: Yes, even in the sky! Birds, insects, and bats are all airborne parts of the biosphere.
- Underground: Even below the surface, there is life. This includes earthworms in soil, moles in burrows, and bacteria in rocks deep within Earth!

Why is the Biosphere Important?

The biosphere is essential because it includes all life on Earth, and life supports life! Every creature plays a part. Bees help flowers by pollinating them. Plants give us oxygen to breathe. Even small creatures like worms help make the soil good for plants.

Draw

Draw living things in water, on land (underground too), and in the air

**Questions**

Use information from the text to answer the questions.

1) What is the biosphere?

2) How does life support life? How do living things help other living things?

Longitudinal Biodiversity Gradient

Biodiversity on Earth

The latitudinal biodiversity gradient

shows which areas around the

world have the most

Biodiversity

As you can see, the

gradient, the most diversity

is found along the equator.

Because the climate along the equator

is the most mild. This means the temperatures, wind, and rainfall are all almost the same all year.

The temperature is warm and the days are long near the equator. This is why the places near the equator are great for plants and animals to live in.

As you get further from the equator, the climate changes

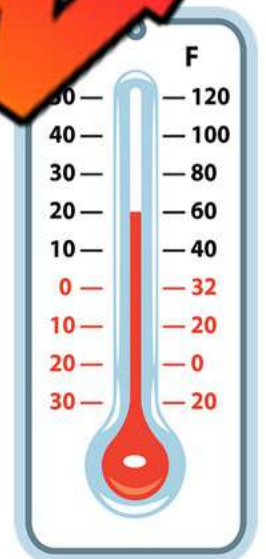
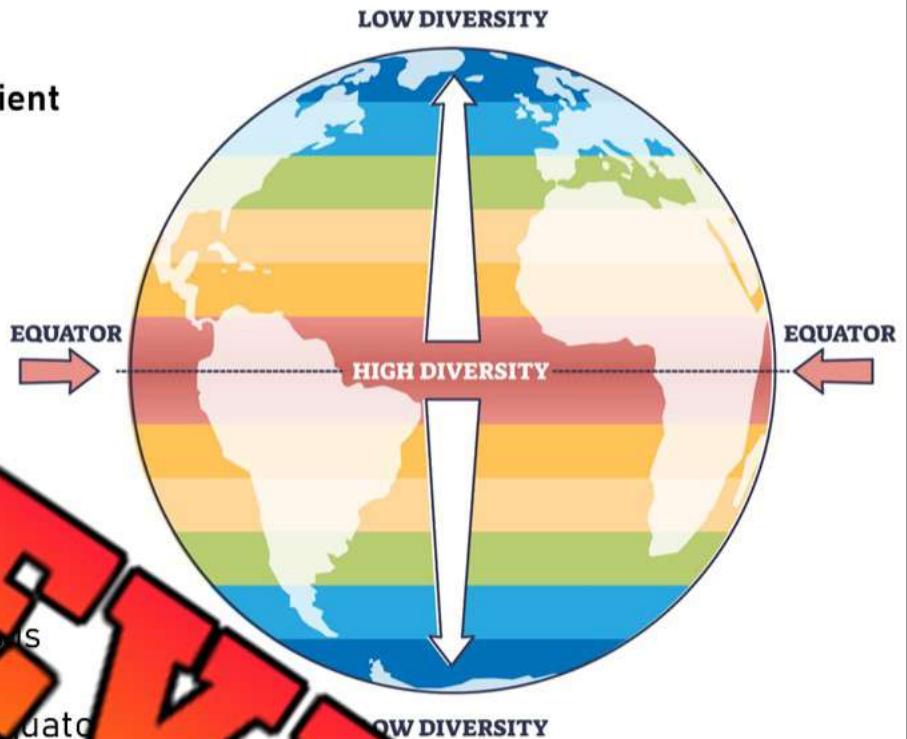
from mild to extreme. The climate on the poles is very difficult

to survive in as the temperatures go from -29°C to 23°C .

Organisms that live in these climates must be adapted so they

can survive in very cold temperatures and warmer temperatures

as well.



Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) Why is it easier to live near the equator?

2) Why is it harder to live near the north or south pole?

Questioning

What questions do you have while reading the information?

1)

2)

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The temperature changes a lot if you live near the equator	True	False
2) Florida is near the equator, so it is warm all year	True	False
3) Animals living away from the equator need to adapt to changing weather	True	False
4) More plants and animals live near the poles	True	False
5) More plants and animals live near the equator	True	False

Experiment: Effects of Solar Energy

Objective

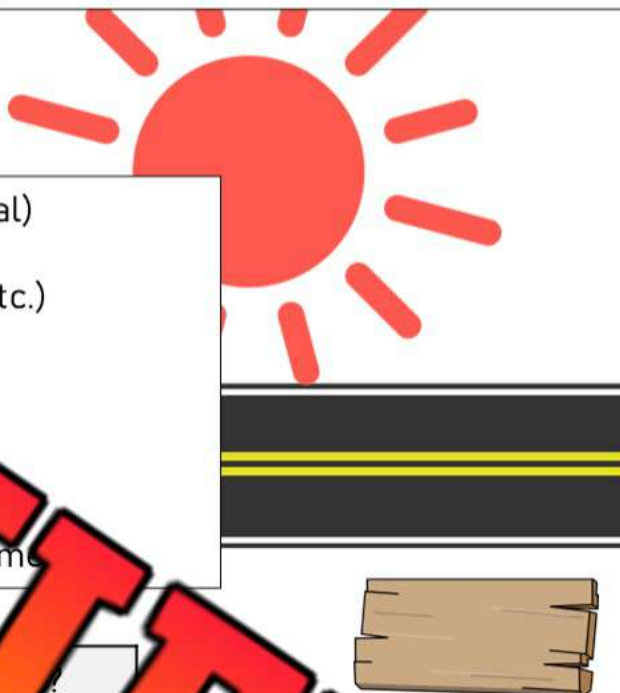
What are we learning more about?

