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Alberta Science Curriculum Earth Systems Unit – Grade 3

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Part 1 – Minds On!

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SUDDEN VS GRADUAL CHANGES TO EARTH



LEARNING GOAL

We are learning to understand sudden and gradual changes to Earth so we can explain how the land can change quickly or slowly over time due to natural forces.


SUDDEN OR GRADUAL CHANGES?

Drag the icons into the correct box to show whether the change happens suddenly or gradually.


Sudden Change

Gradual Change


Volcano




Wind shaping rocks




Landslide




Water shaping land



Earthquake



Glaciers




Part 2 – Action!

- Writing
- Matching
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Part 3 – Consolidation!

- Exit Cards
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Consolidation – Exit Card

After learning about sudden and gradual changes to Earth, answer the multiple-choice questions below.

A

B

C

Question	A	B	C	Answer
19 What does "sudden change" mean?	A change that happens slowly	A change that happens very fast	A change that never happens	
20 Which of these is a sudden change to Earth?	Wind shaping rocks	An earthquake	Water slowly moving sand	
31 What does "gradual change" mean?	A change that happens all at once	A change that happens by accident	A change that happens slowly over time	
40 Which of these is a gradual change to Earth?	A volcano erupting	A landslide	Water shaping land	
50 Which force can slowly change the Earth over time?	Wind	Lava	Shaking ground	



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THE EARTH'S PLATES

Sort the following statements into two groups.

✓ The statement is correct

✗ The statement is incorrect

1) The Earth's crust is broken into large pieces called plates.	
2) Earth's plates never move. They always stay in one place.	
3) When plates push together, mountains can form.	
4) When plates move apart, the ground never changes.	
5) Some plates slide past each other, which can make the ground shake.	
6) All plate boundaries are the same and cause the same changes.	
7) Some plates are under the ocean.	
8) Transform boundaries happen when plates slide past each other.	

MOUNTAINS ARE FORMED

Write the names of the four mountain types by dragging the boxes to the correct places in the table.

Folded Mountain

Fault-Block Mountain

Upwarped Mountain

Volcanic Mountain

MATCH THE

Valley

Riverbed

Delta



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DRAG & SORT: HELPFUL OR HARMFUL?

Drag each statement into the correct box: **Helpful** to the Earth or **Harmful** to the Earth (makes glaciers melt).

- 1) Turning off lights to save energy
- 2) Leaving the car engine running
- 3) Using buses or carpooling
- 4) Throwing garbage on the ground
- 5) Picking up litter
- 6) Planting more trees
- 7) Driving a car every day
- 8) Riding a bike or walking
- 9) Cutting down trees
- 10) Recycling paper and plastic

Helpful

Harmful

SPOT THE CONTRADICTIONS

Drag the ✓ to each statement that is true about landslides and the ✗ to each statement that is not true.

Heavy rain can make the ground too wet and cause a landslide.	Landslides can block roads and make it hard for people to travel.	✓
Landslides only happen on flat ground.	A tiny amount of water can cause a very big landslide.	✗
Landslides can move rocks, dirt, and old trees down a hill.	Landslides only move soft soil, not rocks.	
Landslides can change how the land looks.	Landslides can fill up rivers and make new lakes.	
All landslides move slowly and take many years to happen.	Earthquakes can shake the ground and start a landslide.	

TRUE OR FALSE?

How weathering changes rocks. Decide if the statement is True or False.

- 1) Weathering only happens in winter.
- 2) Weathering happens very quickly, like in a few minutes.
- 3) Water freezing in cracks can make rocks break apart.
- 4) Weathering means rocks break down into smaller pieces over time.
- 5) Rocks can rub against each other and wear down.
- 6) Chemicals in rain can cause rocks to break down.
- 7) Weathering makes rocks get bigger and sharper.
- 8) Abrasion is when rocks bump or scrape against each other.
- 9) Weathering can happen because of wind, water, or ice.

True

False



Workbook Preview



Grade 3 – Science Unit

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

Guiding Question: What visible changes can be identified by examining Earth's surface?

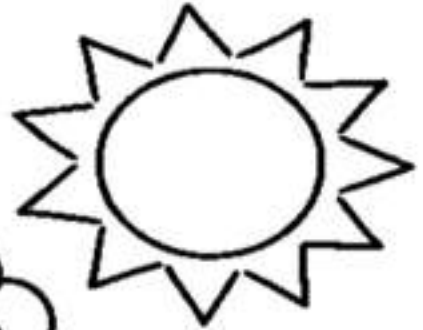
	Learning Outcome - Students analyze changes in Earth's surface and explain how its layers hold stories of the past.	Pages
ES.1	Changes that can occur to Earth's surface over a long period of time include <ul style="list-style-type: none">mountains wearing down, rivers changing course, lakes and seas drying out and refilling, glaciers moving, advancing, and receding Natural events that can change Earth's surface in a short period of	7-31, 37-47, 63
ES.2	all of Canada. Melting glacier ice creates runoff that forms and maintains many of the major rivers in Alberta. Earth is warming up from natural and human causes, which is accelerating the melting of glaciers. Interactions with wind and water have shaped Earth's surface, including Alberta's badlands and the Grand Canyon in the United States.	24-36, 48-57, 64-65
ES.3	Human activities that can change Earth's surface include <ul style="list-style-type: none">living on the land, building towns and cities, getting and using resources, growing crops and farming (agriculture), polluting, stewardship Plant and animal activities can change Earth's surface, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none">overpopulation, using resources, parasite infestation; e.g., mountain pine beetle, animals burrowing	66-71

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	Learning Outcome - Students analyze changes in Earth's surface and explain how its layers hold stories of the past.	Pages
ES.4	<p>Earth's surface contains layers that have been deposited over long periods of time.</p> <p>Fossilized dinosaur bones found in many locations around the world show that dinosaurs lived on Earth millions of years ago.</p> <p>Millions of years ago, Earth's surface in Alberta included lush tropical forests and an inland sea that supported dinosaur life and the preservation of dinosaur bones.</p> <p>Fossilized dinosaur bones can be collected from the surfaces of Earth or by digging up (excavating) its layers.</p> <p>Fossilized dinosaur bones have been found in several locations in Alberta, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta's badlands, the Grande Cache area, the Fort McMurray area <p>Dinosaur Provincial Park, located in Alberta's badlands, has been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.</p> <p>Many dinosaurs lived in Alberta, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albertosaurus, Edmontosaurus, Nodosaurus, Tyrannosaurus <p>Displays of fossilized dinosaur bones can be viewed in museums in Alberta such as the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum in Wembley <p>A scientist who studies fossilized dinosaur bones is called a paleontologist.</p>	72-94
ES.5	<p>Soil includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living plants and animals, decaying plants and animals, rock particles, air, water <p>Soil provides a habitat for many animals.</p> <p>Habitats are environments where plants or animals establish a home.</p> <p>Soil can change due to the influence of plants and animals, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plants and crops growing, worms tunneling and eating matter 	95-119
Computer Science - Learning Outcome		
CS.1	Students investigate creativity and its relationship to computational thinking	N/A

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CHANGING EARTH



PREVIEW



Name: _____

Sudden vs Gradual Changes to Earth

Changes to Earth: Sudden (Fast) and Gradual (Slow)

The Earth is always changing. Some changes happen very quickly because of strong forces like earthquakes, landslides, and volcanoes. Other changes happen slowly over a lot of time, like when wind and water shape the land.

Fast Changes to Earth

Sometimes, powerful forces change our Earth very quickly. In 2015, an earthquake changed Mount Kinabalu. The mountain had a part called the Pinnacle and the earthquake damaged it.



Volcanoes

A volcano is a hole in the Earth's ground that can erupt lava, ash, and steam. When a volcano erupts, its lava can cool down and turn into rock. This happens in different parts of the Earth. Volcanoes in Hawaii have even made new islands.

Slow Changes to Earth

Wind, water, and ice can change the Earth slowly. This can happen through processes called erosion and weathering. Erosion is when parts of the Earth are worn away or moved. An example of erosion is when wind moves soil, glaciers scrape the ground, or water changes our coastlines. Weathering is when rocks break down into smaller pieces, but don't move. Both erosion and weathering shape the Earth slowly over time.

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is the difference between sudden and gradual changes to Earth?

2) Write examples of sudden and gradual changes to Earth.

Sudden	Gradual

Visualizing

Draw what you would picture if you were reading. Explain the picture

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Sudden or Gradual

Is the example a gradual or sudden change?

1) A landslide destroys a forest	
2) A waterfall is formed after years of water erosion	
3) A glacier carved out the Cape Cod River	
4) An earthquake created fissures in the ground	

Research - Sudden and Gradual Changes to Earth

CHANGES TO THE EARTH



From ICE



From WATER



From WIND

SLOW CHANGES



Weathering



Deposition



Volcanic Eruptions



Earth Quakes



Landscape

Definitions	What do the terms below mean?
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Term	Definition
Erosion	
Weathering	
Deposition	

Term	Definition
Glacier Erosion	
Water Erosion	
Wind Erosion	

Research

Research your own examples of sudden and gradual changes to the Earth

Sudden	
Gradual	

PREVIEW

Layers of Earth

Layers of the Earth

The Earth is made up of several layers, which are composed of different materials and have different properties.

From the surface of the Earth outwards, the layers are:

The Inner Core

The inner core is the smallest part of the Earth. It is made up of solid iron and nickel. It is the hottest part of the Earth, with a temperature of about 5,000 degrees Celsius. The inner core is thought to be about the same size as the Moon.

The Outer Core

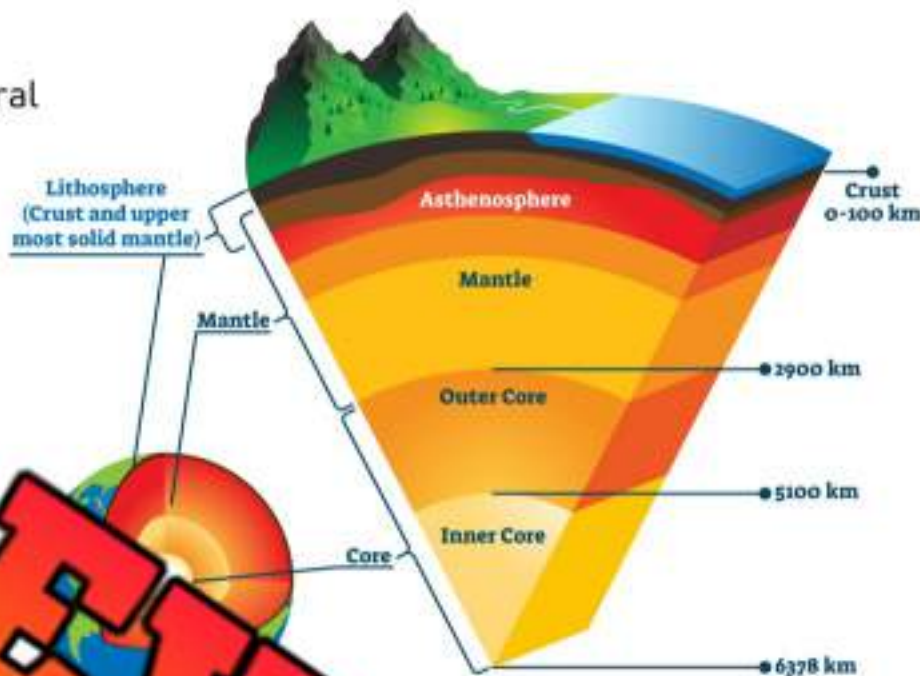
The outer core is made up of molten iron and nickel. It is a liquid. The outer core is a liquid.

