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Fifth Grade

Student Booklet
With Anchor Layer

What are you curious about?



Ecosystems & The Food Web

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Lesson 1



What if all the ants disappeared?

Lesson 2



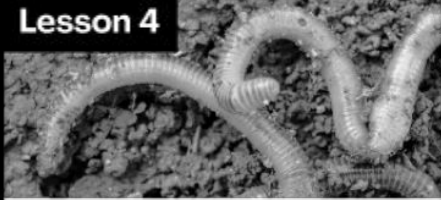
How does a tiny seed become one of the heaviest trees on Earth?

Lesson 3



Where do fallen leaves go?

Lesson 4



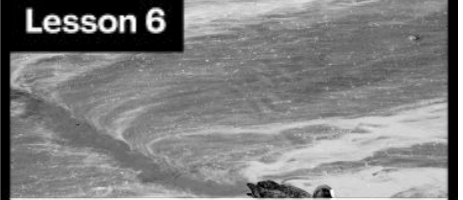
Do worms really eat dirt?

Lesson 5



How could a fish feed a forest?

Lesson 6



How can we protect Earth's environments?

Lesson 7



Why did the dinosaurs go extinct?

I am also curious about...

Biosphere Bites

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Challenge: You are moving into a dome that has enough water, heat and oxygen to support your crew. Your job is to make sure that there will be enough food for the crew to eat. You'll start with enough food for a few months and a pantry stocked with as much salt, sugar, and baking soda as you need. To survive in the dome, you need to create an ecosystem that provides all the other food you need.



Part 1: Think about what you'd like to eat on a typical day inside the dome. Write down a possible menu. As you decide your menu, keep in mind that you'll make your meals from plants and animals that live inside the dome with you.

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Part 2:

Make a list of the ingredients you need to make the meals on your menu.

Part 3:

Organize your ingredients into ones you can grow and ones that come from animals (along with the animals that supply them). Then write down what you need to keep all the plants and animals healthy. (If you're not sure, don't worry. You'll come back to this.)

  Ingredients

 Grow	 Comes from an Animal (include food and the animal it comes from)	What Do Those Organisms Need ?

Part 4:

Choose up to 20 organisms (living things) to put into the dome with you to make sure you have enough food for 2 years.

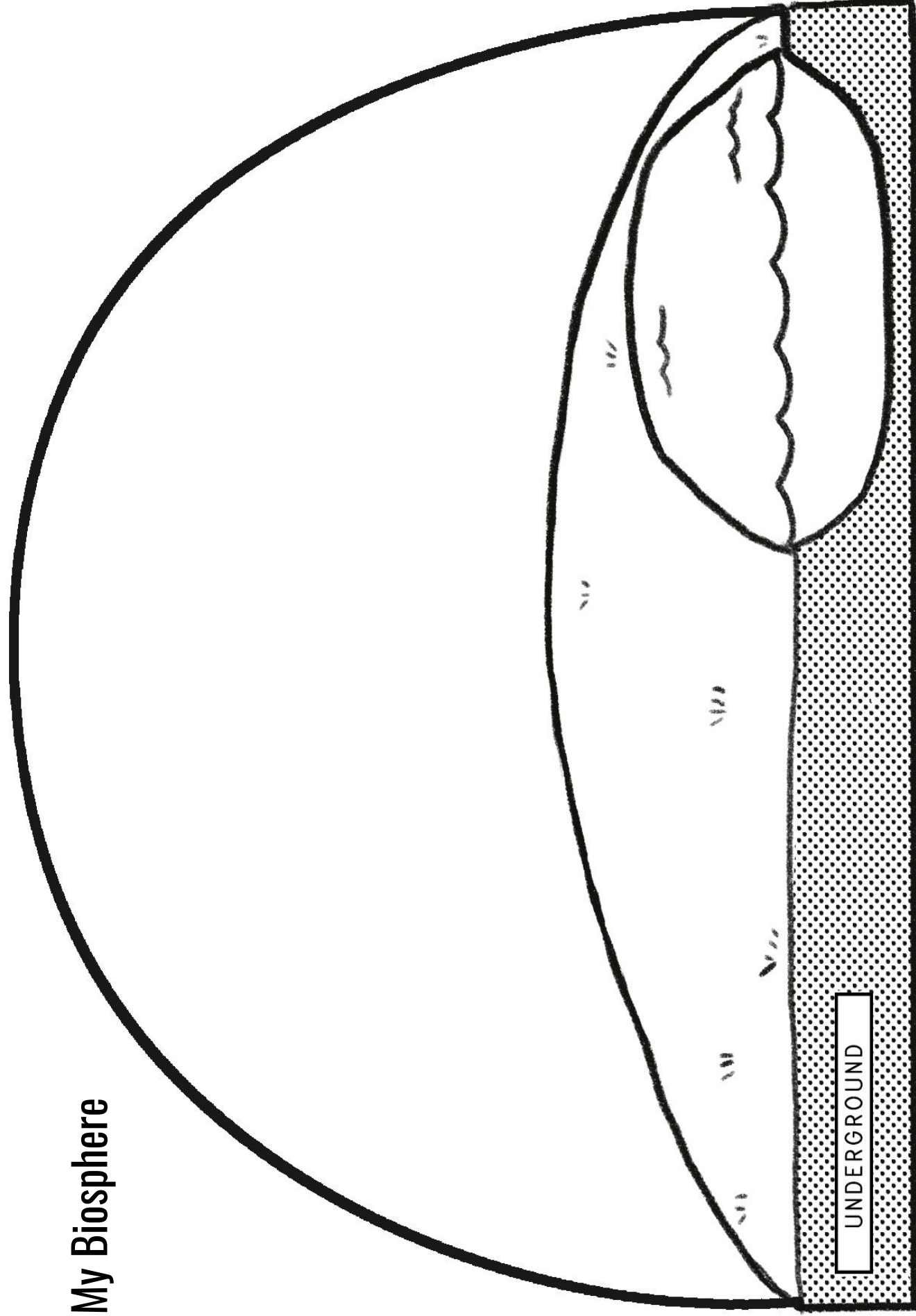
Use your menu ingredients to help you get started.



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| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
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| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Part 5: Draw your organisms into the biosphere model below. Use labels and captions to help you explain your choices.

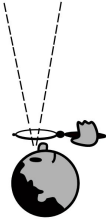
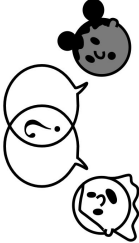
My Biosphere



See-Think-Wonder Chart

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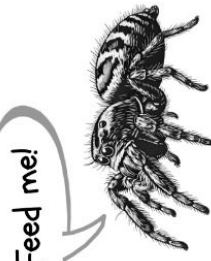
See What did you observe? 	Think How can you explain what is happening? 	Wonder What questions do you have? 

Dead Leaves



I may not look tasty, but I'm just what some animals want for lunch.

Jumping Spider



Feed me!

I pounce on insects that spend time on the ground. I eat crickets, ants, cockroaches, caterpillars, and even daddy longlegs.

Fence Lizard



Feed me!

I'll munch on lots of little creatures like ants, beetles, crickets, caterpillars, cockroaches, pillbugs, snails, and spiders.

Crow



Feed me!

I eat seeds, beetles, crickets, cockroaches, and human food. I also hunt frogs, moles, mice, and lizards. I'll even steal eggs from the nests of robins, sparrows, and pigeons.

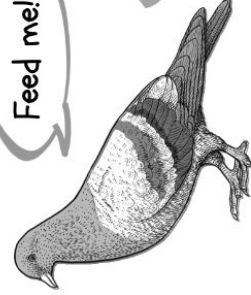
Mouse



Feed me!

Cartoon mice eat cheese. Real mice like me eat seeds, acorns, vegetables, crickets, and beetles! I'll also eat human food—when I can find it!

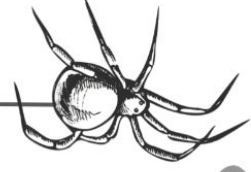
Pigeon



Feed me!

You can feed me bread crumbs and peanuts. But when no one gives me human food, I eat seeds and berries—plus snails, worms, and crickets.

Web-Spinning Spider



Feed me!

I eat flying insects. House flies, butterflies, and even honey bees can get caught in my web. Dinner is served.

Coyote



Feed me!

I mostly eat rabbits and other small mammals, like mice and moles. I also eat opossums and raccoons. I'll even nibble on some grass and berries!

Clover



I have leaves, flowers, and small seeds. They're a great snack if you like that sort of thing.

Opossum



Feed me!

I catch frogs, moles, snakes, mice, and salamanders. I snack on cockroaches, beetles, crickets, earthworms, and snails. I'm also happy to eat vegetables and seeds!

Swallowtail Butterfly



Feed me!

I drink nectar from flowers—and I'm not picky. I'm happy in a flower garden, vegetable garden, or a clover patch. Even a parsley plant is fine with me.

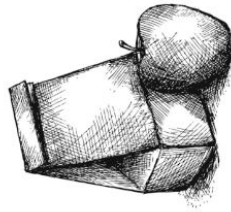
Sparrow



Feed me!

I eat seeds, grains, grass, and berries. I'll also eat bread crumbs if they're around. And sometimes I'll snack on ants.

Leftover Lunch



I'm the lunch some kid didn't finish: half a peanut butter sandwich and an apple with a bite out of it. That's OK—I'm a great treat for some animals.

Rabbit



Feed me!

You can find me hopping along and munching on blades of grass. I'll also eat other plants like clover, parsley, and vegetables if I can find them.

Snail



Feed me!

I eat soft green plant leaves—lettuce, parsley, flower leaves, clover, and grass. Oak leaves are too tough for me, but I can nibble on dead leaves.

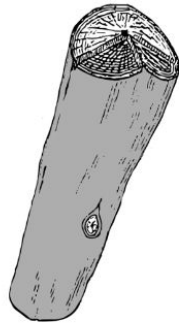
Cricket



Feed me!

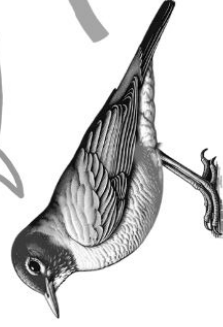
I eat seeds and leaves—either fresh off the plant or dead on the ground. Every day, I eat my own body weight in food. I'm always hungry!

Rotting Log



I'm where hungry animals can find rotting wood, bark, and dead leaves. I'm tasty eating for the right critter!

Robin



Feed me!

I hop around searching for worms, caterpillars, snails, beetles, crickets, ants, spiders, and even daddy longlegs. I'll also eat fruits and berries!

Caterpillar of a Moth



Feed me!

I chow down on rotting wood and dead leaves. That's why you can usually find me hiding under a rotting log.

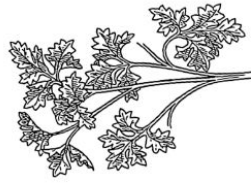
Beetle



Feed me!