In this experiment, students will explore how solar energy, or sunlight, affects different materials like water, soil, grass, asphalt, concrete, wood, and metal.

Materials

What do we need?

- ✓ Containers (one for each material)
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Something to hold paper clips, etc.)
- ✓ Soil
- ✓ Grass
- ✓ Area where there is sand, or cement
- ✓ A small piece of wood
- ✓ A sunny outdoor space
- ✓ An infrared thermometer or regular thermometer



Method

How do we complete the experiment?

- 1) Setting up the materials: choose the materials you want. Put each material in separate containers.
- 2) Initial Temperature Measurement: Put the materials in a shady area where no direct solar energy will affect them. Wait 30 minutes and then use an infrared thermometer to measure the temperature of each material. If using a regular thermometer, place it on the material for a minute before reading the temperature. For the asphalt/cement, you will need to measure it when it is in the shade.
- 3) Start the Experiment: Let the materials sit in the sun for 15 minutes. Make sure all materials receive equal sunlight.
- 4) Take Measurements: After 15 minutes, use the thermometer to measure the temperature of each material again. Then continue measuring every 15 minutes for 1 hour.

Observations Fill in the table below. Write the materials you are using and then record the initial measurement and measurements after 15-minute increments

Materials	Initial Measurement	After 15 Minutes	After 30 Minutes	After 45 Minutes	After 60 Minutes

PREVIEW

Experiment: Effects of Solar Energy

Graph

Choose one material to graph. Choose the material that had the biggest change.

Title: _____



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15

30

45

60

Natural Resources in Canada

Natural Resources

We call materials and substances that we find in our environment **natural resources**. Think about that. This means that anything you find in your yard is a natural resource.

Some natural resources are worth more than others. The dirt you find in your yard isn't worth much as soil can be found almost anywhere. Gold on the other hand, is a valuable natural resource because it is hard to find! Examples of other natural resources include water, trees, air, oil, coal, natural gas, iron, and copper.

Valuable Natural Resources

A natural resource is valuable based on how easy it is to find and how important the resource is to our daily lives. Read the list below to learn more about 5 natural resources that are very valuable.

1. Water – Even though the earth is mostly water, only 2.5% of that water is drinkable or useable for cooking.
2. Air – We NEED clean air to survive. It is a very important natural resource. Clean air is needed, and some places have heavy pollution from power plant exhaust as well as exhaust from vehicles.
3. Coal – it is estimated that we will run out of coal in the next 100 years. Coal provides us with electricity that we use to power our electronics.
4. Oil – Some experts believe we will run out of oil in the next 50 years. Oil is used as fuel for our vehicles. It takes millions of years for new oil to be created.
5. Natural Gas – We use natural gas to power many of the machines we use at home such as our furnace, air conditioners, stoves, and BBQs.

How Regions Benefit from Natural Resources

When one region has access to valuable natural resources, they benefit because they can sell this resource to other provinces or territories. They can also sell to other countries around the world.

For example, Alberta and the Interior Plains produce the most oil in the world! This means they can sell the valuable oil to other places in order to make money for their province. It also means that many people move to Alberta to get jobs on the oil sands. These jobs usually pay a lot because of all the money the companies are making by selling the oil. These companies pay heavy taxes to the government of Alberta, meaning Alberta benefits as well for having these natural resources on its land.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1. Air is considered a natural resource because it exists in our environment	True	False
2. Some natural resources are more valuable than others	True	False
3. Soil is a valuable natural resource because it is hard to find	True	False
4. Oil is a natural resource that has benefitted Alberta	True	False
5. Water is a valuable resource because water is found easily	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1. What are natural resources? Give 3 examples. Try to think of 1 that is not from the reading.

2. How do natural resources help provinces and regions? Why are they valuable?

Summarize

What is the main idea and the supporting details of the reading?

Exit Cards

Cut Out Cut out the exit cards below and have students complete them at the end of class.

Name: _____

Mark

Circle the correct answer.

1) Which is a natural resource?	Microchips
	Air
2) What do companies pay to the government?	Salaries
	Taxes
3) Which resource powers many home appliances?	Natural Gas
	Soil
4) Which resource fuels most vehicles?	Coal
	Oil
5) Which resource often generates electricity?	Wood
	Coal

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Natural Resources in Alberta

Natural Resources in Alberta

Alberta is a province in Canada that has an abundance of natural resources. Natural resources are things that come from the earth that we can use in many ways. Let's learn about the most important natural resources in Alberta.