The Mantle

The mantle is made of hot, molten rock. It is the largest layer of the Earth. The mantle is hot liquid rock that is always moving.

The Crust

The crust is the outermost layer of the Earth and is made up of solid rock. The crust is thin, but it is still about 35 kilometers thick. The crust is made of seven major plates, like jigsaw pieces.



PREVIEW

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The Earth's mantle is solid	True	False
2) The crust is made of 7 big plates	True	False
3) The inner core is about the same size of the moon	True	False
4) The crust is the hottest layer of the Earth	True	False
5) The crust is the thinnest layer of Earth	True	False

Draw

Diagram of the Earth and label each layer

**Question**

Describe the layers of the Earth so someone who didn't know the names of the layers

Exit Cards

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

Name: _____ Mark

Is the statement true or false?

1) The crust is made of hard rock.	True
	False
2) The inner core is cooler than the crust.	True
	False
3) The outer core is cooler than the inner core.	True
	False
4) The mantle never moves inside the Earth.	True
	False
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	False

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Mountains

Mountain Landform

A **mountain** is a landform that rises high above the surrounding ground. Mountains are usually higher than 300 metres above the ground, otherwise they are called hills. Mountains are made from rocks and earth.

Features of a Mountain

Mountains have two main features – a sloped side of the mountain, and the summit, which is the top of the mountain. Mountains usually form together in a line that we call a mountain range. On a mountain range, there is one summit that is the top of all mountains. The mountain range has several peaks, which are the tops of the other mountains in the range.

Types of Mountains

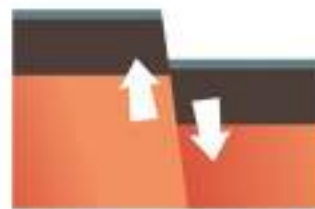
How Do Mountains Form?

There are four types of mountains.

- 1) Folded – form when two plates crash into each other.
- 2) Fault Block – Form when the Earth's crust cracks because of plates moving. When it cracks, one side of the crack can be higher than the other.
- 3) Upwarped – form when magma underground pushes the crust up.
- 4) Volcanic – form when a crack in the Earth's crust gets bigger and magma rises and spills out of the crack. Over time, the magma cools and a volcano grows.



Folded Mountains



Fault-Block Mountains



Volcanic Mountains

Plate Boundaries

Plate Boundaries

A **plate boundary** is where two plates meet. There are three types of plate boundaries – divergent, convergent, and transform.

Divergent (Spreading) – Happens when two plates move away from each other. This is a divergent plate boundary.

Volcanic mountains form at divergent plate boundaries because the magma rises to the ground and then it cools.

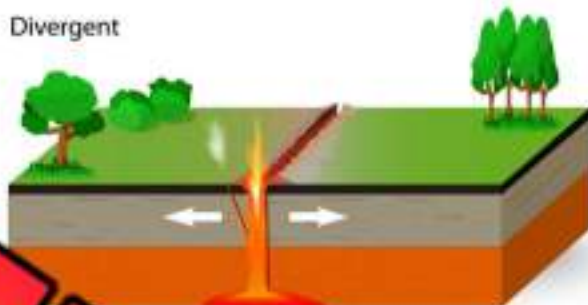
Convergent (Colliding) – Happens when plates move towards each other and hit. Fold mountains happen at convergent plate boundaries. They happen because when the plates hit, one plate moves under the other. The plate that is denser or heavier, will often slide under the other plate. This pushes up the other plate, which makes a fold mountain.

Transform – Happens when plates slide past each other. Earthquakes can happen at these plate boundaries because the plates rub on each other. This friction makes a strong force that can shake the ground. The San Andreas fault zone in California is an example of a transform plate boundary.

Transform



Divergent



Convergent



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Plate boundaries are where plates meet each other	True	False
2) Convergent boundaries are where plates move away from each other	True	False
3) Mountains are formed at transform plate boundaries	True	False
4) Divergent boundaries are where plates move away from each other	True	False
5) Heavier plates move under lighter plates	True	False

Define

Define each of the plate boundaries?

Divergent Plate Boundary	
Convergent Plate Boundary	
Transform Plate Boundary	

Diagram

Draw a diagram of each type of plate boundary

Divergent Plate Boundary	Convergent Plate Boundary	Transform Plate Boundary

Experiment - Types of Plate Boundaries

Background

What is the lab about?

The plates that make up part of our Earth's crust are constantly moving, shifting, and interacting with each other. As they float on the mantle, the plate boundaries can be convergent, divergent, or transform.

Materials

What you will need to complete the experiment

- A paper plate
- A thick substance to use as the mantle (but icing/frosting will work)
- Two crackers - any type of cracker will also work



Procedure


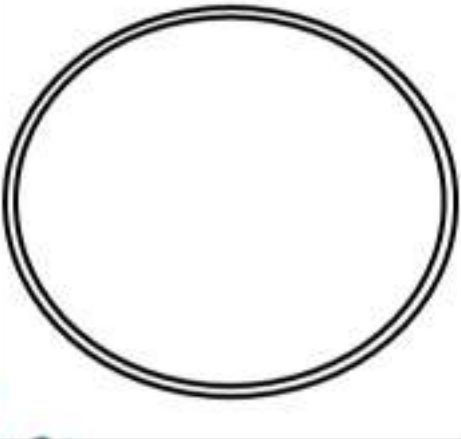
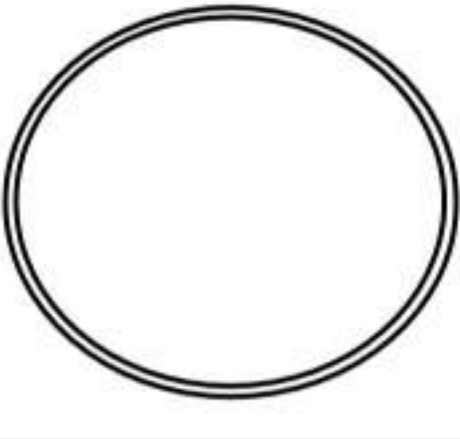
How you will complete the experiment

- 1) Spread the thick substance on the paper plate. This will be the mantle.
- 2) Put two crackers on the mantle. The crackers represent the plates.
- 3) First perform the transform plate boundary by sliding the crackers by each other. They should rub against each other, as the friction causes earthquakes.
- 4) Next, perform a divergent plate boundary by pulling the crackers apart.
- 5) Lastly, perform a convergent plate boundary by pushing the crackers into each other. You may need to lift one cracker up to slide it past the other cracker. Make a folded mountain by cracking the cracker that went over top the other cracker.
- 6) Draw diagrams of your demonstrations on the back of this page.



Observations

Draw a diagram on the paper plates below. Use arrows to show the movement of the crackers (plates)

		
Transform Fault	Divergent Boundary	Convergent Boundary

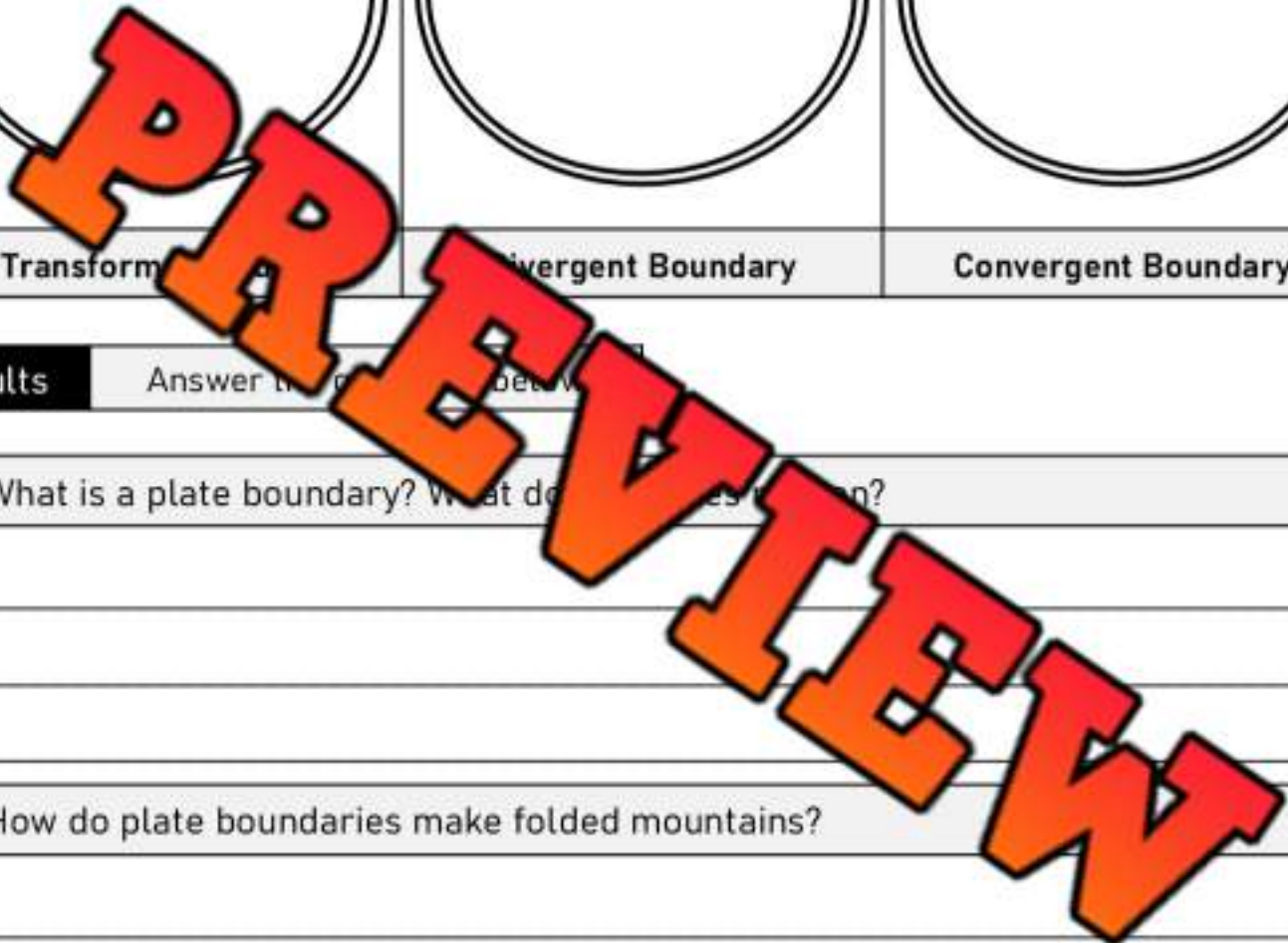
Results

Answer the questions below

1) What is a plate boundary? What do they do?