I eat caterpillars. In fact, some people call me the caterpillar hunter. I'll also eat snails and earthworms.

Parsley Plant



I'm where animals can find leaves, flowers, and small seeds. In fact, I'm one of the only plants that swallowtail caterpillars eat! Bragging rights.

Raccoon



Feed me!

I raid trash cans for food you threw away. In the wild, I eat nuts, beetles, honey bees, worms, frogs, salamanders, mice, moles, and snakes.

Salamander



Feed me!

I eat crunchy insects like beetles, ants, and crickets. I also enjoy snails, spiders, and pillbugs. Want to join me for lunch?

Frog



Feed me!

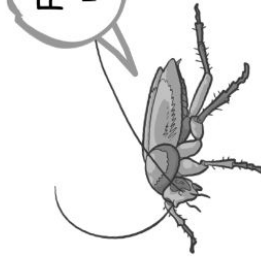
I eat insects with my long, sticky tongue—beetles, cockroaches, crickets, butterflies, and even honey bees. I'll also snack on worms, snails, and pillbugs.

Oak Tree



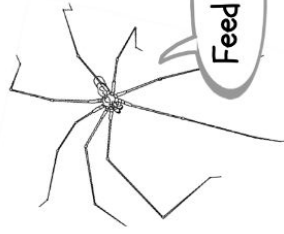
Some animals are nuts about me. After all, I provide lots of acorns—along with leaves and bark.

Cockroach



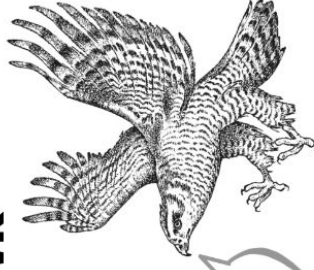
I eat many things, including bark, paper, leaves (living and dead), and any human food I can find. I'm particularly fond of cheese.

Daddy Longlegs



I eat insects of all kinds—along with worms, snails, and pillbugs. I'm not a spider, but I eat spiders when I catch them.

Hawk



I swoop down to grab small animals with my sharp claws. I eat rabbits, gophers, mice, moles, pigeons, robins, sparrows, lizards, and snakes!

Flower Garden



Come and get it! I have lots of flowers with sweet nectar, plus lots of leaves and seeds. Some flowers will eventually turn into little berries!

Gopher



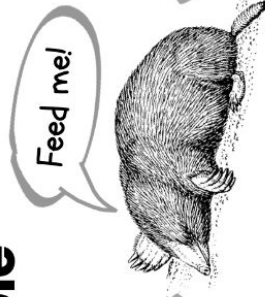
I tunnel underground and gnaw the roots of plants—any plants! Sometimes I leave my hole to eat leaves—looking out for animals that want to eat me!

Ant



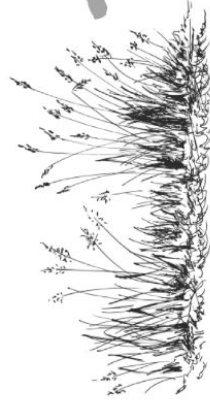
I'm happy to eat human food like apples, but when that's not around, I'll eat nectar from flowers, seeds from grasses, and any dead insects I find.

Mole



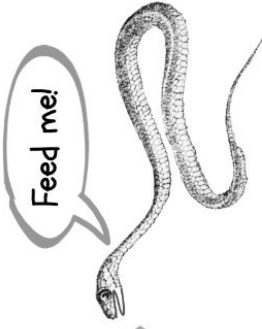
I chow down underground. I'll eat beetles, pillbugs, crickets, and earthworms. I stay hidden in my tunnel, safe from hawks and coyotes!

Grass



I have lots of leaves and lots of seeds. That's lunch for lots of critters.

Garter Snake



I hunt for lots of critters like beetles, ants, cockroaches, crickets, pillbugs, spiders, earthworms, moles, mice, frogs, lizards & salamanders.

Gray Squirrel



I eat nuts, like acorns from the oak tree. But that's not all! I eat seeds, fruit, birds' eggs, even lunch leftovers! Peanut butter sandwich? Yes please!

Swallowtail Caterpillar



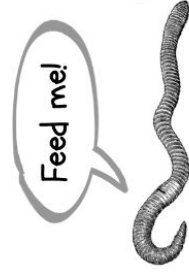
Like many caterpillars, I'm a picky eater. I only eat carrot leaves and parsley plants from vegetable gardens.

Veggie Garden



If you're looking for fruits and vegetables like lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, and cucumbers, I'm the place. Stop by for some leaves and flowers too!

Earthworm



I eat bits of dead plants, like dead leaves or rotting wood. Anywhere that leaves are falling, I can find something for lunch.

Honey Bee



I eat pollen and nectar from flowers. I'm happy anywhere flowers bloom—a flower garden, a vegetable garden, a parsley plant, or even clover.

Pillbug



I eat dead leaves and rotting wood. Look for me under logs. Poke me, and I roll into a ball—that's why some people call me a roly poly.

Food Chain Finale

Name: _____



1. Add up your score! You get 2 bonus points for every chain that's four cards or longer.

Food Chain #1: Number of cards in food chain = _____ points

If it is four or more cards, add 2 = _____ points

Food Chain #2: Number of cards in food chain = _____ points

If it is four or more cards, add 2 = _____ points

Food Chain #3: Number of cards in food chain = _____ points

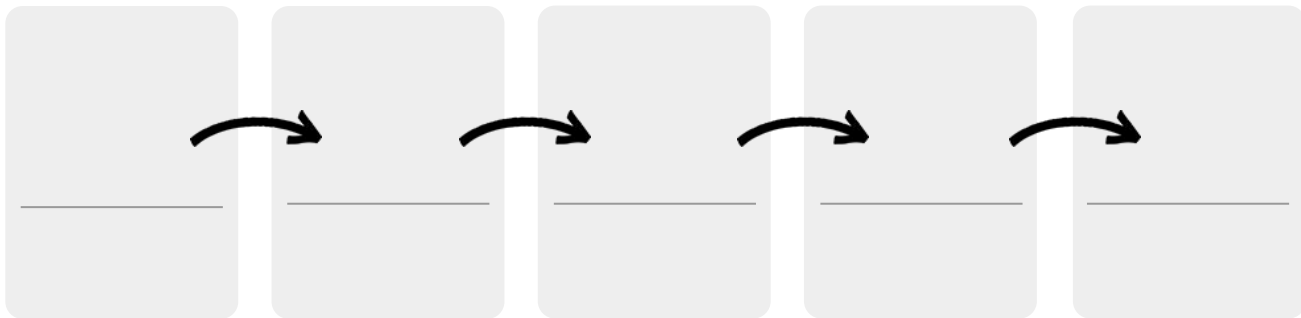
If it is four or more cards, add 2 = _____ points

Food Chain #4: Number of cards in food chain = _____ points

If it is four or more cards, add 2 = _____ points

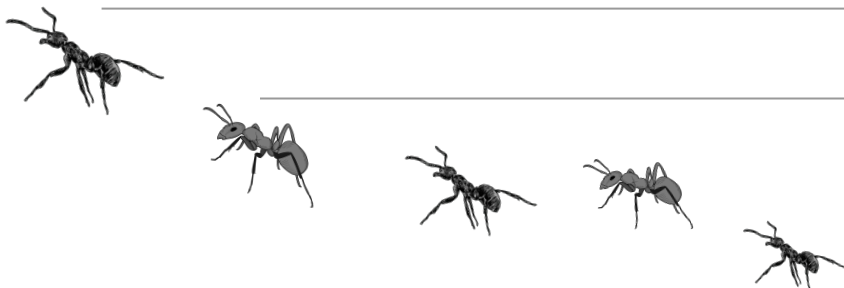
Total Score = _____ points

2. Write the names of the plants and animals in your longest food chain. (Add more spaces if you need to.)



3. Which plants and animals are in food chains with ants? _____

4. What would happen to those food chains if all the ants suddenly disappeared?



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What if all the ants disappeared?

Rules for Eat or Be Eaten

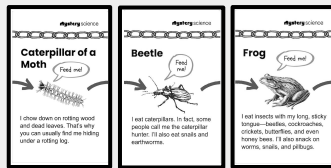
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THE GOALS OF THE GAME:

- Make as many food chains as you can.
- Make the chains as long as you can.
(Chains 4 cards or longer get bonus points!)

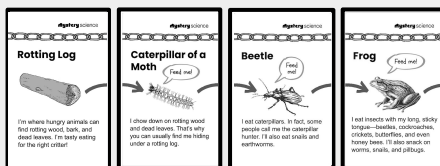
HOW SCORING WORKS:

You get **1 point** for every card in a food chain:



3 cards = 3 points

If your chain is 4 cards or longer, you get an extra **2 bonus points**:



**4 cards
+ 2 bonus points
= 6 points**

HOW STEALING WORKS:

- You **CAN'T** steal on the first 2 rounds.
 - *After* every player has 2 cards, then you can either:
 - ▶ pick a card from the center stack
- OR**
- ▶ **STEAL** a card from another player *if you can use that card to make a chain right away.*
- You **CAN'T** steal a card that is already in a player's food chain.

TIP: THINK CAREFULLY

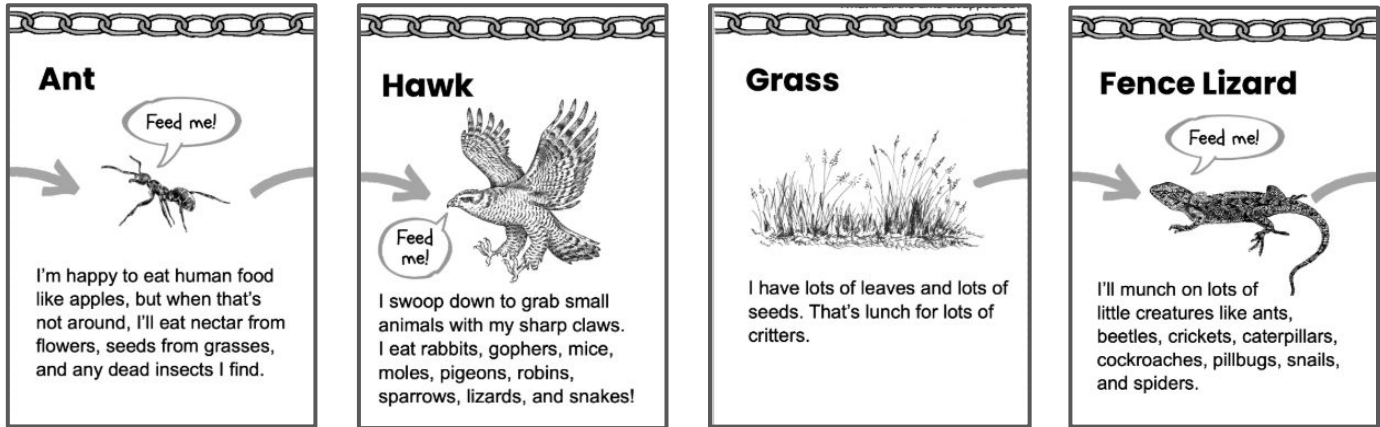
Read the cards carefully. The Cricket card says they eat leaves. The Oak Tree has leaves. That means the cricket can eat the oak tree!