Wind Power



Solar Energy



Water Resources



Crude Oil



Land Resources



Animal Resources



Natural Gas



Precious Metals, Minerals, Rocks



Forest Resources

- Forests - Alberta has many forests that cover a large part of the province. Forests are important because they supply wood for building things like houses, furniture, and paper. They also help clean the air we breathe and offer homes to animals.
- Fish - Alberta has a lot of fish in its rivers and lakes. Fish are important because they provide food for people and animals. Some of the most common fish in Alberta are trout, northern pike, and walleye.
- Oil and Gas - Alberta is well-known for its oil and gas deposits. Oil and gas are important because they are used for heating homes, running cars, and making many things like plastic. Alberta is one of the largest producers of oil and gas in the world.
- Water - Alberta has a lot of water in its rivers and lakes. Water is important because it provides drinking water for people and animals. It also helps plants grow and offers habitats for fish and other animals.

Forests, fish, oil and gas, and water are some of the most important natural resources in Alberta. It's essential to take care of these resources so that they can continue to serve us in the future.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Forests are one of Alberta's most important natural resources	True	False
2) Wood isn't very important in our day-to-day lives	True	False
3) Oil is used to make plastics	True	False
4) Alberta has lots of water in its oceans	True	False
5) We can use many resources as we want because we have lots	True	False

Word Search

Find the words in the word search

Natural	Resources
Geography	Forests
Fish	Mining
Energy	Economy
Conserve	Extract
Future	Salmon
Trout	Cod

T R A C T Q F B Q O B Z L T B
 M O N T K U K A Q N A P Z
 N Y R W O B T U M D I F G
 I M V I E C U B Q X O N
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Reflect

Which natural resources are most important in your community?

Pictionary: Natural Resources

Objective

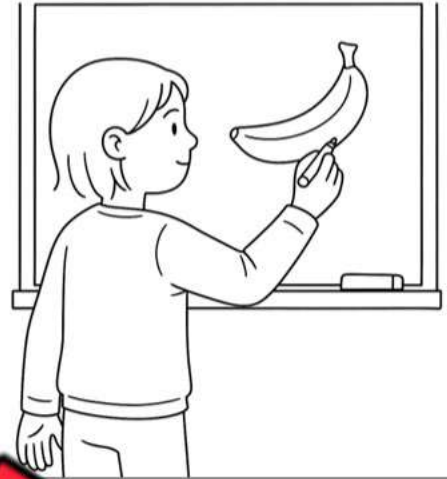
What are we learning about?

Students will learn about natural resources by drawing and guessing them in a fun game. They will explore how natural resources are part of Earth's systems and why they are important for people, animals, and the environment.

Material

What will you need for the activity?

- Markers
- Natural resource cards (examples: trees, rivers, rocks, fish, mountains, clouds)



Instructions

How will you complete it?

1. Split the class into two teams, maybe by rows or groups.
2. Have one student from Team A come up and pick a card. They must keep the card a secret from everyone else.
3. The student then draws what's on the card on a whiteboard for their team to guess.
4. Start a timer for 2 minutes. During this time, Team A tries to guess what's being drawn.
5. If Team A guesses the drawing correctly before the timer goes off, they earn a point.
6. Next, it's Team B's turn. A student from Team B picks a card and draws, while their team guesses.
7. Alternate turns between the two teams, letting different students draw each time.
8. Continue the game until all the cards have been used. Keep track of points for each team.
9. At the end, count the points. The team with the most points is the winner of Natural Resources Pictionary!

Name: _____

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Pictionary Topics

Cut out the topics below.

Tree

River

Fish

Mountain

Sun

Wind

Cloud

Soil

Flower

Rock

Flower

Grass

Sand

Lake

Shell

Leaf

Bird

Rain

Star

Moon

Volcano

Iceberg

Waterfall

Cave

Bee

Mushroom

Fruit

Snowflake

Coal

Oil

PREVIEW

Resource Town in Alberta

What is a Resource Town?

A **resource town** is a community that grows because of the resources available in the area. Quite often, one natural resource is found in an area. When this happens, people move to that area so they can work for companies that extract the resource.

As more and more people move to the area, shops, businesses, and residential areas (houses) begin to develop as well. This is an example of how a natural resource can lead to communities developing around it. We call these communities resource towns.

Resource Town in Alberta: Fort McMurray

In 1964, the first oil sands project in Fort McMurray began. The Great Canadian Oil Sands (now Suncor Energy) was given permission to build a factory that separates bitumen from oil sands. Many people throughout North America moved to the oil sands to find jobs. The town grew from 2,614 people to 10,000 people by the mid-1970s.



Ten years later, a second project led by Syncrude Canada started. The town grew to nearly 37,000 with more jobs available. By the late 1990s, Fort McMurray's population



grew to 47,705 people. In 2020, Fort McMurray had a population of 137,000. With so many people living in Fort McMurray, other services were needed to keep the people safe and happy. City workers were needed to offer water, sewage removal, roads, snow removal, and many other services. Many businesses like banks, grocery stores, and restaurants were needed as well. This meant that the small town that was built around the oil sands became a large urban city with everything people needed.

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) Why do communities often develop near natural resources?

2) Why is Fort McMurray considered a resource town?

Making Connections

Are there any resources in your town that draw people to it?