2) How do plate boundaries make folded mountains?

3) What can form at a divergent plate boundary?



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The Rocky Mountains

How did the Rocky Mountains Form?

The Rocky Mountains are a mountain range that runs through the United States and Canada. They were formed because of the movement of the Earth's plates.

The Rocky Mountains formed because of the collision of the North American plate. About 80 million years ago, the North American plate started to hit the Pacific plate.

The Pacific Plate is an oceanic plate that is thin but heavy. When the plate hit the North American Plate, the oceanic plate went under the land plate. This made the North American Plate move over top.

Now the oceanic plate is pushing on the land plate. This is likely cause the rug to be pushed and folded up over the floor. This does not happen where you touch the rug. Instead, it happens further in, towards the centre of the rug.

When the Rocky Mountains formed, the plates hit near the Pacific Ocean. But the same thing happened as above. The mountains formed

about 1000 km inland. That is why the mountains are not right at the plate boundaries.



Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) Where are the Rocky Mountains?

2) How did the Rocky Mountains form?

Visualizing

Draw what you picture in your mind from what you were reading. Explain the picture

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The Rocky Mountains were formed by plate movement	True	False
2) Mountains always form where the plate boundaries are	True	False
3) The Rocky Mountains are only in Alberta	True	False
4) There are no plates in our oceans	True	False
5) The Rocky Mountains formed about 80 million years ago	True	False

Landform - Glaciers

What is a Glacier?

A **glacier** is a huge mass of ice that moves very slowly over land. The largest glacier in the world is Lambert Glacier, which is in Antarctica.

Lambert Glacier is 400km wide and 400km long, and 2.5km thick. It is 40,000 kilometres long.

Lambert Glacier is 48 times bigger than the Great Lakes and 58 times bigger than Edmonton.



How Glaciers Form

Glaciers are huge pieces of ice that slowly move over land. They are formed from snow that has accumulated over many years. In colder regions, not all the snow and ice melts during the spring and summer months. This means more snow and ice pile on top of the old snow and ice each year.

Over time, massive chunks of snow and ice form, and these are called glaciers. Most of the glaciers are in the Antarctic and Greenland, but glaciers are found on nearly every continent, even Africa.

Glacial Erosion

As glaciers move slowly, they scrape and grind over the ground. This scraping and grinding can change the land around them. It can make valleys deeper, create lakes, and even make new mountains. This process is called glacial erosion.

Just like how we use tools to shape things, like when we use a hammer to make a sculpture, the glacier uses its weight and movement to shape the land. So, over thousands of years, glaciers can change the way our planet looks.

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is a glacier?

2) How do glaciers change our land?

Draw

Draw mountains and valleys between the mountains

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Glaciers move fast	True	False
2) Glaciers are any piece of ice	True	False
3) Glaciers scrape the land, changing it	True	False
4) Glaciers can carve out valleys, making them bigger	True	False
5) Most glaciers are found in Africa	True	False

Landform - Valleys

What is a Valley?

Valleys are long and deep areas of land that are found between hills and mountains. They look like large ditches. They are formed between two mountains or large hills that meet at the top. A valley is the space between these mountains.



How are Valleys Formed?

Most valleys are formed by erosion. Erosion is the process that wears down the soil and rocks. Imagine making a large mound of sand. If you poured a lot of water over the middle of the mound, the water will find its way to the bottom of the hill.

The result will be a valley that looks just like a ditch. This is how valleys are formed. The only difference is that valleys take thousands of years to form.

Erosion

As river water flows towards a larger body of water, the speed of the water will break away the soil and land from the sides of the water. This is called erosion. Erosion will make a valley bigger and bigger.

Glaciers

Not all valleys are formed by rivers. Some valleys are formed by large, slowly moving bodies of ice called glaciers. As the glaciers slid across our land, they scraped and molded valleys.

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is a valley? Where do they form?

2) How are valleys formed? Explain two ways.

Draw

Draw a picture of 2 mountains with a valley in between. Label the peaks and valley

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Valleys form when people dig with shovels	True	False
2) Glaciers made valleys when they slid across the land	True	False
3) Rivers can erode valleys, making them bigger	True	False
4) Valleys are long and deep areas of land	True	False
5) Peaks are at the bottom of mountains	True	False

Experiment - Making a Valley

Research Question What are we learning about?

What is a valley? How do valleys change over time with the movement of water and sediment?

Materials What you will need for the experiment

- 1) Large tray or container
- 2) Clay
- 3) Cylinder or thick battery
- 4) Water
- 5) Sand



Method How you will complete the experiment

- 1) Fill a large tray or container with clay to make a flat surface.
- 2) Slide the cylinder down the clay, making a riverbed. The cylinder acts as a glacier that is scraping the land, digging a valley.
- 3) Add some sand to it to the trench, simulating the bottom of the riverbed.
- 4) Pour a small amount of water on one side of the trench. Then rest of the one side of the container on something to tip it up. This should make the water run down the riverbed.
- 5) Observe how the water erodes the sand and the clay. Make notes on the back of the page.
- 6) Change the experiment by adding more water or tipping the container more, changing the flow of the water. Does this change the erosion?

Observations

What happened?

1) What happened when you poured the water into the container?

2) Did the water erode the sand or clay more? Explain why that happened.

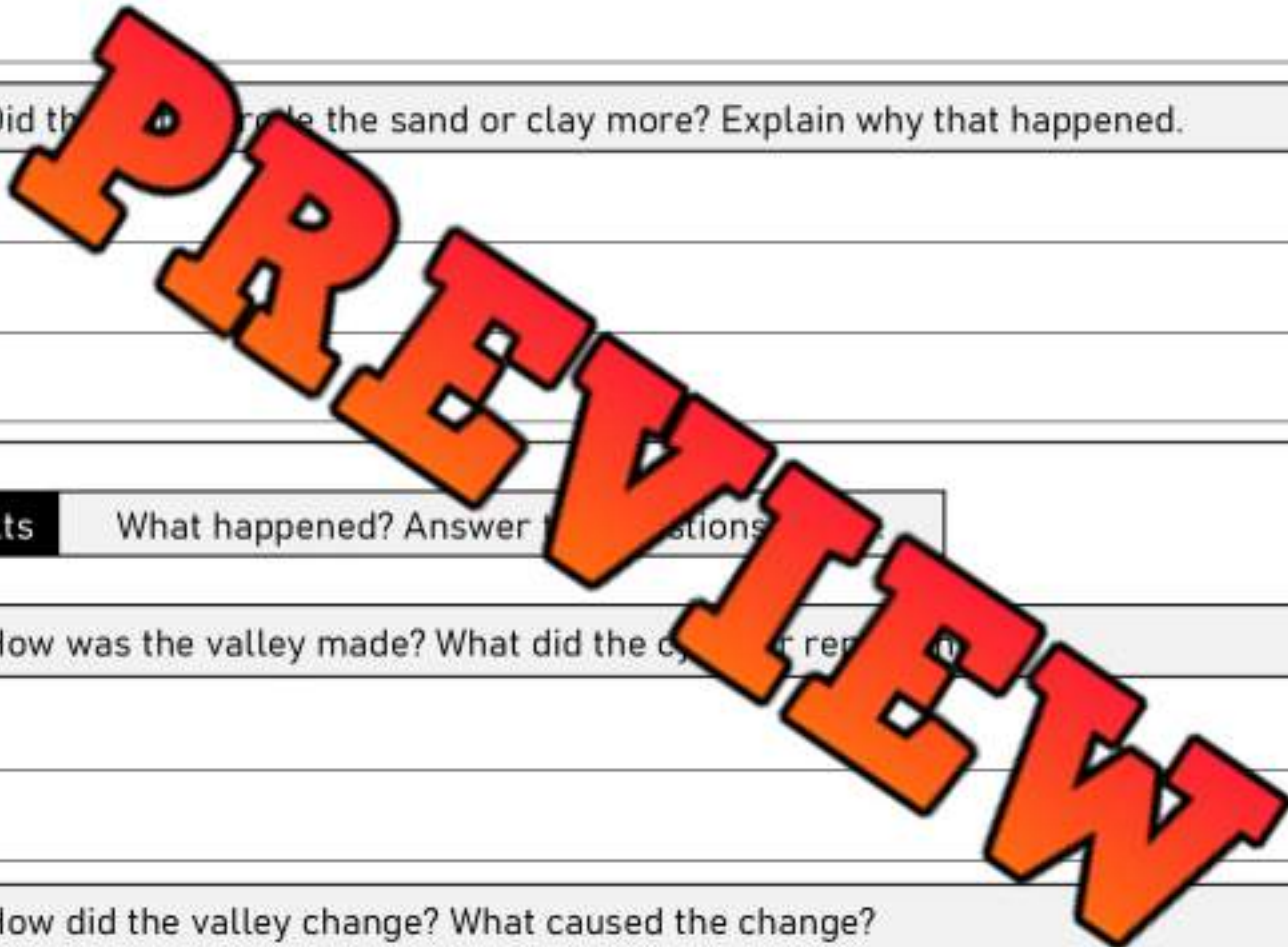
Results

What happened? Answer the questions

1) How was the valley made? What did the clay do to the sand?

2) How did the valley change? What caused the change?

3) How do valleys form in real life? How do they change over time?



From Ice to Ocean: The Great Journey of Water

1) Starting from the Freezing Cold

Our little water drop's journey begins at a big, icy place called the Columbia Icefield in the Rocky Mountains. This place is full of glaciers. When the sun comes out and warms up the ice, it starts to melt into water. Our little water drop is one of those that melts and starts its journey.

2) Down the Mountain

After melting, our little water drop flows down the mountain, joining other water to become a small stream. It then joins a larger river known as the Athabasca River. Now, our water drop is part of this big river flowing downhill.



3) A Quick Stop at Lake Athabasca

The Athabasca River flows and flows until it reaches Lake Athabasca. Our water drop, along with many others, rests for a while in Lake Athabasca.

4) Onward to the Slave River and Great Slave Lake

After its break, our water drop leaves Lake Athabasca and moves along with the water of the Slave River. This river takes our little friend to an even bigger lake, the Great Slave Lake.

5) The Final Stretch: Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean

After Great Slave Lake, our brave little water drop enters the Mackenzie River. This is the last river on its journey. It flows and flows until finally, it reaches its destination, the Arctic Ocean.

Diagram

Draw and label the landforms on the map, showing the journey water takes from a glacier to the ocean

Landforms Columbia Icefield Athabasca River Lake Athabasca Slave River Great Slave Lake Mackenzie River Arctic Ocean

Activity: Glacier Coding Journey

Objective What are we learning about?