TIP: REARRANGE YOUR CHAINS

You can rearrange your food chains whenever you want. Take them apart and put them together in different ways. Can you figure out ways to get longer chains?

Lesson Assessment



1. Joel recently learned that living things are connected to one another through food chains. The cards above describe four living things that Joel finds in his local park. **Read about each living thing. Then write their names in the correct order in the boxes below to make a food chain.**

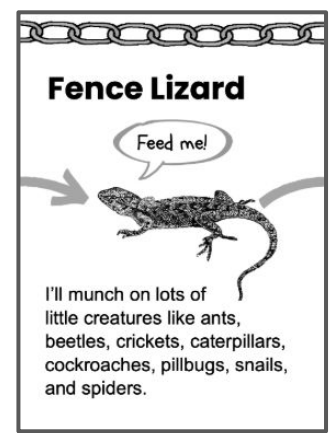
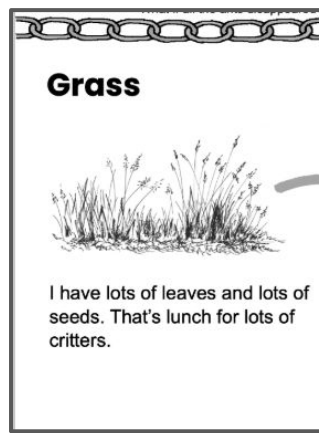
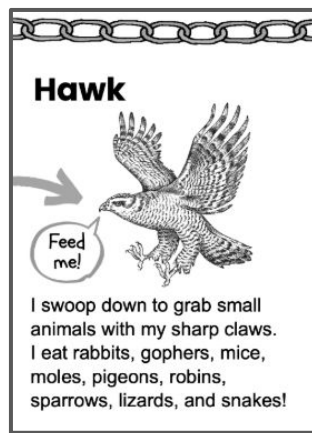
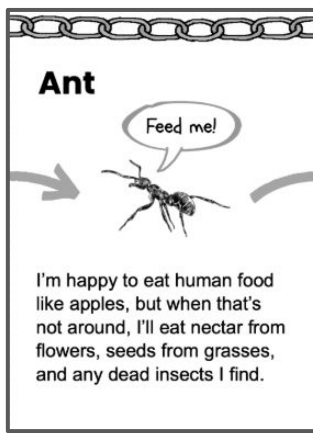
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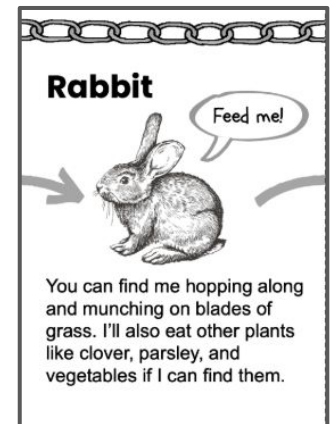
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2. If all the ants in the park suddenly disappeared, what do you think would happen? Use the food chain that you developed above to help you answer. There might be more than 1 correct answer. **Circle all the correct answers.**

- a. I think more grass will grow because the ants won't be there to eat it.
- b. I think more fence lizards will survive because the ants won't eat them.
- c. I think less grass will grow because the fence lizards will eat more of it.
- d. I think fewer fence lizards will survive because they won't have ants to eat.



3. Someone let their pet rabbit loose in the park that Joel visited. Read the rabbit card to the right. Then create a new model food chain that includes the rabbit and other living things in the park. You do **not** need to include all of the animals from before. **Write the names in the correct order in the boxes below to make a food chain.**



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4. If the park still has ants, grass, fence lizards, and hawks, what will happen when the rabbit is added? Use the information from both food chains you made to help you answer this question. There might be more than 1 correct answer. **Circle all the correct answers.**

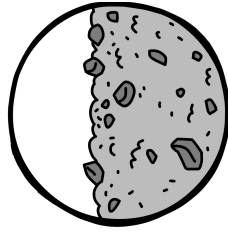
- a. I think more grass will grow because the ants won't be there to eat it.
- b. I think more hawks will survive because they will have more food to eat.
- c. I think there will be less grass because both the rabbit and the ants will eat it.
- d. I think fewer fence lizards will survive because they won't have ants to eat.

5. What do the **arrows** in your food chains represent? Which one word best describes what they all represent? **Circle the best answer.**

- a. Consumers
- c. Animals
- b. Plants
- d. Matter

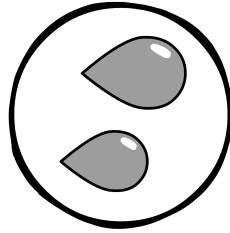
Plant Matter Mystery

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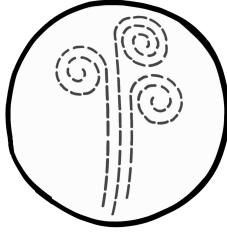
1. Is soil matter? Matter takes up space and has weight. **YES** **NO**
2. Does soil move from outside a plant to inside a plant? **YES** **NO**

Why or why not—what's your evidence? _____



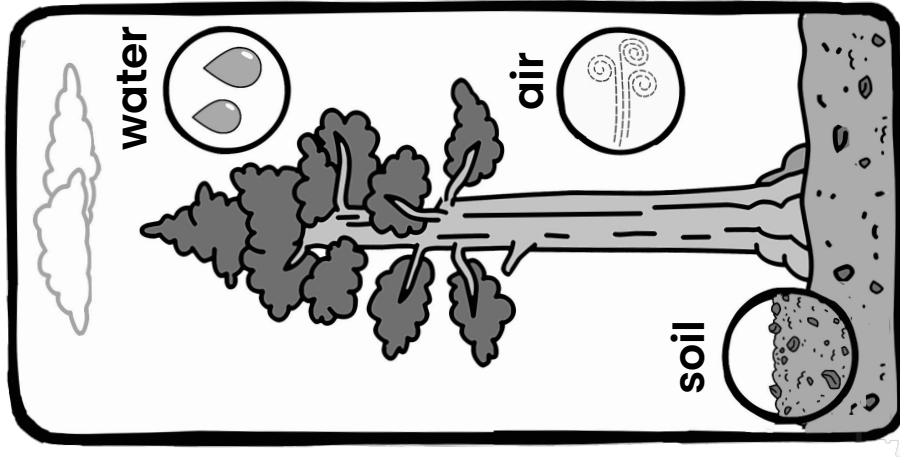
3. Is water matter? Matter takes up space and has weight. **YES** **NO**
4. Does water move from outside a plant to inside a plant? **YES** **NO**

Why or why not—what's your evidence? _____



5. Is air matter? Matter takes up space and has weight. **YES** **NO**
6. Does air move from outside a plant to inside a plant? **YES** **NO**

Why or why not—what's your evidence? _____



7. Make a claim. Where do plants like General Sherman get their matter? Soil? Water? Air? Circle all that apply:

I think plants like General Sherman get their matter from: **Soil** **Water** **Air**

List evidence to support your claim. You can use evidence from this worksheet or the videos you've seen.

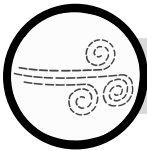
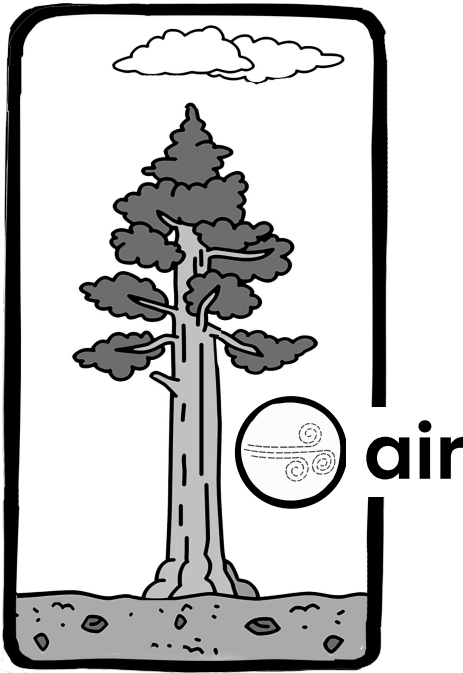
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Weighing Air

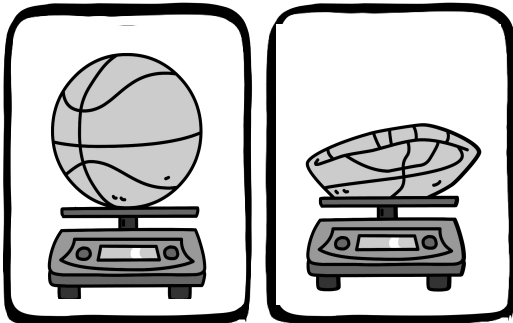
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How does a tiny seed become one of the heaviest trees on Earth?



Air Experiments

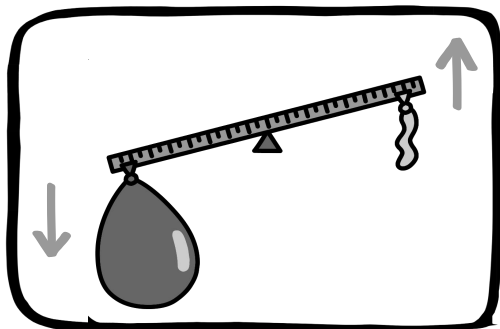


Air Experiment #1

Does this experiment show you that air weighs anything?

YES NO MAYBE

What's your evidence? _____

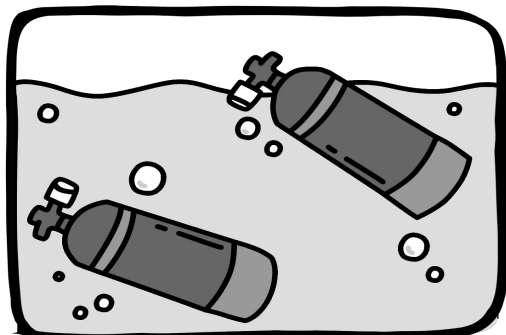


Air Experiment #2

Does this experiment show you that air weighs anything?

YES NO MAYBE

What's your evidence? _____



Air Experiment #3

Does this experiment show you that air weighs anything?