True or False

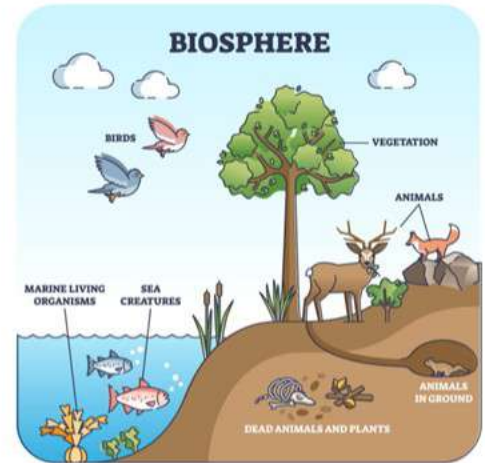
Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The first oil sands project in Fort McMurray was in 1672	True	False
2) Many people moved to Fort McMurray to work at the oil sands	True	False
3) The population grew from just 2,000 to 137,000 in only 56 years	True	False
4) Oil in Alberta is very valuable	True	False
5) Communities grow when surrounded by valuable natural resources	True	False

Interconnections Between Earth's Spheres

Interconnections of Earth's Spheres

Earth is made up of different family members, or "spheres": the Lithosphere, Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, and Biosphere. Each of these spheres are closely interconnected as they help each other in many ways.



		Atmosphere	Hydrosphere	Biosphere
Lithosphere	-	When volcanoes erupt, they make ash that falls into the air	When it rains, the rainwater comes down and makes the land wet	The soil in the land helps plants grow big and strong
Atmosphere	Ash from erupting volcanoes goes up into the air	-	Water in the air goes down as rain into lakes, rivers, and oceans	Plants breathe in the air and use it to make their own food
Hydrosphere	Rainwater can wash soil from the land into rivers and lakes	When the sun shines, it heats up the water, causing it to turn into water vapor and go up into the air	-	Living things, including plants and animals, need water to grow and stay healthy
Biosphere	When plants and animals die, they can turn into soil, making the land richer	Plants take in a gas called carbon dioxide from the air and give off oxygen which we need to breathe	Animals like fish live in water and birds drink it	-

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) Are Earth's systems connected? Explain.

2) Why is it important to keep all of our spheres healthy?

Biosphere

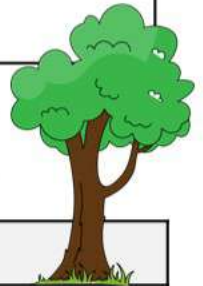
How is the biosphere connected with the other spheres?

Lithosphere and Biosphere	
Hydrosphere and Biosphere	
Atmosphere and Biosphere	

Change in One Sphere Affect Others

Change in Biosphere: A forest full of trees is removed to make space for a new city

Lithosphere	The land where the trees once grew becomes bare. The tree roots are not there to hold the soil together anymore. This can lead to soil erosion, where the soil gets washed away more easily when it rains
Hydrosphere	The soil that gets washed away can end up in our rivers, lakes, or oceans, making the water muddy and not so clean. Also, trees usually help drink up water from the ground. Without the trees, there might be much more water left, which can lead to flooding
Atmosphere	Trees are amazing because they breathe in a gas called carbon dioxide from the air and breathe out oxygen, which we need to live. Without the trees, there could be more carbon dioxide left in the air. Too much carbon dioxide can make the Earth warmer, a process known as global warming



Questions

Answer the questions using evidence from the text

1) What is the change that is affecting other spheres?

2) How is the change affecting the other spheres below? Paraphrase information from the text. Add any other effects you can think of.

Lithosphere	
Hydrosphere	
Atmosphere	

Change in One Sphere Affect Others

Change in Biosphere: The number of bees is decreasing rapidly

Lithosphere	With fewer bees to pollinate flowers, there may be fewer plants. This could change the way our landscapes and gardens look
Hydrosphere	Fewer plants due to less pollination could lead to more water runoff when it rains, as plants help to absorb water. This would cause _____.
Atmosphere	Fewer plants due to less pollination by bees, there could be less oxygen produced. Also, plants create oxygen when they grow

Questions

Answer the questions below with evidence from the text



1) What is the change that is affecting the biosphere?

2) How is the change affecting the other spheres below? Paraphrase information from the text. Add any other effects you can think of.

Lithosphere	
Hydrosphere	
Atmosphere	

Change in One Sphere Affect Others

Change in Lithosphere: A big piece of land is changed when we drill deep holes to get oil from underground

Hydrosphere

Sometimes accidents happen during drilling and oil can spill out. This can make rivers, lakes, and oceans dirty and harm the fish and other animals living in the water

Atmosphere

When we use the oil in our cars and factories, it releases a gas called carbon dioxide into the air. This gas can make the Earth warmer, a process known as global warming

Biosphere

Animals that live on the land where we drilled lose their homes. Also, animals that drink water can get sick from the oil spills

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

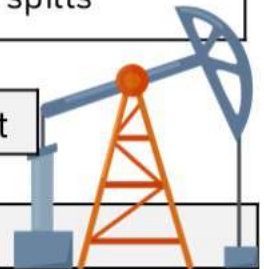
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Hydrosphere

Atmosphere

Biosphere



Ways to Conserve Earth's Systems

What is Conservation?

Conservation means taking care of our planet and its many different parts, like the air, the water, the land, and all the animals and plants.

Lithosphere: The Land We Live On

- Recycling: When we recycle, we use old things to make new ones, reducing trash and keeping our world clean.
- Composting: We can compost our food waste. This returns nutrients to the soil, helping plants grow and keeping our world healthy.

Hydrosphere: Our World of Water

- Saving Water: By turning off faucets when we brush our teeth, or taking shorter showers, we can save water.
- Cleaning Up: Picking up trash and not littering help keep our lakes, and oceans clean, which is better for fish and other water animals.