Through this activity, students can gain a basic understanding of coding concepts like sequences and algorithms. They also get to move around and act out the slow, but impactful, journey of a glacier.

Coding Legend What do the coding actions mean?

- 1) Move forward (steps)
- 2) Move backward (steps)
- 3) Turn left

- 4) Turn Right
- 5) Melt (sit down)
- 6) Grow (stand up)

- 7) Float (lay down)

Instructions How you will complete the activity

- 1) Go over the coding actions with students
- 2) Have each student write a "program" using the coding actions. They will write down the sequence of actions they want their partner to perform.
- 3) Split the class into pairs
- 4) Have them move into an area where they can move around freely
- 5) Have one partner start as the coder and the other as the glacier
- 6) The coder will read the program to the glacier and the glacier will perform the coding actions. Where will the glacier end up on its journey?
- 7) Have the students switch roles



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Program

Coding Instructions

run glacier program

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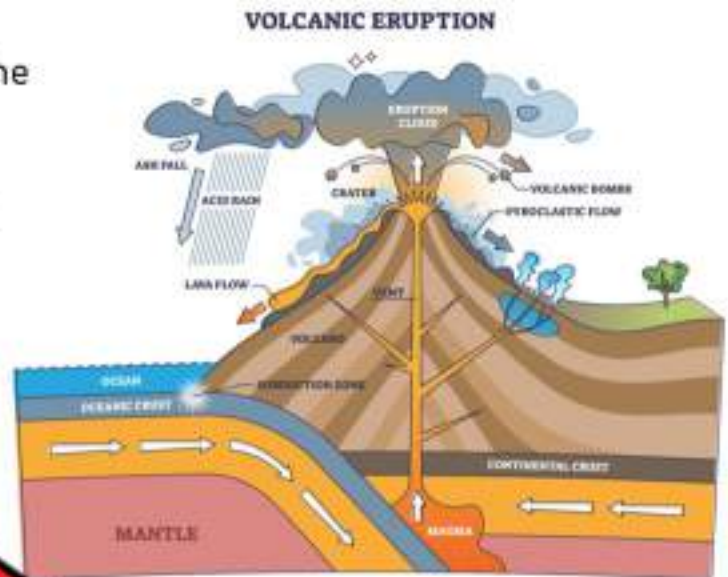
Volcanoes

What is a Volcano?

A volcano is a mountain with a hole at the top called a crater. Inside the volcano, there is hot, melted rock called magma.

Sometimes pressure builds up inside the volcano and the magma shoots out of the top in an explosion. This is called an eruption.

When the lava flows out of the volcano, it is called lava. When the lava cools, it turns into rock and can build up the volcano to make it bigger.



Types of Volcanoes

There are different types of volcanoes, like shield volcanoes, which are made mostly of lava flows and have gently sloping sides.

Another type is cinder cone volcanoes, which are made mostly of volcanic ash and have steep sides.

Are Volcanoes Dangerous?

When a volcano erupts, it can be dangerous for people and animals living nearby. The eruption can shoot out hot ash, rocks, and lava, and can also cause landslides and floods. But on the other hand, volcanoes also help create new land and can make the land around them more fertile for plants to grow.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Volcanoes are always exploding	True	False
2) Volcanoes all look the same	True	False
3) A shield volcano is wider and a composite volcano is taller	True	False
4) The crater is the hole at the top of a volcano	True	False
5) Magma is inside a volcano	True	False

Questions

Write a sentence from the text to support your answer

1) What is a volcano?

2) Are volcanoes dangerous?

Draw

Draw a diagram of a volcano. Label the vent, ash, crater, lava, magma, and volcanic bombs

Experiment - Making a Volcano

Research Question

What are we learning about?

Can you make your favourite type of volcano? Can you make it erupt?

Materials

What you will need for the experiment

- 1) A small plastic bottle (such as a water bottle)
- 2) Play dough or clay
- 3) Baking soda
- 4) Vinegar
- 5) Food coloring (optional)
- 6) A tray, large plate, or basin to catch any overflow



Method

How you will complete the experiment

- 1) Place the small plastic bottle on the middle of a plate. Roll out the clay and cut the top off the bottle to make the volcano shorter.
- 2) Using the play dough or clay, make a volcano around the bottle. The bottle will be the inside of the volcano and the top of the bottle will be the crater.
- 3) Mix a small amount of baking soda and a few drops of food coloring (if desired) in a separate container.
- 4) Slowly pour the baking soda mixture into the volcano's crater.
- 5) Slowly pour vinegar into the volcano. The mixture of baking soda and vinegar will create a chemical reaction that will cause the volcano to "erupt."

Observations What happened?

What happened to the volcano? Explain using the terms: magma, erupt, and lava

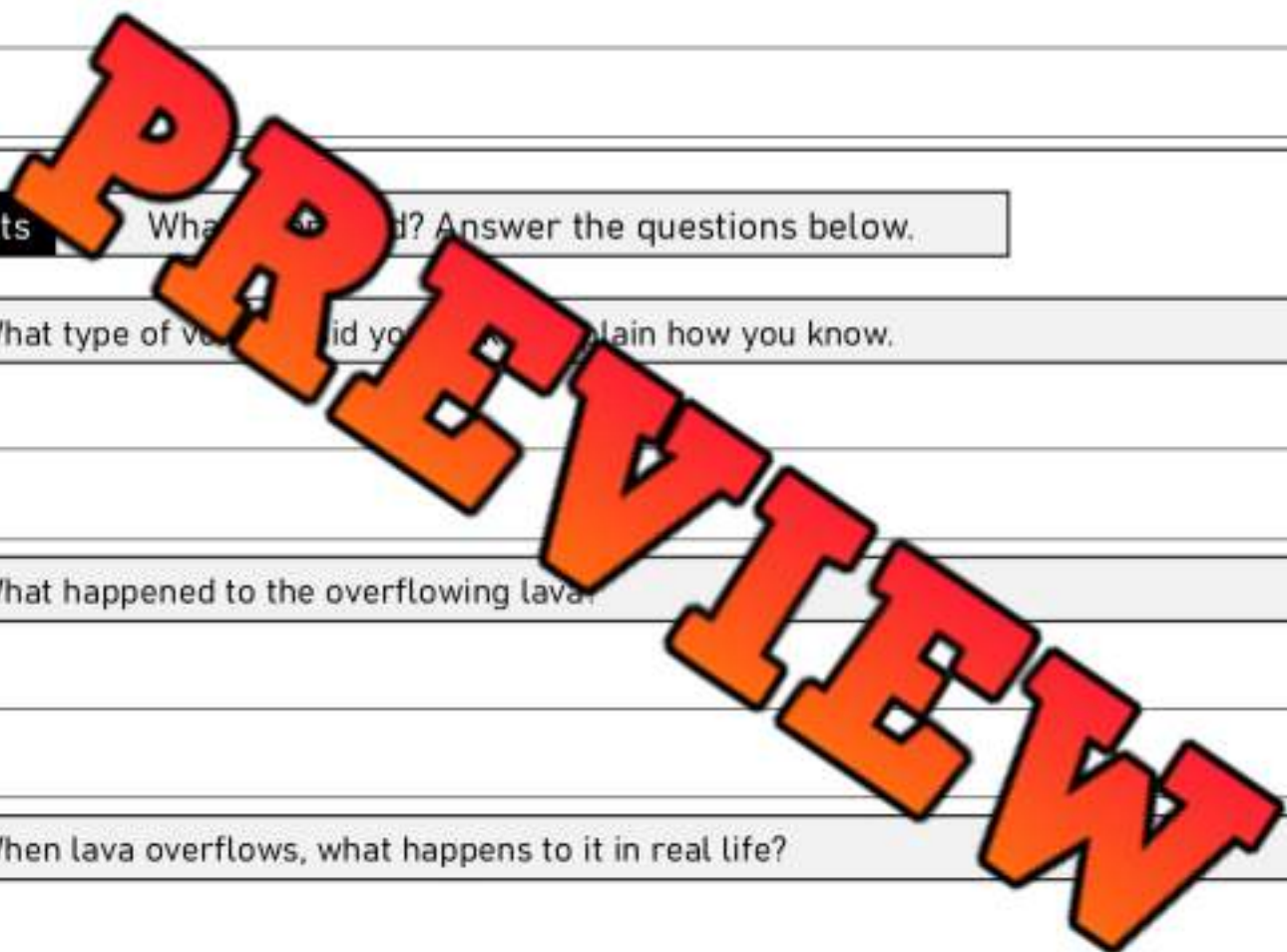
Results What did you find? Answer the questions below.

1) What type of volcano did you draw? Explain how you know.

2) What happened to the overflowing lava?

3) When lava overflows, what happens to it in real life?

4) Draw your volcano below.



Weathering

Weathering

The term **weathering** means that rocks are broken down into smaller rocks. The weathering process is very slow and is a result of temperature changes, abrasion, and chemical reactions.

Temperature Changes - As the temperature changes from warm to freezing cold, rocks break down.

This happens because water seeps into the cracks in rocks. When the water freezes, it gets bigger as it changes into ice. As it gets bigger, it causes the rock to crack.

Abrasion - Abrasion happens when rocks collide against each other and break down. This happens a lot to rocks at the bottom of a stream or river. The water moves the rocks so they bump into other rocks. This makes the rocks smoother as the corners of rocks are chipped off.

Abrasion can also happen when wind and water carry small pieces of rock that hit against bigger rocks. The bigger rocks can be broken down into small pieces called sediment. Sediment is like rock dust. Sediment can get compacted together to form a sedimentary rock.

Chemical Reactions - Rocks will breakdown when they react with water, air, or other chemicals. Acids from rain or chemicals humans add to water can also weather rocks.



True or False Circle whether the statement is true or false

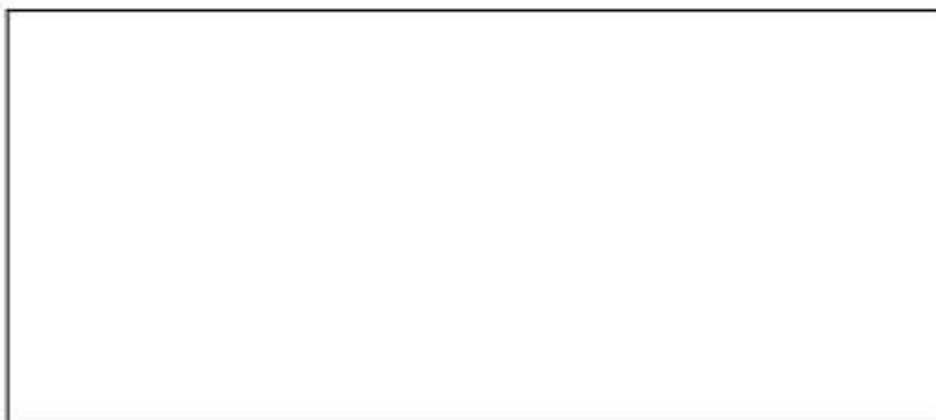
1) Temperature changes can cause rocks to break	True	False
2) Weathering means rocks break apart	True	False
3) Sediments are large pieces of rock	True	False
4) When rocks hit each other, they can break apart	True	False
5) Rocks at the bottom of a stream are rough	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) How do rocks weather?