YES NO MAYBE

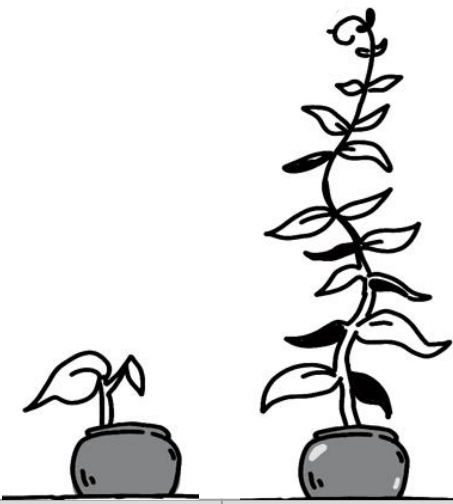
What's your evidence? _____

Lesson Assessment

1. Zane knows that plants use materials in the environment—soil, water, or air—for their growth. Zane thinks plants probably use the soil to grow bigger and heavier. He tests this idea with an experiment.

Zane puts a plant in a pot with soil. At the start of the experiment, he records how much the plant weighs. He also records how much the soil weighs. Zane adds water to the soil.

Then, Zane lets the plant grow for a few weeks. At the end of the experiment, he weighs the plant and the soil again. His results are shown to the right.



	WEEK 1	WEEK 3
PLANT	200 grams	800 grams
SOIL	500 grams	500 grams

What did Zane find out with his experiment?

Circle True or False for each sentence.

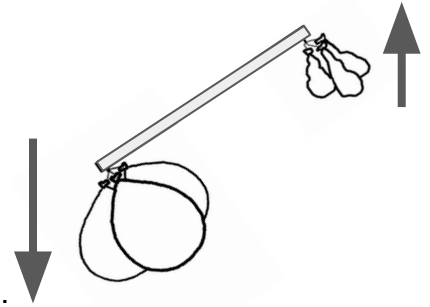
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| True False | The plant weighed the same at the start and end of the experiment. |
| True False | The plant weighed more at the end of the experiment. |
| True False | The soil weighed the same at the start and end of the experiment. |
| True False | The soil weighed less at the end of the experiment. |

2. Using only the information from his soil experiment, what can Zane say about plants and their growth? **Circle the best answer.**

- Plants use material from the soil to grow bigger and heavier.
- Plants do not use material from the soil to grow bigger and heavier.
- Plants use material from the air to grow bigger and heavier.
- Plants do not use material from the air to grow bigger and heavier.

3. Zane knows that plants have tiny openings in their leaves so that air can enter the plant's body. So he wonders if plants use the material from the air to grow bigger and heavier. But Zane isn't sure if air even weighs anything.

Zane sets up a balloon experiment to test if air weighs anything. He sets up a balance scale with an equal number of balloons on each side. On one side the balloons are inflated with air. On the other side they are deflated—without any air. The side with inflated balloons pulls down.



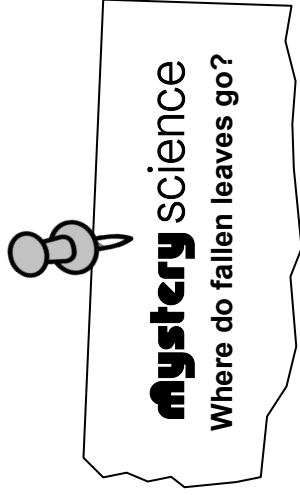
What did Zane find out with this experiment?

Circle True or False for each sentence.

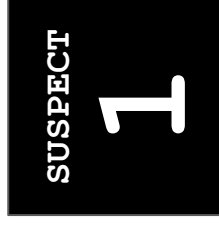
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| True | False | The experiment shows that air has weight. This shows that air can contribute to the weight of a tree. |
| True | False | The experiment shows that air is needed for a plant to be healthy. This shows that air is needed for a plant to survive. |
| True | False | The experiment shows the process of how air can get into a plant. This shows that air can contribute to the weight of a tree. |

4. Plants must use something from the environment—soil, water, or air—for their growth. Zane exclaims, “I think plants mostly use materials from the air for their growth!” Do you agree or disagree? **Explain your thinking using evidence** from Zane’s experiments to support your ideas.