Biosphere: Home to All Life

- Protecting Animals: Keeping animals safe helps keep our world healthy. We can protect animals by not destroying their homes or hunting them to extinction.
- Growing Gardens: Planting flowers, vegetables, and other plants provides food and shelter for insects, birds, and other creatures.

Atmosphere: The Air Above Us

- Using Public Transit, Biking, or Walking: Cars can make the air dirty. By driving less and using other ways to get around, we help keep the air clean.
- Using Less Energy: When we use less electricity, like turning off lights when we leave a room, we create less pollution that can dirty the air.



Plan

Fill in the table below to plan how you can conserve to help Earth's systems

List 5 things you can do to conserve so that Earth's systems can be healthy.

1

2

3

4

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2) How will you doing these things help the Earth's system?

3) Why is it important for all humans to conserve? Why do we need to work together?

How Humans Affect Water

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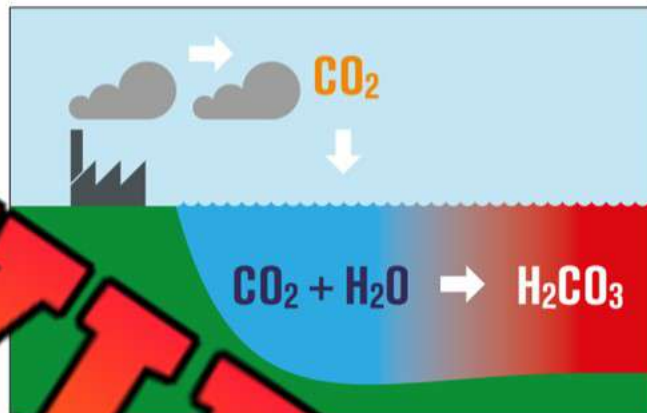
Humans need clean water to live. The problem is that many things humans do make our water dirty. Below are 5 ways humans are making water pollution.

1) Farming

To grow plants, farmers use pesticides, fertilizers, and manure to make the soil better. But, if too much of these chemicals seep into the groundwater, it becomes polluted with too many chemicals that can harm people and animals.

2) Burning Gas and Water

When we burn gas in cars, factories, and airplanes, we make carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is air pollution. But, carbon dioxide also gets into our water. When it does, it combines with saltwater in the oceans and makes carbonic acid. Animals living in the oceans don't like carbonic acid, they like clean water.



3) Medicine

In Canada, doctors give medicines like antibiotics and narcotics to help their patients. Some of these medicines don't get thrown out the right way. Instead, they end up in garbage dumps. When rain falls on the medicine, it leaches into the groundwater that we drink.

4) Cities

When cities grow, they take over land that was used to clean water. For example, wetlands filter dirty water and make it clean. When we destroy wetlands, we make water pollution worse.



Questions

Answer the questions below



1) How do humans pollute our water?

2) What is acid rain and how does it happen?

True or False

Circle whether the statement is True or False



1) Farms can make water pollution

False

2) Burning gas makes acid water in oceans

True

False

3) Most water animals like living in acid water

True

False

4) Wetlands are bad because they pollute water

True

False

5) Medicines can pollute our water

True

False

6) Wetlands filter water to make it clean

True

False

7) Leaching is when water washes through soil

True

False

STEM – Water Testing Technologies

Changing Technologies

For farmers, the most important thing is the quality of their soil and water. In the past, farmers had to send their soil and water samples to science laboratories to test the quality. The process was time-consuming and cost a lot of money.



Today, farmers can use something called an AgroPad to test their water and soil quality. To run the test, you touch the AgroPad (a card about the size of a bank card), and put a drop of water or soil on it. In less than 10 seconds, the card will change colours.

Then, you use the AgroPad app on your smartphone to scan the card. The app will then give you the results you need to understand the quality of your water and/or soil. The app will test the levels of pH, magnesium, aluminium, and nitrogen found in the soil and water. If farmers test their soil and water, they can add the nutrients it needs to be healthy. Healthy soil and water mean better crops and more food for everyone!

The AgroPad is now being used by family farms around the world. IBM understands that 80% of food worldwide comes from family farms. These family farms need to be supported by the new science and technology.

Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1) The AgroPad is made by	Apple	Microsoft
2) The AgroPad can test the quality of water and	Soil	Air
3) You can find out if your water or soil has too much	Chlorine	Aluminium
4) You can add _____ if your soil is low in something	Water	Nutrients
5) Family farms grow what percentage of food worldwide?	50%	80%

Question

How is technology helping farmers around the world?

STEM – Water Testing Invention

Create your own invention that tests the quality of water and adds nutrients to make the water quality better. Use the legend below to know what to add.



Test Results	What to Add When High Levels	What to Add When Low Levels
Levels of pH	Sodium bisulfate	Sodium Bicarbonate
Levels of Chlorine	Hydrogen peroxide	Chlorine
Levels of Magnesium	Sodium	Magnesium
Levels of Aluminum	Malic acid	Aluminum
Levels of Nitrogen	Chlorine	Nitrogen

IF/THEN

Write down your invention



If the pH is high and magnesium is low

THEN

If chlorine is high and nitrogen is low

THEN

If nitrogen is high and aluminum is low

THEN

If the levels of pH, magnesium and nitrogen are high

THEN

If the pH, nitrogen, magnesium, and aluminum are low

THEN

If the pH and chlorine are high, but the aluminum and magnesium are low

THEN

STEM – Water Testing Invention

Draw your invention. Make sure the invention has:

- ✓ A place to put the water
- ✓ A screen to tell you the results
- ✓ A start button
- ✓ Any other buttons it will need to work



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Questions

Answer the questions about your machine below

1) How does your water testing machine work?