2) Inference: What do you think happens to rock or soil that has weathered?

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

	_____

Erosion - Wind, Water, Ice

Erosion

Weathering is the breaking down of rocks. **Erosion** is when the weathered rock gets moved to a new place. Erosion happens because of wind, water, and ice. Over a long time, these forces change our landscape by eroding them.

Water Erosion

Water is one of the most common causes of erosion. Below is a list of the most significant forms of water erosion.

- **Rainfall** – when it falls on the Earth's surface, it is called **splash erosion**. The raindrops act a little like tiny hammers that move soil and destroy its structure.
- **Rivers** – at the bottom of a river, the water breaks up particles and carries them downstream. These particles are called **sediments**. The flow of a river is often strong, which will break down rocks, soil and the edges of the river.
- **Waves** – the movement of water as waves is powerful enough to polish rocks on the shorelines.

Wind Erosion

Wind is a major type of erosion, especially in dry areas. The soil in dry climates is lighter, which allows the wind to move this soil easier.

Wind shapes sand dunes, which are hills of sand near oceans or in deserts.

Ice Erosion

Glaciers are so powerful that when they move, they carve out valleys and shape mountains. Glaciers erode the underlying rock by abrasion. In addition to glaciers, when water gets into rock and freezes, the ice can cause rocks to split.



True or False Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Wind is the biggest cause of erosion	True	False
2) Rivers can cause erosion on the shorelines	True	False
3) When waves crash into the shore, they erode it	True	False
4) Erosion is only the breaking down of rocks	True	False
5) Erosion is the movement of broken down rocks	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is erosion?

2) How does wind cause erosion?

Visualizing

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

Meandering Streams

What is a Meandering Stream?

A **meandering stream** has a single channel that winds like a snake through a valley.

Meandering streams start as straight channels. As the water flows through a valley, it often begins to erode its way to the easiest path. For example, if the path has softer rock on one side of the stream, it will begin to erode that side of the stream. This starts a bend, or what scientists called the meander.

MEANDERING STREAM



What Causes Meandering Streams?

As water flows through the stream, it pushes with a stronger force on the outside of the bend than on the inside of the bend. This erodes the outside of the bend more, making bigger bends.

To make the bends even curvier, the inside of the stream has a slower flow. This makes the eroded sediment more likely to deposit on the inside, creating even larger bends! This is because if the sediment is moving slow, it is more likely to stop moving. If it is moving fast, it will keep moving and cause more erosion.

Notice this is represented on the diagram - deposition on the inside and erosion on the outside.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Erosion happens on the inside of a curve more than the outside	True	False
2) Deposition happens on the inside of a curve more than the outside	True	False
3) Bendy streams start as straight streams	True	False
4) If water moves fast, the sediment will likely stop moving	True	False
5) Water moves faster on the outside of a curve	True	False

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) How do meandering streams form? Why are they so bendy?

2) How does water in a stream cause erosion?

Diagram

Draw a diagram of a meandering stream



Lakes in Alberta: Drying and Refilling

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In Alberta, we have lots of beautiful lakes. Sometimes, these lakes can dry up, but don't worry! They can refill too.



When Lakes Dry Up

Lakes can dry up for different reasons. Sometimes, it is because of less rain or snow. In summer, the sun can make the water in the lakes go up into the sky. This is called evaporation. So, if it's very hot and there is not much rain, the lake can dry up.

A Special Lake: Medicine Lake

One special lake in Alberta is called Medicine Lake. It's really amazing! Sometimes, it looks like a full lake, but at other times, it looks almost empty. This is because Medicine Lake has special underground holes, almost like drains in a bathtub.



When there is a lot of water, like in the spring, the lake fills up. But in other seasons, the water drains away underground, making the lake look empty. But don't worry, it always fills up again!

When Lakes Refill

Lakes can refill too! In the winter, the snow falls and when it melts, it goes into the lake. When it rains, the water also goes into the lake. So, even if a lake dries up in the summer, it can refill when it rains or when the snow melts.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Lakes always have the same amount of water	True	False
2) Water can evaporate when it is hot	True	False
3) Medicine Lake drains like a bathtub	True	False
4) Lakes can never refill	True	False
5) Heavy snow melting can refill lakes	True	False

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) Why do lakes _____

_____2) How do lakes refill?

_____**Questioning**

Write 2 questions you have about the reading

1) _____

2) _____

Exit Cards

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Check only the true statements.

Statement	✓
Snow melting helps refill lakes.	
Lakes never fill up again.	
The sun causes evaporation.	
Medicine Lake is in Alberta.	
Rain makes lakes look empty.	
Medicine Lake never looks empty.	
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Snow melting fills the lakes.	

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Wind/Water Shaping The Badlands

Wind and Water Work Together

In the Alberta Badlands, wind and water have worked together to make the land look very special. They help create the big cliffs and deep gullies we see today.

The Land in the Badlands

The Badlands are made of soft rock and dirt. The soil is made of dense clay that doesn't absorb many drops of water. It is a dry place because it doesn't rain much. This is why you don't see many trees or plants growing in the Badlands.

Making the Badlands Look Special

When it rains a lot, the water runs down the hills and takes some of the dirt with it. When it's windy, the wind can also carry away bits of rock and dirt. What is left is only the hard rock.



Over a lot of years, this has made the land in the Badlands look like it does now.

Creating the Hoodoos

One of the cool things you can see in the Badlands are the "hoodoos". Hoodoos are like tall, thin towers of rock that stick up from the ground. They are made when a hard rock on top protects the softer rocks below from the wind and rain.

So, when you see a hoodoo, you are seeing how wind and water can change the shape of the land!

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What do the Badlands look like?

2) How did water change the Badlands?

Draw

Draw a hoodoo in the Badlands



PREVIEW

How Humans Change Earth's Surface

Living on the Land

Making Our Homes: When we decide to live in a place, we need to prepare the land for our homes. We might have to clear a space, which could mean cutting down trees or moving rocks. This changes the land.

Planting Gardens: Sometimes, we plant gardens in our yards. We might plant flowers or vegetables. This means we change the types of plants that grow in that place.

Creating Paths: Even when we play in a park, we can make paths that weren't there before. Even when we walk the same way, we leave a mark. Over time, these marks can become paths.

Building Towns and Cities

Clearing Land: When we build towns and cities, we clear large areas to make space for buildings, roads, and parks. This is a big change to the land.



Building Infrastructure: We also dig into the Earth to put down pipes for water and cables for electricity. These changes are hidden under the ground, but they're still important.

Paving Roads and Building Bridges: When we build roads and bridges, we change the land too. Roads cover the ground with hard materials, and bridges allow us to cross rivers and valleys.

Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) How do humans change the Earth's surface by living on the land?

2) How do cities and towns change the Earth's surface?

Draw

Draw four ways humans change the Earth's surface

PREVIEW

The Impact of Plants/Animals on Earth's Surface

Overpopulation: Too Many Animals or Plants

Sometimes, there can be too many animals or plants living in one area. This is called overpopulation. Overpopulation can really change how the land looks and feels.

For example, if there are too many deer in a forest, they might eat all the leaves and grass. This can make the forest look bare and less green. It also means less food for other animals that also eat those plants.

Another example would be if there are too many plants of one kind. They might take all the nutrients from the soil. This can stop other plants from growing there. When the land is overgrown, it can affect all the living things in that area.

Pests and Parasites: The Mountain Pine Beetle's Impact

One example of a little creature causing big changes is the mountain pine beetle. This tiny bug makes its home inside pine trees. It's a very quiet pest!

It harms the trees until they can't live anymore. When many trees die, it changes the look of the land. Whole forests can turn from green to brown.

Burrowing Animals: Changing the Earth from Underground

Some animals, like rabbits, moles, and groundhogs, love to dig holes in the ground. This digging is called burrowing.

When animals burrow, they change the surface of the Earth by creating new tunnels and holes. If you've ever tripped over a rabbit hole, you know just how much this can change a patch of land!



Questions

Use information from the text to support your answer

1) How does overpopulation affect the Earth's surface?

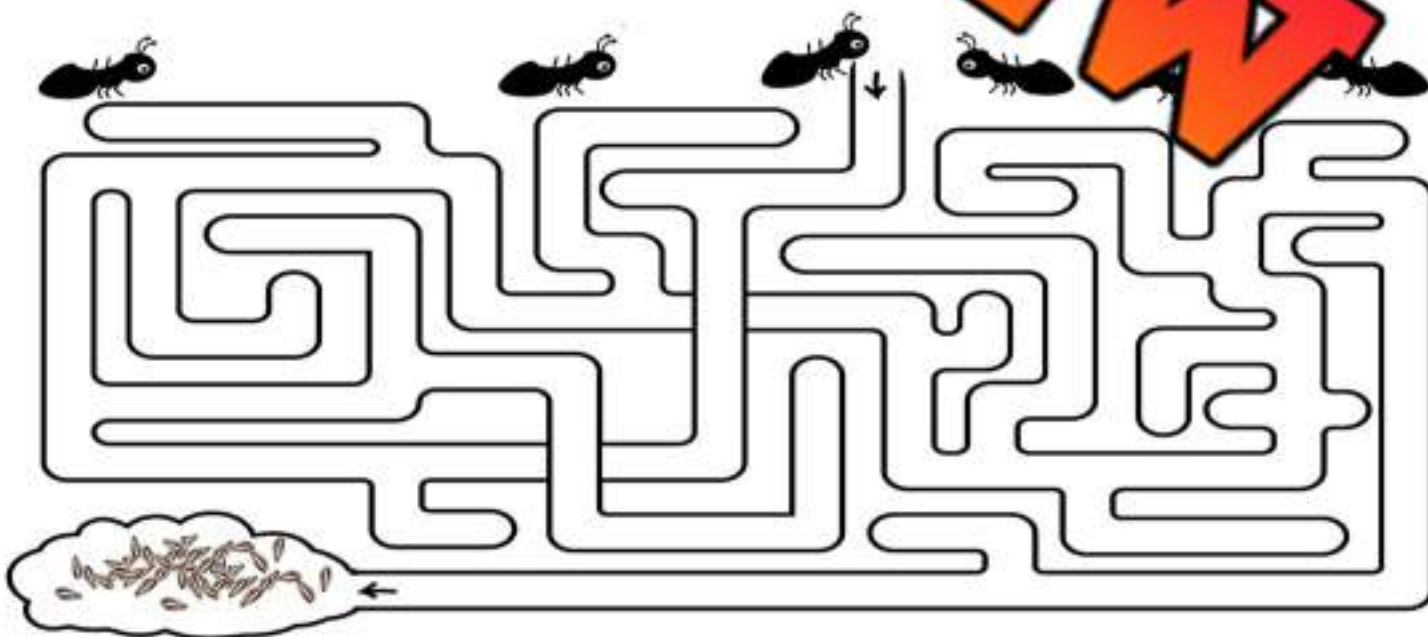
2) How does the Mountain Pine Beetle affect the Earth's surface?