EVIDENCE BOARD



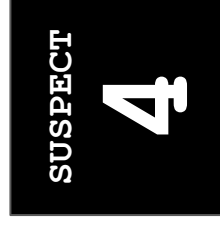
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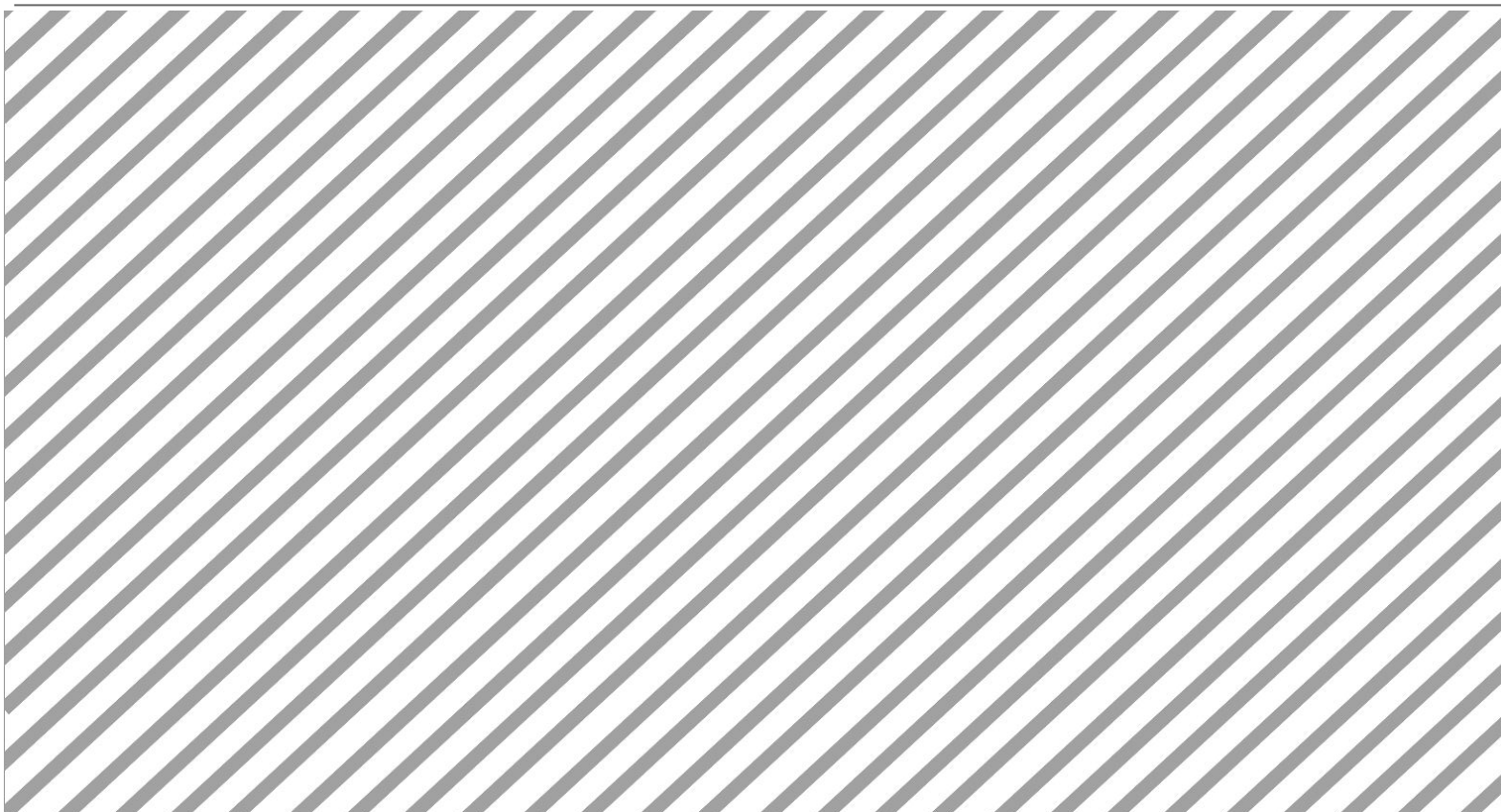
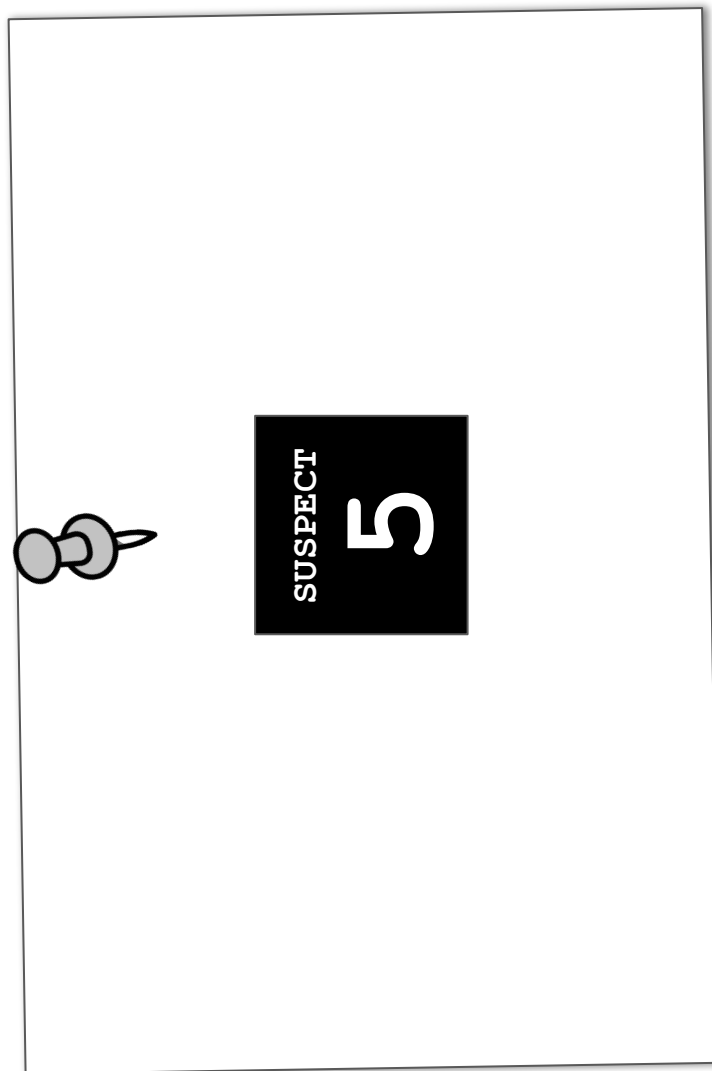
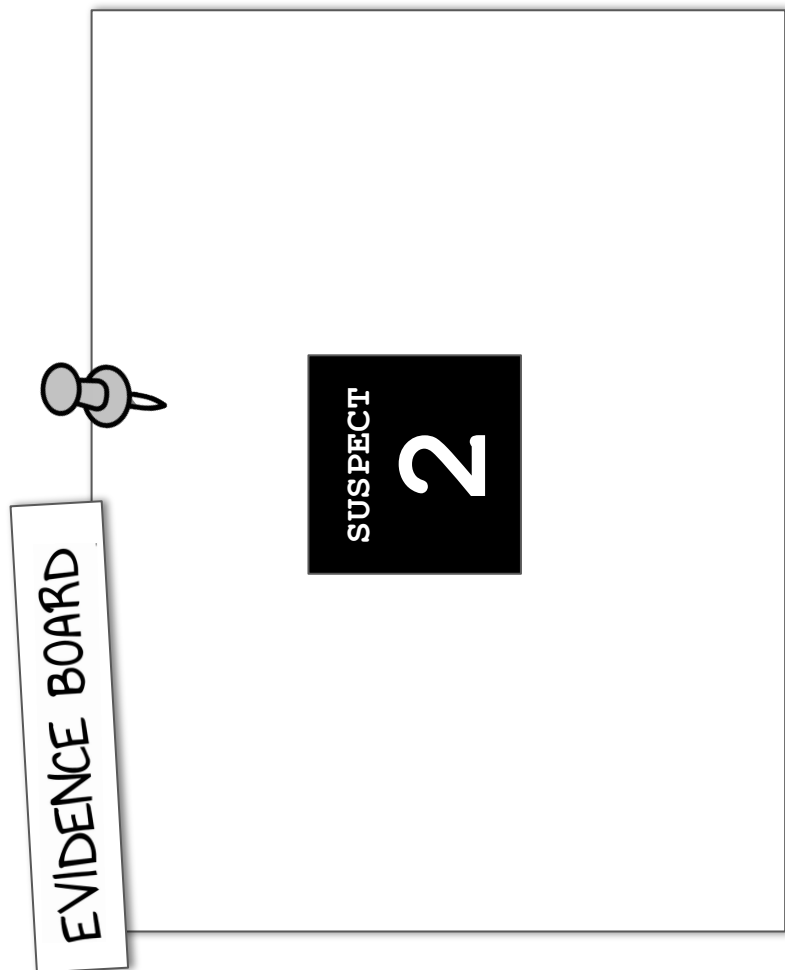
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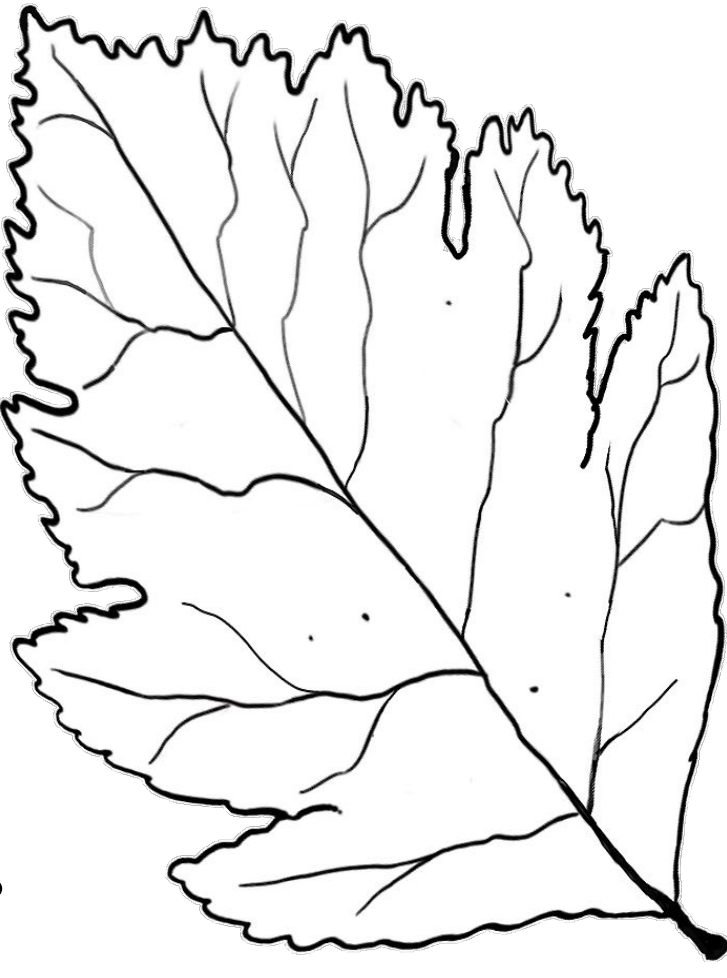
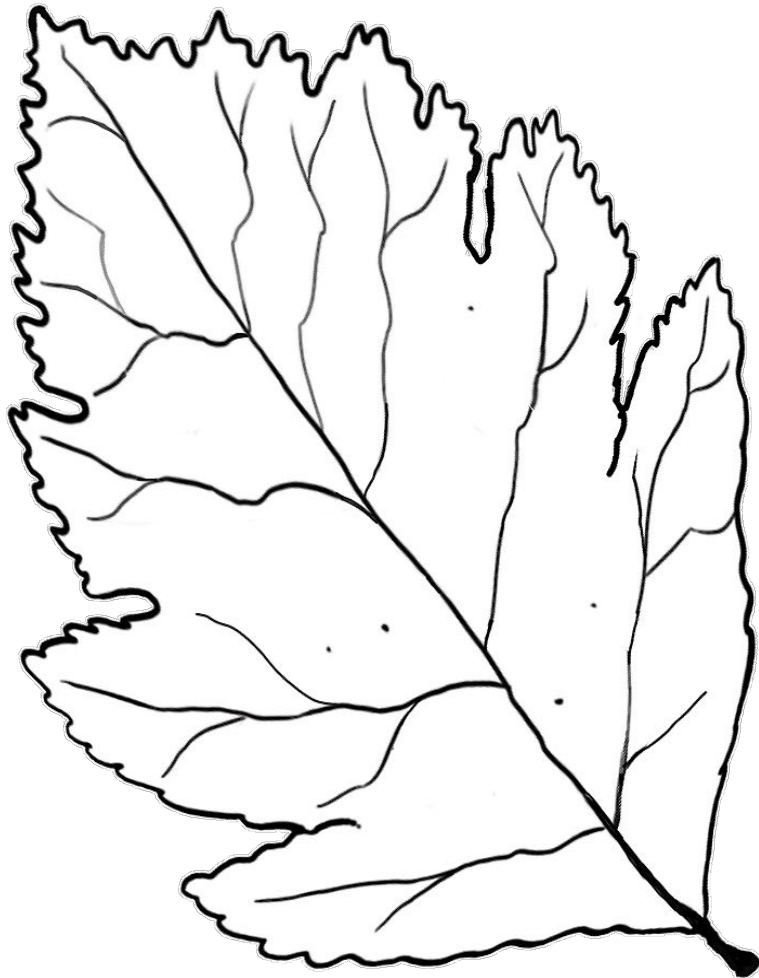
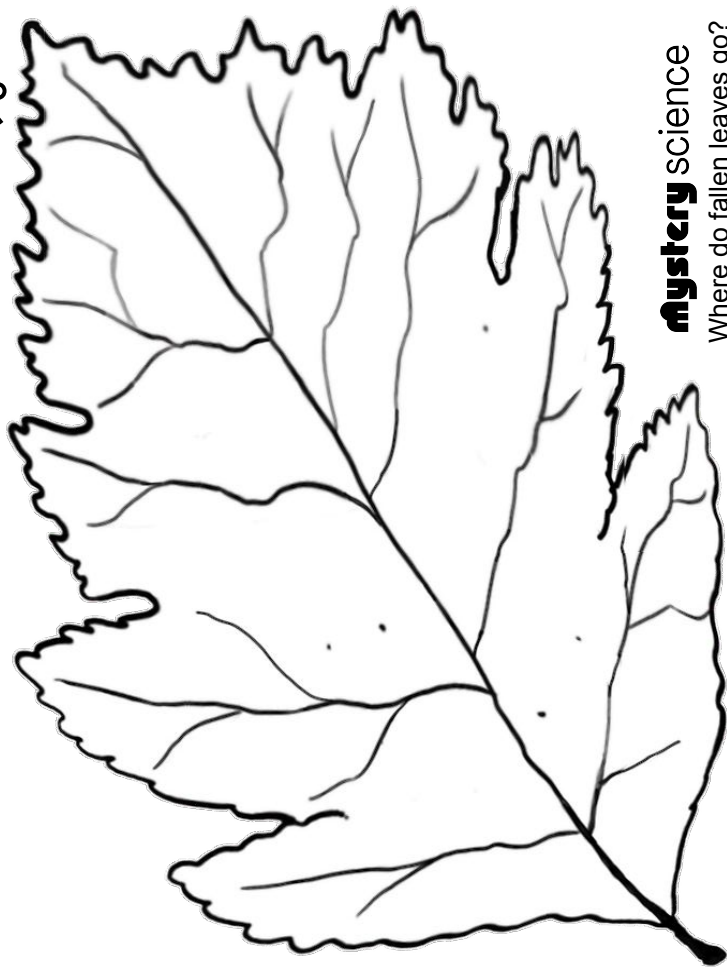
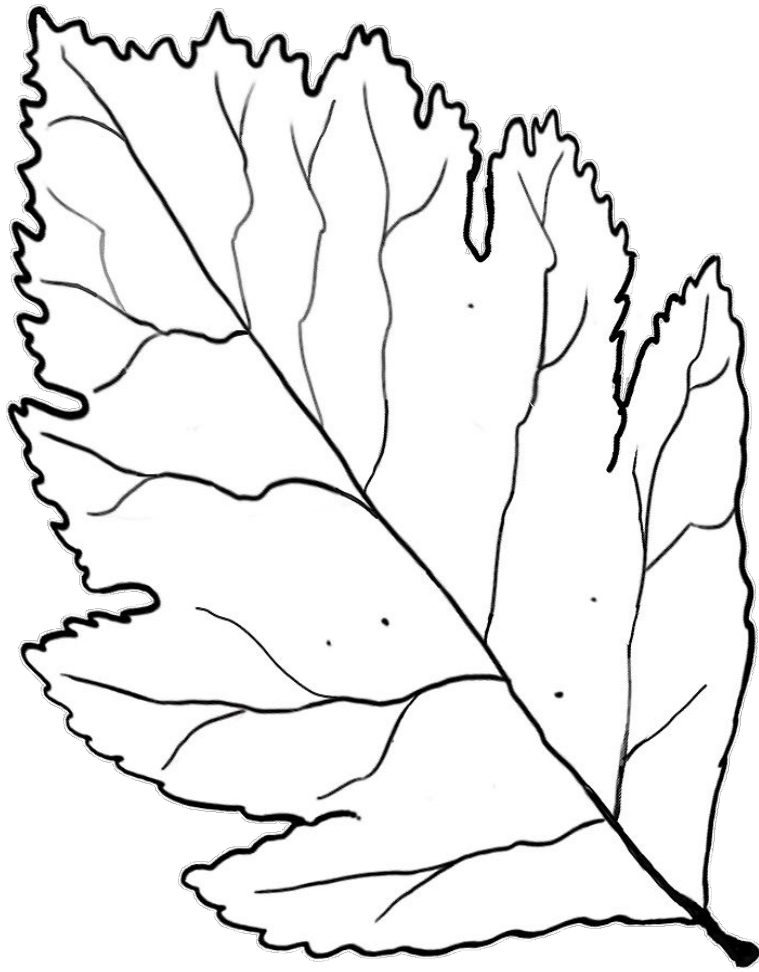


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Clue:

LEAF

PILE



Solve the Case!