2) What buttons does your machine have?

3) For at least 2 buttons, write down what your machine what to do when the button is pressed. For example, if one button presses a light

4) How will your machine help people? Explain its impact on the world.

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STEM

Math connection – answer the questions below



1) How much does it cost for you to make your machine? Think of the parts you will need and estimate a price.

2) How many units will you make at first?

3) How much profit will you make in total?

4) How much will you sell for?

5) How much net profit will you earn if you sell the units you will make? For net profit, you'll find the gross and subtract the cost to buy the parts.

6) If you wanted to make \$100,000 in profit, how many units would you need to sell?

PREVIEW

Writing Code – Calgary’s Water Service

Automation is so much more efficient than manually performing work. Furthermore, automation makes less mistakes, as there are no user-errors. That is why the City of Calgary has hired you to automate their billing service.

They would like you to write a code that charges people based on how much water they use. Below is what they want to charge residents for how much water they use.



Tier	Amount of Water	Cost
1	Up to 6 cubic metres	\$1.00/m ³
2	7 to 25 cubic metres	\$1.50/m ³
3	26 to 180 cubic metres	\$2.00/m ³
4	More than 180 cubic metres	\$3.00/m ³

**Coding**

Write code that takes in the amount of water used by residents that will send a bill to residents in Calgary based on their water usage.

Writing Code – Calgary’s Water Service**STEM**

Fill in the code below by calculating the cost of the water for the resident

1) Fill in the blank below to determine how much the resident owes.

email = input ("please enter your email so we can send you your bill")

if resident uses of waterthen set to send to

2) Describe how the code above works.

3) Fill in the blank below to determine how much the resident owes.

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Personal Water Consumption - Survey

Water in the World

There is a lot of water in the world, but not a lot of freshwater. Only about 1% of all water can be used for drinking.



Also, to turn dirty water from our homes into drinking water, it takes a lot of work. For these reasons, we need to save water when we can.

Surf for the questions below

Questions	Answer
1) Do you take baths or showers?	
2) While brushing your teeth, do you let the water run?	
3) Do you let the water run while you wash your hair?	
4) Do you take long, medium, or short showers?	
5) Does your toilet have a full and half flush?	
6) Do you have a pool that you need to fill with water?	
7) Is your shower a high flow or low flow? Is it strong?	
8) Do you wash dishes with running water?	
9) Do you run a dishwasher without it being completely full?	
10) Do you use your washing machine without a full load?	
11) If you have a pool, do you use a solar cover to stop water from evaporating?	
12) Do you water your gardens or lawn a lot?	

Water Wasting

Answer the questions below

1) Do you waste a lot of water? Explain how you waste water below.

2) Use some of the ideas from the previous page to come up with ways you could conserve water in your daily life.

PREVIEW

How the Indigenous Use Water

Honouring Water - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit

Water is honoured by indigenous groups. Water is the most important gift on Mother Earth. It provides an interconnection between living things as all living things need water. Water flows between us, within us, and it replenishes us. Water is the blood of Mother Earth.

The Indigenous understand that water is the giver of all life. Without clean water, life would not exist. The Indigenous do not waste water or pollute water.

How the Indigenous Use Water

For most Indigenous groups, water is needed for all aspects of life. They use water to grow food. They use rivers and lakes to transport goods from one place to another. Many use canoes to move on water.

The Inuit use water in the form of ice to travel along. They use sea ice to move around as the sea ice is connected to the land. Ice is used to move from community to community. It also connects them with the ocean where they find food like seals, walruses, and fish.

Water Pollution

The Indigenous understand that pollution is not good. When Mother Earth is sick, they feel sick too. They do not pollute the same way other groups do. Before Europeans came to present-day Canada, there was no gas burning vehicles. There were no factories. Instead, the Indigenous enjoyed a healthy environment with clean air and water.

First Nations Versus Fossil Fuels is an organization of First Nation members that oppose the water and air polluting burning of fossil fuels.



Questions

Answer the questions below

1) How do the Indigenous use water?

2) Why is _____ important to Indigenous groups?

Multiple Choice

Circle the best

1) The Indigenous pollute more or less than other groups?

More

Less

2) To the Indigenous, water is...

Clean

Useless

3) When the environment is unhealthy, the indigenous are...

Healthy

Unhealthy

4) The Inuit move around on...