3) How do burrowing animals affect the Earth's surface?

PREVIEW

Maze

Draw the path the ants need to take to get to their food



Earth's Layers and Fossils

Earth's Layers: Like a Giant Sandwich

Our Earth is like a giant sandwich, but instead of bread and cheese, it has layers of rocks and soil. These layers were made over a long, long time. As time goes on, new layers are added on top. The older layers get squished down and become hard rocks.

Dinosaurs Long Ago

A long time ago, long before your grandparents or great-great-grandparents were born, dinosaurs lived on Earth. They roamed the lands, flew in the sky, and swam in the water.

How Dinosaurs Turn into Fossils

Sometimes, a dinosaur would die near a river or in a swamp. Its body would sink into the mud. Over time, more and more mud and sand covered the dinosaur. Many, many years later, the dinosaur's bones turned into rock. We call these rocks fossils.

Digging for Fossils

Today, scientists called paleontologists dig into the Earth's layers to find these fossils. By looking at which layer a fossil is found in, they can tell how old it is. The deeper the layer, the older the fossil!

Finding Dinosaurs in Fossils

Fossils are like a secret message from the past. They tell us what kinds of dinosaurs lived long ago. When we find a fossil, it's like finding a puzzle piece of history.



True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) The Earth has just one layer	True	False
2) Rocks and soil never move	True	False
3) New layers of rock and soil are on top of older layers	True	False
4) The deeper we find a fossil, the older it is	True	False
5) We know dinosaurs lived because we've found dinosaur fossils	True	False

Questions Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is a fossil?

2) Is the Earth made of layers? Explain.

Draw

Draw fossils below



Exit Cards

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Circle the word that fits on the blank.

1) _____ are bones turned into rock.	Shells
	Fossils
2) A _____ digs to find fossils.	Paleontologist
	Astronaut
3) Dinosaur bones turned into _____ over time.	Fossils
	Rock
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Experiment - Fossils

Research Question What are we learning about?

How are fossils formed? What needs to happen for an animal to become a fossil?



Materials What you will need for the experiment

- 7 slices of bread - we used 7 but if you're doing this with a larger group, you could use 3 pieces for each person
- Gummy bears - better if they have a bumpy texture on them that can be seen when they are pressed into the bread
- Gummy worms - they have a smoother texture
- Plastic wrap



Method How you will complete the experiment

- 1) Put 3 or 4 candies on each slice of bread.
- 2) Layer the bread and keep adding candies between the layers
- 3) Wrap the layers of bread in plastic wrap
- 4) Put something heavy on top and let it compress the bread for at least 8 hours - we used books
- 5) Unwrap the plastic and carefully pull apart the layers. What do you see?



Observations

What happened?

Results

Answer the questions below

1) What do the weights and gummy bears represent?

2) What did the weights on top represent?

3) Why was this experiment an example of how fossils are made?

4) Since the bread is soft, which type of rock did it represent? Explain.

PREVIEW

Dating Fossils - Relative Dating

Learning from Fossils

Fossils are remains of old plants and animals that help us understand life long ago.

Scientists use different methods to find out how old fossils are, and one way is relative dating.

Understanding Relative Dating

Relative dating is a way of determining the order of when things happened without knowing exact years. It involves looking at where fossils are found and comparing their positions.



For instance, if a scientist finds a fossil of a trilobite in one rock layer and a dinosaur fossil in a layer above it, they know the trilobite lived before the dinosaur. This is based on a rule called the law of superposition, which says older rocks and fossils are found deeper in the ground.

Another way of relative dating is biostratigraphy, where scientists compare fossils from different rock layers. If one layer has a simple fish fossil and another layer has a more developed fish fossil, they know the layer with the simpler fish is older.

But remember, relative dating only tells us the order of events, not the exact age of fossils or rocks. For that, scientists use other methods, like carbon dating.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Relative dating tells us the exact age of a fossil	True	False
2) The Paleozoic Era is older than the Cenozoic Era	True	False
3) Superposition means older fossils are not as deep	True	False
4) Relative dating gives us less information than carbon dating	True	False
5) Relative dating is complex and couldn't be done by a non-scientist	True	False

Question How do we know how old fossils are?

Draw

Draw the dinosaurs from the different eras below

Triassic Period

Coelophysis

Jurassic Period

Stegosaurus

Cretaceous Period

Tyrannosaurus Rex

Triassic Period
(230 – 200 MYA)

Jurassic Period
(200 – 145 MYA)

Cretaceous Period
(145 – 65 MYA)

A Long, Long Time Ago in Alberta

When Dinosaurs Roamed

Can you believe that a long, long time ago, millions of years ago, Alberta looked very different? It wasn't snowy or cold. Instead, Alberta was filled with lush, green forests. It was so warm and like a tropical rainforest! Imagine that! There were big trees everywhere and big leaves rustling.

In these forests, there were dinosaurs! Big dinosaurs, small dinosaurs, dinosaurs that ate plants, and dinosaurs that ate meat. They roamed around, eating, playing, and living their lives.



Alberta's Inland Sea

But forests were not the only thing in Alberta back then. There was also a big sea, right in the middle of the land! This is called an "inland sea." Just like the seas today, this sea had lots of water and lots of animals living in it.

Preserving Dinosaur Bones

When dinosaurs died, their bodies sank into the soft mud at the bottom of the sea. Over time, more and more layers of mud, leaves, and sand covered them up. This is how the dinosaurs' bones became fossils.

The mud, leaves, and sand slowly turned into rock, but the dinosaur bones inside stayed the same. They turned into fossils, a kind of rock that keeps the shape of the dinosaur bones. That's why we can find dinosaur fossils in Alberta!

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) Alberta used to have a sea running through it	True	False
2) Alberta has always been cold	True	False
3) Alberta had rainforests with tall trees	True	False
4) Alberta has always looked the way it does today	True	False
5) Alberta had a sea in it 500 years ago	True	False

Question What was different about Alberta when dinosaurs roamed?

PREVIEW

Draw Draw a picture of a rainforest, like the ones found in Alberta 500 million years ago

PREVIEW



Finding Fossils in Alberta's Badlands

Finding Fossils in Alberta's Badlands

The Badlands in Alberta are not like most places. They're a bit like a desert, with lots of hills and not many trees. But what makes them truly special are the treasures hidden inside them – dinosaur fossils!



When dinosaurs lived in this area. When they died, their bodies got covered by dirt. Over millions of years, these layers turned into rock, and the dinosaur bones were preserved. The Badlands were once full of water and plants, which helped preserve the dinosaur bones really well.

Dinosaur Provincial Park: A Special Place

Among the Badlands, there's an extra special place – Dinosaur Provincial Park. This park is a World Heritage Site because it has one of the best dinosaur fossil fields in the world. That means we've found more than 100 kinds of dinosaur fossils here than almost anywhere else!

Why Here and Not Other Places?

You might wonder why we find so many fossils in the Badlands and not in other places. That's because of the special conditions that existed here long ago. The area was once a big, flat floodplain. When a dinosaur died, its body was quickly covered by sediment brought in by water, which helped save the bones.

Today, wind and water slowly wear away the rocks in the Badlands. This helps to expose the hidden fossils. In many other places, the fossils might still be buried deep under the ground, or the conditions weren't right for fossils to form.

True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1) More dinosaurs have been found in the Badlands than other places	True	False
2) The Badlands have always been dry	True	False
3) Wind and water slowly wear away rocks in the Badlands	True	False
4) There are no more fossils on Earth	True	False
5) There are more fossils in the Badlands	True	False

Question Why are many dinosaur fossils found in the Alberta Badlands?

Wordsearch

Find the words from the word bank

Word Bank	
Fossil	Badlands
Alberta	Desert
Hills	Trees
Dinosaur	Dirt
Buried	Deep

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Exit Cards

Cut Out

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The Dinosaurs of Alberta

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Albertosaurus

One of the dinosaurs that used to live right here in Alberta was the Albertosaurus. Albertosaurus was a large dinosaur, kind of like a T-Rex, but a bit smaller. It was a meat-eater with sharp teeth. The name Albertosaurus means "Alberta lizard", and it's named after our province!



Edmontosaurus

Another dinosaur that lived in Alberta was the Edmontosaurus. This dinosaur was a big plant-eater. It was taller than a school bus is long! Edmontosaurus had a flat, duck-like bill, which it used to eat plants.

EDMONTOSAURUS



Nodosaurus

The Nodosaurus also lived in Alberta. This dinosaur was a plant eater too, but it was very different. It was safe from meat eaters. Nodosaurus had a bumpy back and spikes on its sides. It was like a walking fortress!

Tyrannosaurus

You probably know the last dinosaur on our list – the Tyrannosaurus! Even though we usually think of T-Rex living in other places, some Tyrannosaurus also lived in Alberta. They were one of the biggest meat-eating dinosaurs, with huge teeth and powerful jaws.



Name: _____

Draw

Draw and describe each of the dinosaurs found in Alberta below

Albertosaurus

Edmontosaurus

Nodosaurus

_____aurus

PREVIEW

Look up "dinosaurs found in Alberta" so you can learn more about the dinosaurs that lived in Alberta millions of years ago. Write anything you learned about them and draw a picture of them as well.

Research

Learn more about the dinosaurs that lived in Alberta

PREVIEW

Name: _____

Research

Learn more about the dinosaurs that lived in Alberta

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PREVIEW

The Dinosaurs of Alberta

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Long, long ago, dinosaurs roamed the place we now call Alberta. They were big and small, fast and slow, meat-eaters and plant-eaters.