DETECTIVE : _____
(your name)

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1. What happened to the leaf pile?

2. Who is responsible for what happened to the leaf pile? (circle all that apply)



Why do you think that they are responsible?

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(your name)

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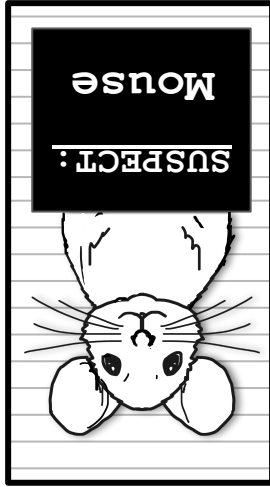
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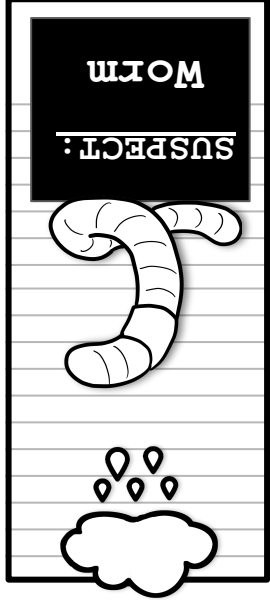


Why do you think that they are responsible?

THE MOUSE SAYS: "You think that I ate the leaves? Don't make me laugh. I was there for all the nuts, seeds, and juicy earthworms in the leaf pile. Plus, it's a good place for me to hide from pesky predators. I broke up the leaves a little as I walked and burrowed in them. I did not eat them, though! You should talk to the worms; I saw them deep down in the leaf pile. Who knows what they were doing down there?"



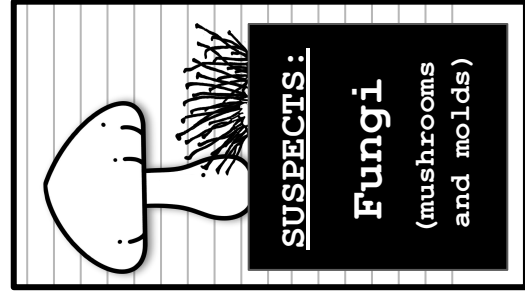
THE WORM SAYS: "What was I doing in the leaves? Well, I live in the dirt underneath the leaf pile. It rained, and when it rains, my worm friends and I come out to eat things on the ground. Tasty stuff, like animal poop and dead leaves! So yeah, I ate some of the leaves; I'm a hungry worm. But only SOME...I'm not *that* hungry. I'll tell you what: I saw a lot of other things show up after it rained, too. Mushrooms and mold seemed to pop up out of nowhere. Kind of suspicious, huh?"



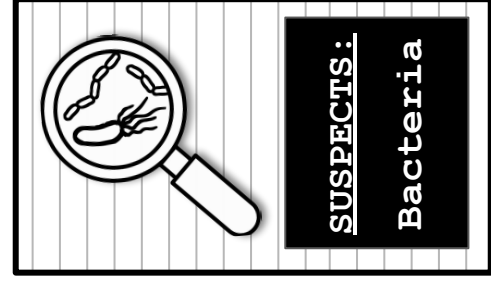
THE RED FOX SAYS: "What was I doing near the leaf pile? I'm a hunter! I know that mice hide in there, so I ran through the leaves to catch one for dinner. Well, *tried* to catch one at least. I didn't eat the leaves, though! I only stepped on them and broke them into smaller pieces. If you want to know more, your best bet is to talk to the mouse that got away!"



THE FUNGI SAY: "What were we doing there? We live here on the forest floor! We can't catch food like foxes and mice, or make our own food like plants. So we have to eat the dead stuff on the ground. And what did we see in our home? A bunch of wet, dead leaves...a feast! Those mushy bits of leaves after it rains are especially delicious! We ate a bunch of the wet leaf pieces, but it wasn't just us! We're not taking the fall alone. Bacteria were there, too, sneaking around."



THE BACTERIA SAY: "I can't believe you can see us! The leaf pile? Yeah...we were there, it's true. To be fair, my kind are everywhere. But we especially love wet places and dead things. So you better believe a bunch of us showed up in the leaf pile after it rained. Even though we're small and don't have a mouth, we still need food! We ate a good amount of the wet leaves, but not all of them! You can't blame it all on us!"



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Lesson Assessment



OAK TREE



DEAD LEAVES



MUSHROOM



NUTRIENTS IN SOIL

1. Fallen, dead leaves are broken down into soil nutrients with the help of decomposers, such as mushrooms, mold, and bacteria. The image above shows some of the organisms that you would find in a forest ecosystem. Create a model with arrows to show how the material (matter) of the oak leaves travels through this forest. For example, the leaves of oak trees will eventually fall to the ground. So you would draw an arrow from the oak tree to the pile of dead leaves. This arrow is already drawn for you. Now you **draw the other arrows**.

2. What do the **arrows** in your model represent? Which one word best describes what they all represent? **Circle the best answer.**

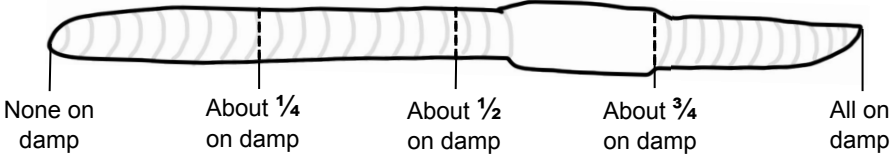
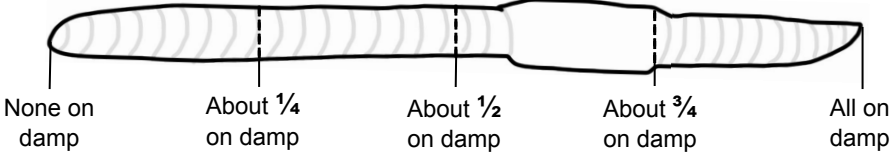
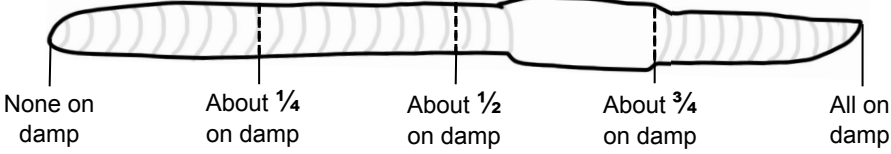
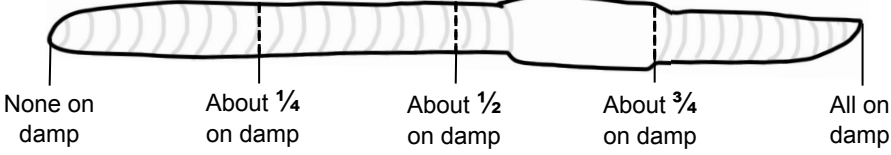
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| a. Plants | c. Animals |
| b. Decomposers | d. Matter |

3. If there were suddenly no decomposers—no mushrooms, no mold, no bacteria—what do you think would happen to the forest ecosystem? **Support your ideas using the model above and what you know about decomposers.**

Name: _____

Ask a Worm Worksheet

Experiment to test the conclusion that worms like damp places. Note what happens below:

Names	Results. Shade in how much of the worm is on the damp side.
1) My name:	
2) Partner's name:	
3) Partner's name:	
4) Partner's name:	

5) What might affect a worm's behavior (like light vs. dark)?

6) Think of some questions you have about what worms like (or what they dislike):

Name: _____

Ask a Worm Worksheet, continued



- 7) Write the question you've decided to explore: _____
- 8) Describe or draw a picture of an experiment that you could do to find out the answer to your question.
(Use the back if you need more space.)

- 9) What can you do to make sure your experiment is a fair test?

Name: _____

Worm Watcher Worksheet

- 1) Observe your worm and draw it here. It has no legs, yet it moves around. How does it manage that? If you like, draw a cartoon strip showing how your worm changes as it moves around. If you need more space, use the back of the paper.

Tips for a good observation

- Don't disturb the worm after putting it on the plate. You want to see what it does all on its own.
- Be patient. It can take a while for it to start moving.
- While waiting for your worm to move, check out what other people's worms are doing.

- 2) Watch your worm for a few minutes and write down what it does. (After a few minutes, most worms stop exploring and settle down where they are most comfortable.)

- 3) Look at all the worms in your group. What do you notice about the places the worm chose to settle? Are those places wet or dry, dark or bright, in the open or under cover?

Lesson Assessment

1. When earthworms eat leaves, the leaves break down into worm poop inside the earthworm's body. Worm poop is called castings. **Add two arrows to the drawings below:** one showing the dead leaves going into the earthworm, and one showing the castings moving out onto the ground.



Dead Leaves



Earthworm



Castings

2. Reena was curious about how to make plants grow taller, so she set up an experiment. She filled one pot just with regular soil and planted a seed into the soil. Then she mixed soil and worm castings in another pot and planted the exact same kind of seed in that pot. After a few months of giving each plant the exact same amounts of water and light, they looked like this:



Just soil



Soil with
worm castings

Circle True or False for each option.

- | | | |
|------|-------|---|
| True | False | Reena's plants can't grow at all in just soil. |
| True | False | The plant grown in soil with worm castings grew taller. |
| True | False | From this experiment, we know that every plant will always grow better in soil with worm castings. |
| True | False | From this experiment, we know that this one plant grown in soil with worm castings grew taller. But we would need to do more experiments if we wanted to know if this happens with other plants, too. |

3. In school, Reena learned that when worms eat dead leaves and produce castings, the castings are full of nutrients that plants can use. The nutrients in the castings come from nutrients in the original dead leaves. This might explain why the plant she grew in soil with worm castings was so tall.

Reena also learned that plants get some nutrients through their *leaves*, and they get other nutrients through their *roots*.

Knowing what you know about earthworms, do you think that the nutrients from castings go into a plant's leaves or its roots? In the drawings below, **add arrows to show the flow of nutrients**, starting with the dead leaves. With the final arrow, show the nutrients either going to the plant's leaves or its roots. Remember, to answer this question, you'll need to apply what you have learned about earthworms.