Sleds

Trains

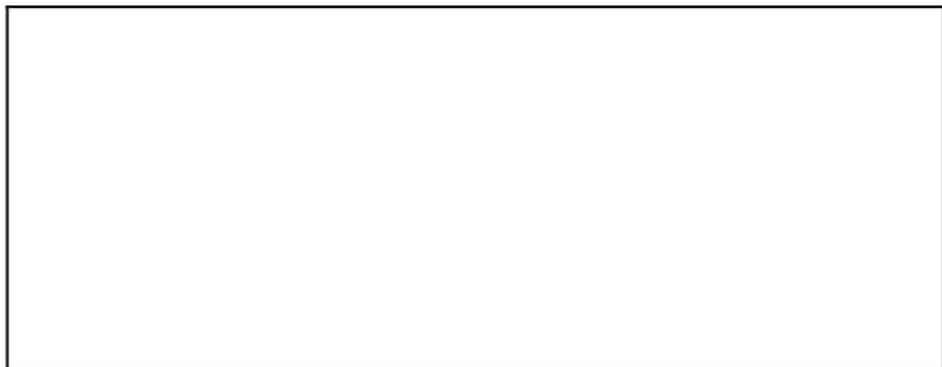
5) Many Indigenous groups use _____ to move on water

Ships

Canoes

Visualizing

Draw what you were picturing while you were reading. Explain the picture

	_____

Parks Canada and Heritage Sites in Alberta

What is Parks Canada?

Parks Canada is a special agency that takes care of Canada's national parks, national historic sites, and marine conservation areas. Their job is to protect these special places for all of us to enjoy and learn from. They also make sure that these places are safe for the plants, animals, and people who visit or live there.

Protection

Heritage sites are places that have special meaning because of the important things that happened there. Parks Canada helps to protect these sites in many ways. They repair old buildings, take care of old artifacts, and even recreate events from the past for visitors to experience.

Heritage Sites in Alberta

Alberta has some very special heritage sites that are taken care of by Parks Canada. Let's learn about a few of them:

- Banff National Park: This is Canada's first National Park. It has stunning mountains, clear blue lakes, and lots of wildlife. Parks Canada helps to keep the park clean and safe for all the animals that live there and the people who visit.
- Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site: This is a special place where you can learn about the fur trade, which was a very important part of Alberta's history. Parks Canada takes care of the old buildings and artifacts and even puts on special events where visitors can experience what life was like during the fur trade.
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site: This site was used by the Blackfoot for thousands of years to hunt buffalo. Today, Parks Canada helps to preserve the site and teaches visitors about its history.



Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) What is Parks Canada? What do they do?

2) Why is Parks Canada important? What would happen if we didn't have Parks Canada?

Making Connections

How are these heritage sites?

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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Parks Canada takes care of Canada's zoos.	True	False
2) Heritage sites are places with special meaning.	True	False
3) Banff National Park is Canada's first National Park.	True	False
4) Parks Canada teaches visitors about Alberta's history.	True	False
5) Parks Canada helps to keep the parks clean and safe.	True	False

Parks Canada Work With Indigenous Groups

Parks Canada Working With Indigenous Groups

Parks Canada works with Indigenous groups, like First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people, to take care of our special places in nature. They do this in many different ways.

Learning from Each Other

One way that Parks Canada works together is by learning from each other. In Alberta's Banff National Park, Parks Canada works with local First Nations, the Stoney Nakoda and Blackfoot. The First Nations people teach Parks Canada about the animals and plants in the park, and how to respect the land. Parks Canada shares their knowledge about how to keep the park safe for future generations.

Sharing Stories and Traditions

Parks Canada also works with Indigenous groups to protect their stories and traditions. In Batoche National Historic Site in Saskatchewan, the local Métis people teach visitors about their history.



They show how to weave sashes and dance a special dance called the Red River Jig. This way, their traditions are kept alive and shared with others.

Taking Care of the Land Together

Sometimes, Parks Canada gives back land to Indigenous groups. In the Mealy Mountains of Labrador, a new national park reserve is being created. The local Innu people will help take care of this park together with Parks Canada. This means they both make decisions about how to protect the park and its animals and plants.

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) How does Parks Canada work with the Métis in Saskatchewan?

2) How does Parks Canada work with the Inuit community?

3) Why do you think it is important for Parks Canada to work with Indigenous groups?
Consider who has lived on the land for a long time.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Parks Canada works alone to take care of natural places	True	False
2) At Batoche National Historic Site, Métis people share their traditions	True	False
3) Parks Canada never gives back land to Indigenous groups	True	False
4) Métis people show visitors sash weaving and the Red River Jig	True	False
5) Innu people help manage the new Mealy Mountains park	True	False

Role Play – Humans Destroying Habitats

Objective

What are we learning about?

To help students understand and demonstrate how human activities can damage habitats.

Materials

What do we need?

- ✓ Paper and scissors
- ✓ Clothes and costumes
- ✓ A space for a performance
- ✓ Camera or a phone for recording (optional)



Method

How do we complete the experiment?

- 1) Cut out the human activities on the next page. Fold each one up. Place them in a hat.
- 2) Divide the class into small groups of 3-4 students.
- 3) Each group will pick a piece of paper from the hat. The human activity written on the paper will be the theme for their skit.
- 4) Give the groups time to research their chosen human activity. They should understand how the activity damages habitats and what effect it has on animals, plants, and the environment.
- 5) Each group will then brainstorm and write a short skit that shows how this human activity damages a habitat. Make sure the skit includes a solution or a call to action to solve this problem.
- 6) Groups will need to rehearse their skit, deciding who will play each role and how they will perform their skit.
- 7) Finally, each group will perform their skit for the class. After each skit, have a class discussion about the human activity and what we can do to lessen our impact on habitats.

Deforestation: Cutting down trees removes the habitat of many animals and plants, leading to loss of biodiversity.

Urbanization: Building cities and expanding human settlements often destroys natural habitats.

Pollution: Waste into rivers, oceans, or on land can poison habitats and make them unlivable.