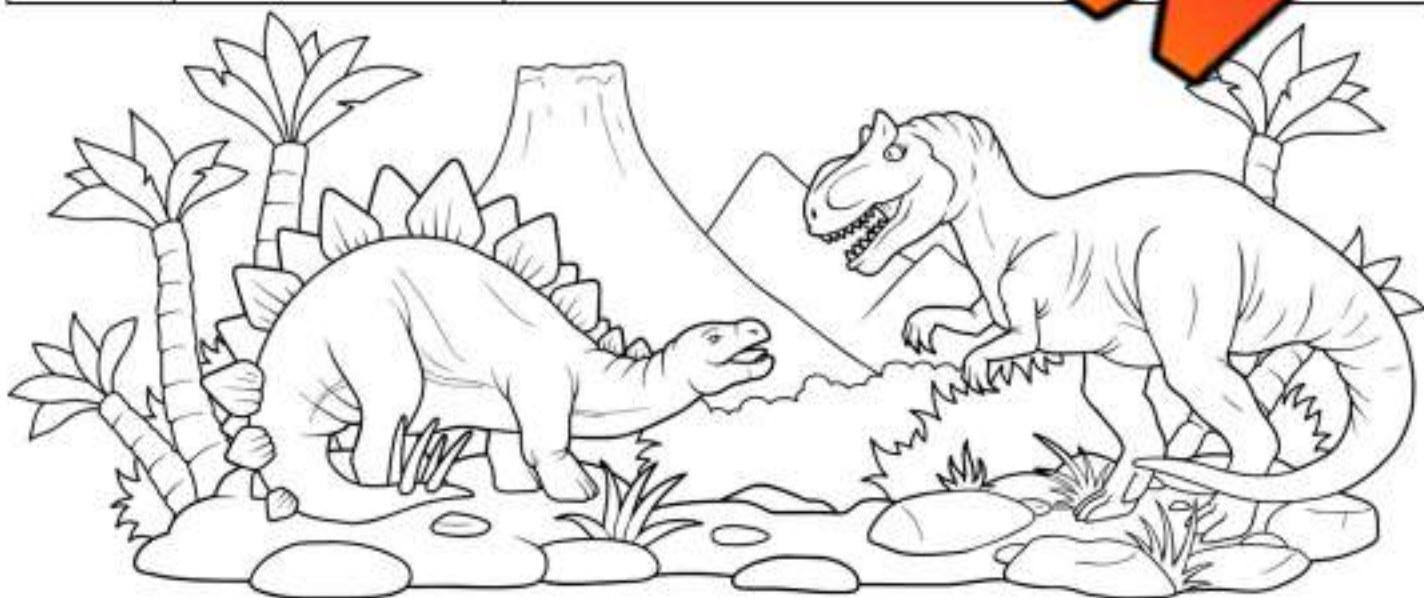
Here are some of the special dinosaurs that lived in Alberta:

Name	Description
Albertosaurus	Albertosaurus was a meat-eater, a little smaller than T-Rex. It was very fierce. It is named after Alberta.
Triceratops	Triceratops was a plant-eater with three horns and a frill around its head. It was as big as a truck!
Tyrannosaurus Rex (T-Rex)	The Tyrannosaurus Rex is one of the most famous dinosaurs. It was a powerful meat-eater with sharp teeth.
Edmontosaurus	Edmontosaurus was a plant-eater that walked both on two legs and four. It was as big as a school bus!
Stegosaurus	A dinosaur with bony plates and spikes on its back. It was a slow-moving plant-eater.
Pterodactyl	The Pterodactyl was not really a dinosaur, but a reptile that lived at the same time.
Brachiosaurus	The Brachiosaurus was one of the biggest dinosaurs. It had a long neck and ate plants from the tops of trees.
Velociraptor	Velociraptors were small but fast and clever hunters. They had sharp claws and worked together to catch their food.
Pachyrhinosaurus	Pachyrhinosaurus was a plant-eater like Triceratops, but it had a big bump on its nose instead of a horn.
Ankylosaurus	The Ankylosaurus was like a living tank, with a tough, armored back and a big club on its tail for protection.

Matching

Write the letter from the description beside the correct dinosaur

Answer	Dinosaur	Description
	Albertosaurus	A) Was one of the most famous dinosaurs. It was a powerful meat-eater with giant teeth.
	Triceratops	B) Was not really a dinosaur, but a flying reptile that lived at the same time.
	Tyrannosaurus (T-Rex)	C) Was a meat-eater, a little smaller than T-Rex but still fierce. It is named after Alberta.
	Coelacanth	D) Was a small but fast hunter. They had sharp claws and worked together to catch their food.
	Stegosaurus	E) A dinosaur with bony plates and spikes on its back. It was a slow-moving plant-eater.
	Pterodactyl	F) Was a living tank, with a tough, armored back and a long club tail for protection.
	Brachiosaurus	G) Was a plant-eater with three horns and a large shield around its head. It was as big as a truck!
	Velociraptor	H) Was a meat-eater like the Triceratops, but it had a big bump on its nose instead of horns.
	Pachyrhinosaurus	I) Was one of the biggest dinosaurs with a long neck and ate plants from the tops of trees.
	Ankylosaurus	J) Was a big plant-eater that walked on two and four. It was as tall as a school bus!













Label From the list of dinosaurs from the other reading, label the dinosaurs below

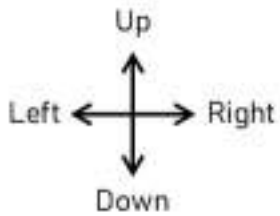


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Coding Activity - Fossils**Digging**

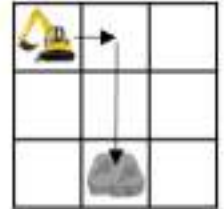
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					 Brachiosaurus		
 Footprint						 Triceratops	
	 Shell						
		 Beetle					
					 Ant		
 T-Rex						 Stegosaurus	



Commands - Use the example below to learn the code

Move 1 right
Move 2 down



Digging

Tell the excavator where to dig to find the fossils

1) Find the footprint and triceratops

2) Find the shell and the dinosaur

3) Find the beetle, fish, and the triceratops

PREVIEW

All About Soil

All About Soil

Soil is like a cake that is made from a lot of different ingredients.

Soil has little bits of rock or sand, clay, dead plant and animal remains, fungi, and even manure – animal poop!

Soil contains lots of little creatures!

Earthworms are important for soil because they turn plant and animal remains into nutrients. They also dig through the soil. This helps loosen the soil so plants can grow better.



Importance of Soil

We need soil to provide plants with the water and nutrients they need to grow.

This means that without soil, plants cannot grow.

and without plants, humans could not survive!

Soil is very important!



Interesting Facts About Soil

- Soil is alive! There are more microorganisms in a handful of soil than there are people on Earth
- Soil prevents floods because it soaks up and stores water
- Soil acts as a water filter as it filters out pollutants in our groundwater
- Without soil, humans could not survive because we need soil to grow plants
- Not all soil is the same. There are six main types of soil
- Sand is a type of soil that can grow some types of plants
- Darker soil is better for growing plants because it has more nutrients in it
- Erosion is the movement of soil from one place to another

Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What is soil? What is in it?

2) Why is _____ important to humans and animals?

Questioning

Write 3 questions you have about soil

1)	
2)	
3)	

True or False

Is the statement true or false?

1) Soil is alive because it has living things in it	True	False
2) Soil is not very important to humans	True	False
3) Nothing grows in sand	True	False
4) The darker the soil, the better it is for growing plants	True	False
5) Worms make soil better for plants	True	False

Exit Cards

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

Name: _____

Mark

Check only the true statements.

Statement	✓
There are fewer organisms in soil than people.	
Humans can live without soil easily.	
Sand is not a type of soil.	
Soil helps filter water from pollution.	
Darker soil has more nutrients in it.	
There are six main soil types.	
Soil is alive and full of life.	
All soil has the same nutrients.	
Soil can soak up rainwater.	

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What Is In Our Soil?

What Is Soil Made Of?

Soil is made up of rocks, organic material, living organisms, and water. These four ingredients make one of the Earth's most important natural resources.



Rocks

We have all seen rocks in our schoolyard or in our backyard. Rocks are slowly weathered, meaning they break into small pieces of rock that form soil.

Weathering means as a rock has to deal with rain and snow as well as heat and freezing temperatures. The forces break rocks into tiny grains of soil. Soil is made up of different sized rocks, broken into tiny grains of soil.

Organic Material

Soil also has organic material in it. **Organic material** is anything that was alive and is now dead. So the leaves that fell in the Fall season are organic material because they are now dead. Sticks, twigs, and even dead plants are also organic material. Organic material is found on the top layer of soil.

Living Organisms

The soil also has many living organisms in it. Worms, moles, grubs, centipedes, slugs, mushrooms and many others all live in the soil. Most living things are found in the topsoil, which is the layer of soil close to the surface.

Water

Depending on the types of rocks in the soil, water could make up over 60% of the soil. Clay soils have a lot of water in them, making them fun to mould them!



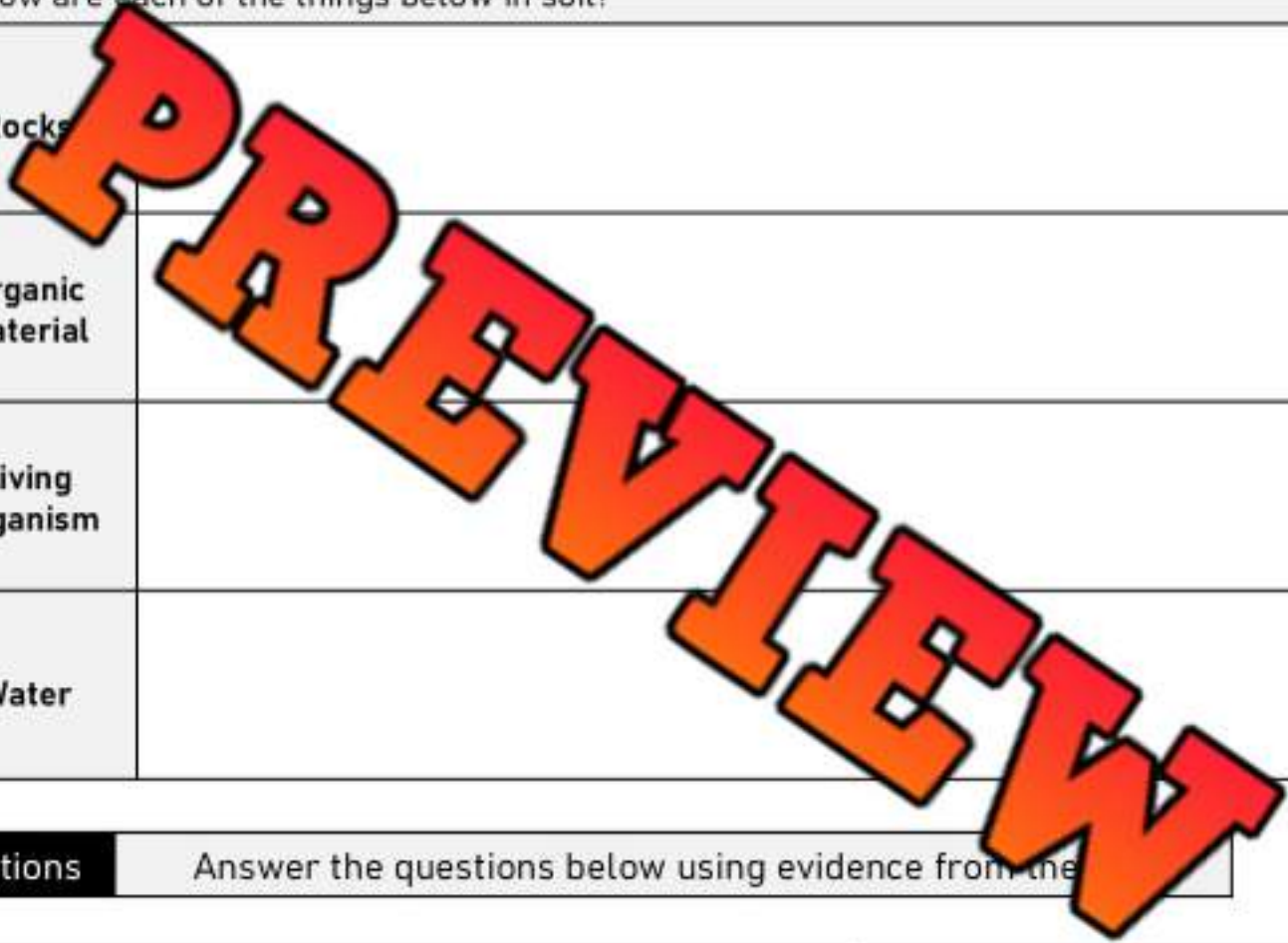
Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What four things are in soil?