Dead Leaves



Earthworm



Castings



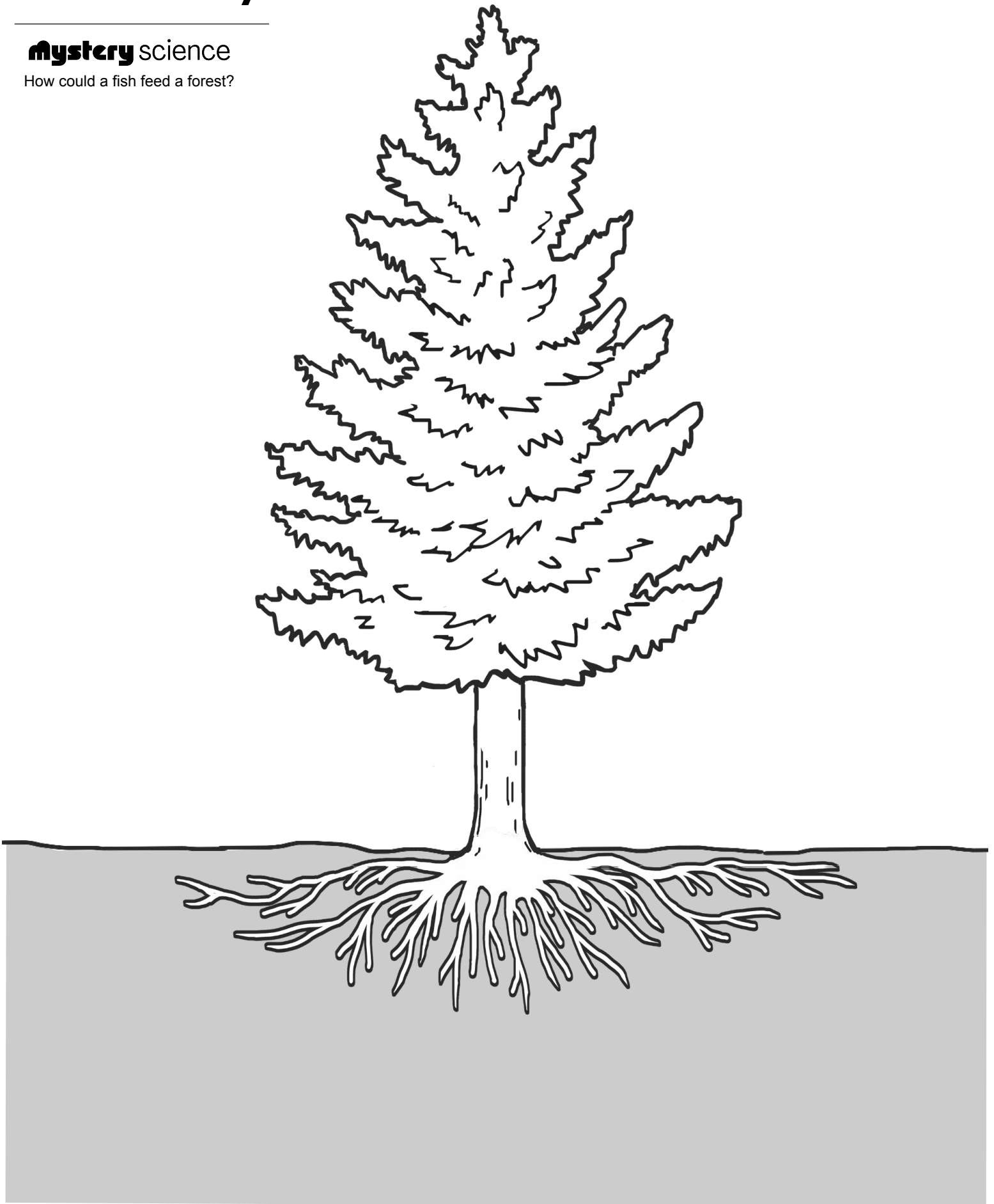
4. In the previous question, you drew arrows to show the flow of nutrients from dead leaves to a growing plant. On the lines below, **explain what your drawing shows**.

5. Now, **explain why you drew the final arrow the way that you did**. What do you know about earthworms that helped you draw that arrow?

Forest Ecosystem

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How could a fish feed a forest?



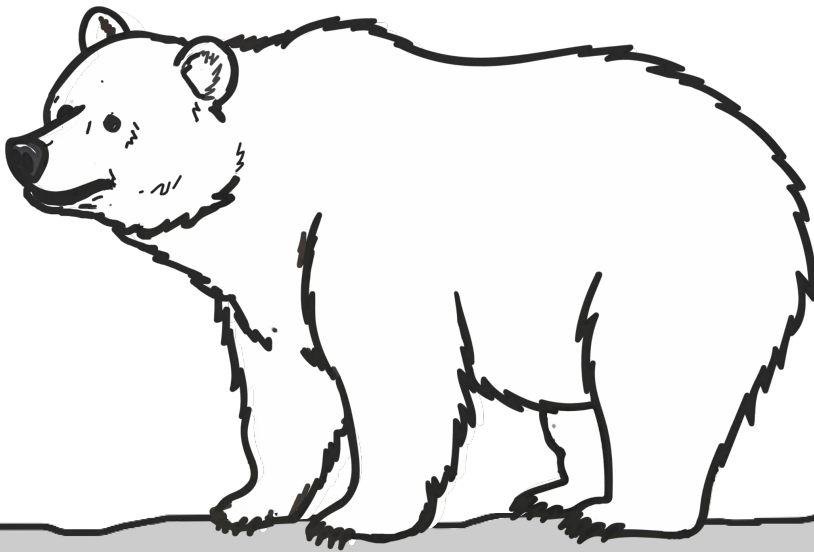
Forest Ecosystem

This is the forest ecosystem before the salmon arrive.



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How could a fish feed a forest?



_____ to the _____
 The matter traveled from the _____
 2. Where did the matter travel in this part of your ecosystem model? Describe **one** of your arrows.

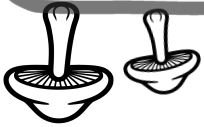
Brown bears are large animals that need to consume a lot of food! They're omnivores that eat both plants and animals. Sometimes they eat the leaves and twigs of spruce trees. They also eat animals, like insects and fish. All the food a bear eats is made of matter. Some of that matter is used to build and maintain the bear's body. But some of the matter is passed through the bear's body and released as waste. It becomes bear poop!



Bears

_____ to the _____
 The matter traveled from the _____
 3. Where did the matter travel in this part of your ecosystem model? Describe **one** of your arrows.

Mushrooms are decomposers that live all over the forest. In fact, some mushrooms can grow right on top of bear poop! Mushrooms make chemicals that break down dead leaves and animal waste like bear poop. As the mushroom breaks down the matter in the poop, some of that matter is released back into the environment. Some matter from the bear waste moves into the air. And some of the matter from the bear waste moves into the soil.



Mushrooms

Name: _____

Matter Journal



Trees

Spruce trees live in this ecosystem. Each one starts as a tiny seed and grows into a giant tree with a trunk, branches, needle-like leaves, and roots. The tree uses its roots to absorb water from the soil. That water travels to all parts of the tree. Each tree also has openings in its leaves that allow air to flow into the tree. The tree uses the air and water to produce its own food and build its body. So the matter of the air and water becomes the matter of the tree's trunk, branches, leaves, and roots.

1. Where did the matter travel in this part of your ecosystem model? Describe **one** of your arrows.

The matter traveled from the _____
 to the _____.

4. How could the matter in a salmon become matter in a tree? Describe the journey the matter can take! (Hint: Start a new sentence for each time the matter moves.)

The matter in the salmon _____

Now the matter is in the spruce tree!

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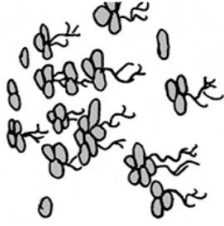
How could a fish feed a forest?

A fishy question





RULES



Setup

- 1) Add 6 algae tokens to EACH lake.
- 2) Place the 4 Prevent It! Projects above the map.
- 3) Put paperclip at "Add 3 algae to each lake" on the Algae Tracker.
- 4) All players: take 2 cards from the Progress Deck.

How to Play

- 1) Take 1 card from the Progress Deck and put it in your hand.
- 2) Play 1 card from your hand. If you don't have a card you want to play on your turn, you can pass.
- 3) Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each player on your team. Pause after Player 3's turn is over...

End-of-Round Algae Growth Tracker

Owner's name: _____

☹️	Add 3 algae to EACH lake
	Add 2 algae to EACH lake
	Add 1 algae to EACH lake
😊	Add 0 algae to EACH lake
	Remove 1 algae from EACH lake
	Remove 2 algae from EACH lake
☹️	Remove 3 algae from EACH lake

END OF ROUND – Algae grows

After Player 3's turn is over, it's the algae's turn to grow. Check your **End-of-Round Algae Growth Tracker** to see where the paper clip is pointing, and add that many algae tokens to EACH lake. Then a new round starts with Player 1's turn.

How to Win

Work together to get **ALL THREE lakes** to a healthy algae level (the shaded squares) by removing all the algae tokens.



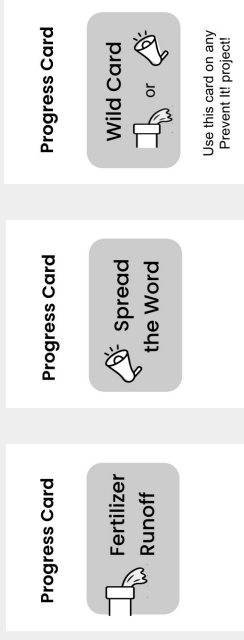
How to Lose

If any **ONE lake** completely fills up with algae (all squares are full), your team loses.

Types of Cards in the Deck

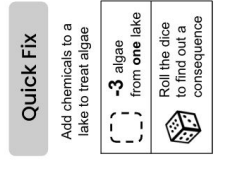
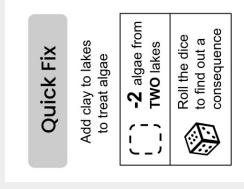
Progress cards:

Use these to complete **Prevent It!** Projects of the same type.



Quick Fix cards:

Use these to reduce algae in your lakes right away, but at a cost! Roll the dice.



Consequences (For Quick Fix Cards)

☹️ or ☹️	Dirty Lake	On no! The amount of fertilizers and waste in this lake is causing your algae to grow!	+3 algae to the lake with the MOST algae in it.
☹️ or ☹️	Unexpected Setback	On no! This quick fix card got away from us! We thought and set us back!	Discard 1 Progress card from an Incomplete Prevent It! project.
☹️ or ☹️	Nothing Happens	Phew! The quick fix carded without any consequences!	

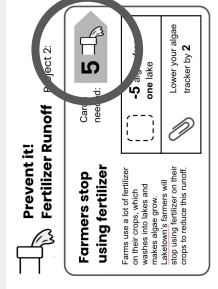
Then look at the

Consequences sheet to see if anything bad happens.