Overfishing: Removing too many fish from the sea disrupts the balance of aquatic ecosystems.

Mining: Taking resources from the earth can lead to habitat destruction and pollution.

Agriculture: Large-scale farming often involves clearing land and using pesticides which can destroy habitats.

Climate Change: Human activities leading to global warming can cause habitats to change faster than wildlife can adapt.

Poaching and Hunting: Illegal or excessive hunting can deplete wildlife populations and disrupt habitats.

Planning

Plan your skit below

1) What is the human activity for your skit?

2) How will you act out this skit?

a) What clothes will you have? Who will play who?

b) What will happen in your skit?

c) What will the solution to the human activity be?

PREVIEW

Memory Game – Earth Systems Review Game

Objective

What are we learning about?

Students will review key Earth Systems terms by playing a memory match game. Each card shows either a term or its short definition. Students match the correct pairs and explain how the terms connect to Earth's systems, rocks, and clouds.

Materials

What do you need for the activity?

- Set of Memory Game cards (provided)
- A small table or clear area on the floor

**Instructions**

How will you complete the activity?

- 1) Divide the class into groups of 3 or 4. Give each group a set of Memory Game cards. (provided)
- 2) Have each group lay all the cards face down in a grid on the table.
- 3) The students take turns flipping over two cards at a time, trying to find a matching term and its definition.
- 4) If a student finds a match, they remove those cards from the grid and keep them.
- 5) If the cards do not match, they are turned back over, and the next student takes a turn.
- 6) The game continues until all the cards have been matched.
- 7) After the game, review the terms and definitions with the class.
- 8) Discuss why these terms are important to understand and how they relate to the topic.

Cards

Memory Game Cards

Lithosphere

The solid outer layer of Earth made of rocks, mountains, and land surfaces.

Rivers

All living things on Earth, including plants, animals, and people.

Hydrosphere

All water on Earth, like oceans, rivers, lakes, and water.

Atmosphere

The layers of gas around Earth that give us air to breathe.

Rock Cycle

The process where rocks change type through melting, cooling, and breaking.

Cards

Memory Game Cards

Igneous Rock

Rock formed when hot melted lava or magma cools and hardens.

Metamorphic Rock

Rock changed by heat and pressure into a new kind of rock.

Sedimentary Rock

Rock formed when small pieces of sand and shells press together.

Troposphere

The lowest layer of the atmosphere where weather and clouds form.

Exosphere

The outermost layer of Earth's atmosphere, where space begins.

Cards

Memory Game Cards

Biodiversity

The variety of different living things in a place or on Earth.

Natural Resources

Things from nature like water, trees, and minerals people use.

Resource Town

A town that exists mainly because of nearby natural resources.

Cumulus Clouds

Fluffy white clouds that look like cotton and bring nice weather.

Nimbostratus Clouds

Thick, dark clouds that usually bring long periods of rain.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Unit Test – Earth Systems

Multiple Choice

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<p>1) Which sphere includes all the water on Earth?</p> <p>a) Hydrosphere</p> <p>b) Lithosphere</p> <p>c) Atmosphere</p> <p>d) Biosphere</p>	<p>2) Which sphere includes all living things?</p> <p>a) Hydrosphere</p> <p>b) Lithosphere</p> <p>c) Atmosphere</p> <p>d) Biosphere</p>
<p>3) Which of the following belongs to the hydrosphere?</p> <p>a) Hydrosphere</p> <p>b) Lithosphere</p> <p>c) Atmosphere</p> <p>d) Biosphere</p>	<p>4) Which sphere does air belong to?</p> <p>a) Hydrosphere</p> <p>b) Lithosphere</p> <p>c) Atmosphere</p> <p>d) Biosphere</p>
<p>5) Which body of water holds most of Earth's water?</p> <p>a) Glaciers</p> <p>b) Rivers</p> <p>c) Oceans</p> <p>d) Groundwater</p>	<p>6) Which layer of atmosphere is furthest from Earth's surface?</p> <p>a) Thermosphere</p> <p>b) Stratosphere</p> <p>c) Troposphere</p> <p>d) Mesosphere</p>
<p>7) Which doesn't belong to the lithosphere?</p> <p>a) Earth's crust</p> <p>b) Soil</p> <p>c) Upper Mantle</p> <p>d) Inner Core</p>	<p>8) Where is it warmest on Earth?</p> <p>a) At the equator</p> <p>b) At the north pole</p> <p>c) At the south pole</p> <p>d) In Canada</p>
<p>9) Which natural resource is most important in Alberta?</p> <p>a) Saltwater</p> <p>b) Oil and gas</p> <p>c) Fruit plants</p> <p>d) Gold and silver</p>	<p>10) Oceans have which type of water?</p> <p>a) Freshwater</p> <p>b) Glacial water</p> <p>c) Saltwater</p> <p>d) Brackish water</p>

Term	Definition (what does it mean)
Biosphere	
Atmosphere	
Conservation	

Short Answer Questions (2 marks each)

1. What three types of rocks are part of the lithosphere?
2. Where on Earth is there the most biodiversity? Why is there more biodiversity there?
3. Name 4 natural resources Alberta has a lot of.

1) If the bee population gets smaller, how does it affect the lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere?

2) How can we protect our Earth's system? What things are we going to do to participate in conservation? How will you be helping the Earth's systems? Be specific.