2) How are each of the things below in soil?

Rocks	
Organic Material	
Living Organism	
Water	



Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

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Experiment - Soil Composition Test

Research Questions What are we learning about?

Soil is usually made up of different types and textures of rocks. Soil could be mostly clay, silt, sand, or it could be a combination of all three. Today we will test soil from our environment to learn more about what is in it.

Materials What do we need for our experiment?

- Mason jar
- Water
- Shovel or trowel
- Dish soap



Method How do we complete the experiment?

1. Find an area with soil that you can see - perhaps a garden or a ditch
2. Use the shovel to dig down about 20 cm
3. Fill the mason jar half full of soil
4. Add water to the mason jar so that it is three-quarters full
5. Add a teaspoon of liquid dish soap
6. Shake the jar for at least three minutes
7. Leave the jar for at least 24 hours and if the soil has heavy clay, leave it for 48 hours
8. Observe the different layers in your soil.

Observations

Common results you may see

Soil Types	Common Results
Sandy Soil	Sandy particles will appear on the bottom of the jar. The water will be fairly clear.
Clay	The water will still look cloudy. There will be a thin layer of dirt particles on the bottom. The water stays cloudy because it takes longer for the clay particles to settle.
Peaty Soil	There will be a layer of floating pieces on the surface with a small amount of dirt on the bottom. The water will be a bit cloudy.
Chalky Soil	There will be a layer of white sediment on the bottom of the jar and the water will be a grayish color.
Loamy Soil	The water will be clear and there will be a thin layer of soil on the bottom with the smallest particles on top.

Observations

What did you notice?

Which type of soil is in your jar? Explain how you know.

Diagram

Draw the mason jar with the soils in it. Colour and label the layers



Layers of Soil

Layers of Soil

Soil has many layers below what we see from the surface. Each layer has different types of soil in it.

Organic Layer (0 - 5 cm)

- Made from dead leaves, twigs, dead animals, leaf litter, etc.
- The organic layer has decomposed yet still contains some organic matter.

Topsoil (5 - 15 cm)

- Fairly thin layer where seeds begin to grow into sprouts
- Made from organic matter like broken down plants and animals as well as tiny rock particles

Subsoil (15 - 75 cm)

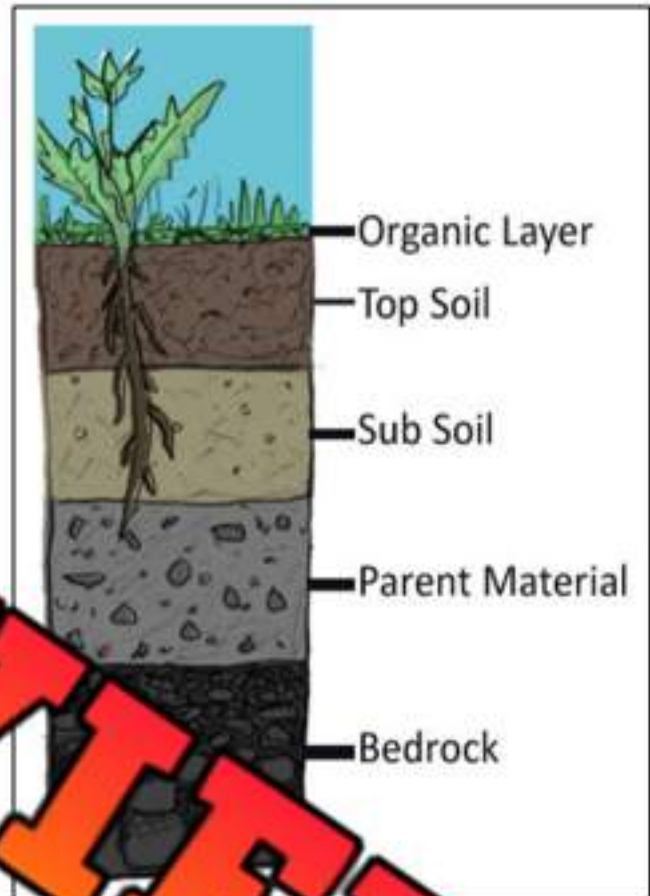
- Made from clay, iron, and organic materials

Parent Material (75 - 200 cm)

- Made of mostly large rocks. Very difficult to dig beyond this layer!

Bedrock (2 m - 1000+ m)

- Bottom layer that is made up of a large solid rock. This layer cannot be dug using a shovel. Instead, a drill is needed to dig through, like when a well is dug.



Questions

Answer the questions below using evidence from the text

1) What are the different layers of soil made from?

2) What colors would you have if you were digging a pool in your yard?

Draw

Draw the things you see in each layer

Organic Layer	
Topsoil	
Subsoil	
Parent Material	
Bedrock	

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 layer has clay and iron in it?	Organic layer
	Subsoil
2) Which layer cannot be dug using a shovel.	Bedrock
	Topsoil
3) Which layer is made of large rocks?	Parent material
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4) Which layer is made up of dead plants?	Organic layer
	Topsoil
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Questions

Label the layers of soil below



Subsoil	Topsoil	Bedrock
Parent Material		Organic Material

Matching

Write the letter from the description beside the matching layer

	Subsoil	a) Made up of large solid rock
	Topsoil	b) Made up of twigs, leaves and other organic matter
	Organic Layer	c) Made of mostly large rocks
	Bedrock	d) Made from clay, iron, and other organic material
	Parent Material	e) Made of organic matter – decomposed plants and animals as well as some small rocks

Experiment - Layers of Soil Model

Background Label the layers of soil below

Soil is much more than just the dirt under our grass. Each layer is made-up of different particles and serves a specific purpose. Today we will be making a model representation of the layers of soil using yummy ingredients!

Materials What will you need for this experiment?

- Chocolate and butterscotch chips mixed
- Chocolate pudding
- Whole Oreos and Oreo crumbs
- Gummy worms
- Shredded coconut mixed with green food coloring
- Clear cups or glasses to hold the layers of soil
- Spoons
- Tape, sticky-notes or labels



Method How you will complete the experiment

1. Drop an Oreo into the bottom to represent the bedrock
2. Put in a small handful of chocolate/butterscotch chips to represent the parent material
3. Spoon in the chocolate pudding to represent the subsoil
4. Toss in the crushed-up Oreos to portray the topsoil. Stick the gummy worms out of the topsoil
5. Sprinkle your coloured coconut on top, allowing the gummy worms to poke out.
6. Use tape, labels or sticky-notes to label each of the layers on the side of the cup.

Diagram Draw a diagram of your cup with each layer of soil. Label the diagram



Results Answer the questions below

1) What did you learn about the different layers of soil?

2) If you were digging in your yard, which layer of soil would you struggle to dig through? Why?

PREVIEW

Different Uses of Earth's Materials

How Different Cultures Use Earth Materials

Earth materials are used to make many different things around the world. In some cultures, clay is still used to make houses. In other cultures, houses are made from sod. Read below to learn more about the different uses of Earth's materials around the world.

Adobe

When a mix of mud and straw is pressed together, it will dry and become a brick-like material that is called **adobe**. Adobe is used to build houses in dry parts of North America, such as Texas, Mexico, and Arizona.



Sod Houses

Soddies are houses that are made of blocks of sod. To make a sod, you use a sod machine taking a shovel and digging up blocks of sod to build a house with. The soil is held together by the grass's roots. Sod houses were built in the Prairies in the 1800's because the settlers did not have access to other building materials.



Clay Pots

Clay is used for pottery and construction projects around the world. When clay dries, it becomes hard like cement. This means it can be molded and shaped into pots or bricks that will become hard when dried. Pottery has been around for over 20,000 years!



Draw and Write

Draw the structures and write which Earth materials you would use

Adobe House	Soddie - Sod House	Clay Pot
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True or False

Circle whether the statement is true or false

1. Adobe houses are made from clay	True	False
2. Clay pots have been around for over 20,000 years	True	False
3. Sod houses are made from grass and soil	True	False
4. Clay can be used for pottery or bricks	True	False
5. Sod houses are still used often in Canada	True	False

Exit Cards

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Mark

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1) Which house is made of mud?

Sod houses

Adobe houses

2) Which is used for pottery work?

Adobe

Clay

3) Which becomes hard when dried?

Clay

Sod

4) Pottery has been around for ____.

20 000 years

30 000 years

5) Mixing straw and mud makes...

Sod

Adobe

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Date: _____

Unit Test - Changing Earth

Multiple Choice

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<p>1) What is able to make a valley?</p> <p>a) Water b) Wind c) Glacier d) Air</p>	<p>2) Where does the Columbia Icefield drain into?</p> <p>a) Pacific Ocean b) Arctic Ocean c) Atlantic Ocean d) Indian Ocean</p>
<p>3) What is formed when it lands on Earth?</p> <p>a) Lava b) Magma c) Fire d) Ash</p>	<p>4) What are the 3 forms of erosion?</p> <p>a) Wind, water, fire b) Wind, fire, ice c) Fire, ice, water d) Wind, water, ice</p>
<p>5) Which type of erosion polishes a coastline?</p> <p>a) Wind b) Water c) Ice d) Fire</p>	<p>6) Where are the oldest fossils found?</p> <p>a) Top of a cliff b) In layers of rock c) In the middle of a cliff d) In the bottom of a cliff</p>
<p>7) Where are most fossils found in Alberta?</p> <p>a) Lake Athabasca b) Badlands c) Rocky Mountains d) Fort McMurray</p>	<p>8) When sediment stops moving, it is called _____.</p> <p>a) Weathering b) Sediment c) Erosion d) Deposition</p>
<p>9) Why do many mountains form?</p> <p>a) When humans pile up dirt b) When we pile up garbage c) When the Earth's plates hit each other d) When the plates move away from each other</p>	<p>10) Millions of years ago, Alberta was...</p> <p>a) A warm rainforest b) A cold arctic c) A dry desert d) A frozen glacier</p>

Definitions

What do each of the words mean?

Term	Definition (what does it mean)
Glacier	
Land	

Label

Name each dinosaur

Triceratops	Parasaur	Stegosaurus
Brachiosaurus	Raptor	T-Rex