Put Quick Fix cards in the discard pile after use.

Prevent It! Projects:

The number in the arrow on the Prevent It! Project is how many **Progress cards** your team needs to complete it and gain the rewards!

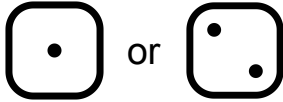


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Consequences

(For Quick Fix Cards)

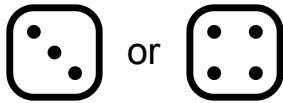


Dirty Lake

Oh no! The amount of fertilizers and waste in this lake is causing extra algae to grow!



+3 algae to the lake with the **MOST** algae in it

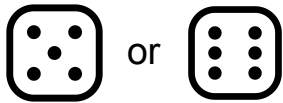


Unexpected Setback

Oh no! The quick fix didn't work like we thought and set us back!

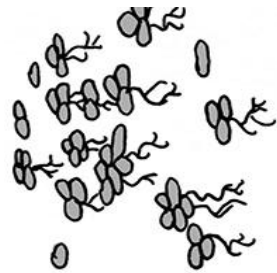


Discard 1 Progress card from an **incomplete** Prevent It! project



Nothing Happens

Phew! The quick fix worked without any consequences!



End-of-Round Algae Growth Tracker

Owner's name: _____



Add 3 algae to **EACH** lake



Add 2 algae to **EACH** lake



Add 1 algae to **EACH** lake



Add 0 algae to **EACH** lake

Remove 1

algae from **EACH** lake

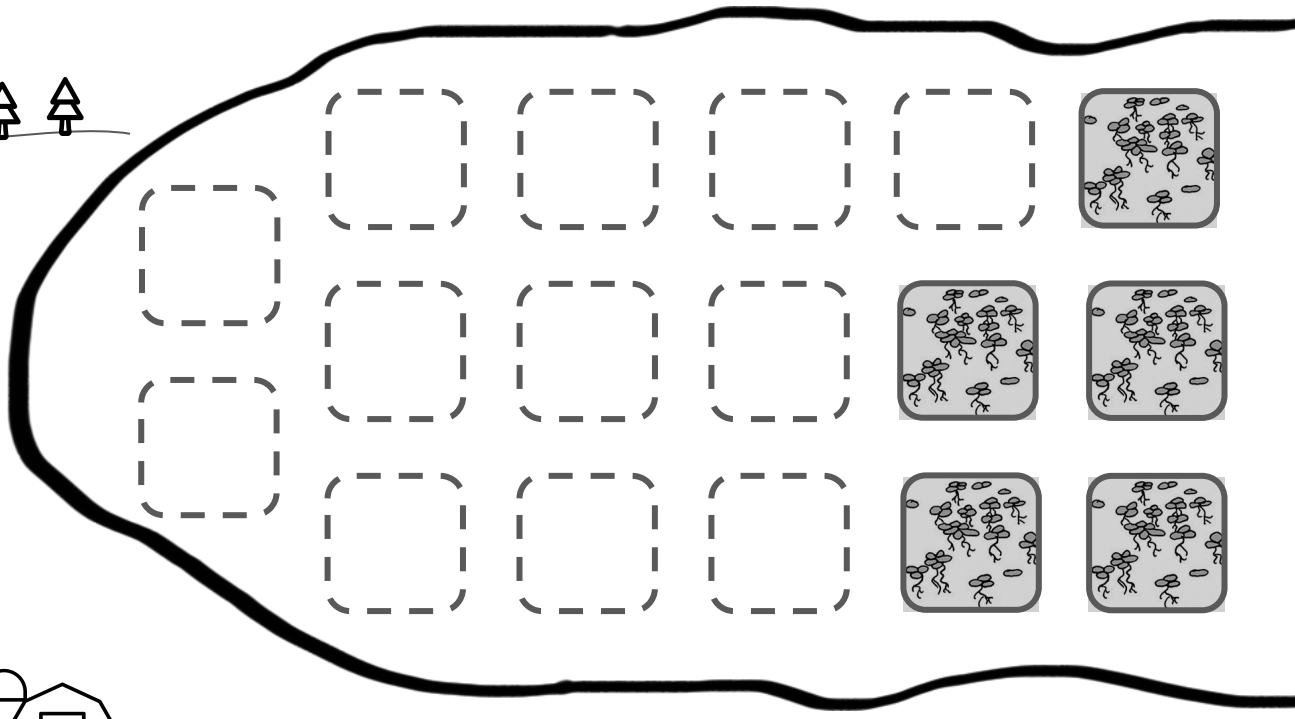
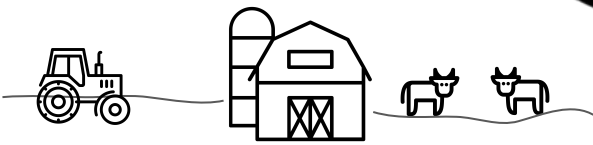
Remove 2

algae from **EACH** lake

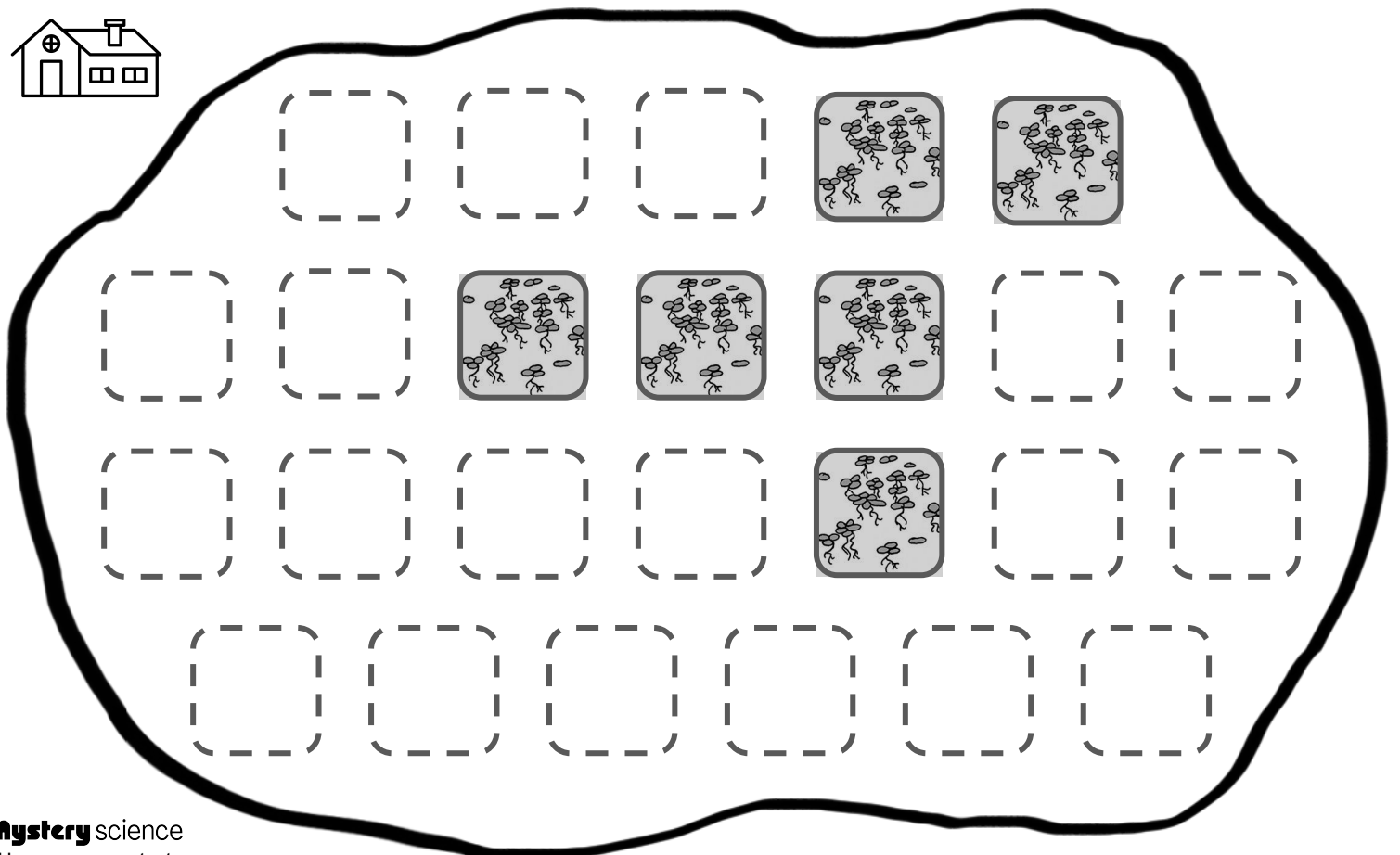


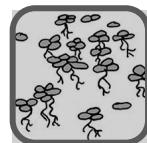
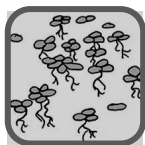
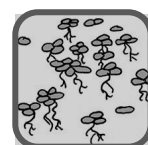
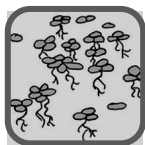
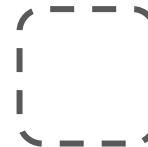
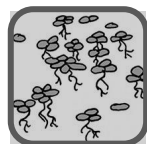
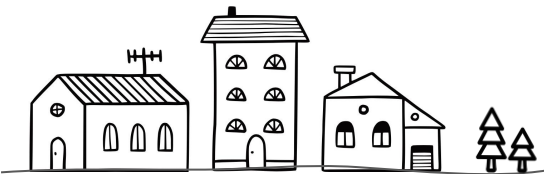
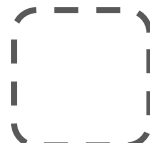
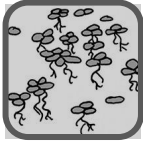
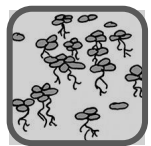
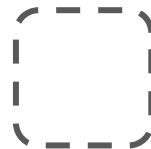
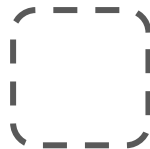
Remove 3

algae from **EACH** lake

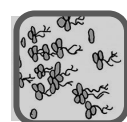


Laketown





Win with 3 healthy lakes. Lose if 1 fills up!



Key
= Healthy
amount of
algae



Prevent it! Spread the Word

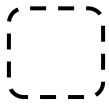
Project 1:

Clean up after dogs

Dog poop washes into lakes and makes algae grow! Spread the word to Laketown's dog-walkers that they need to clean up after their dogs.

Cards
needed:

3



-3 algae from
one lake



Lower your algae
tracker by **1**



-3 algae from
one lake



Lower your algae
tracker by **1**

Place cards here

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✓ You got people to clean up after their dogs!



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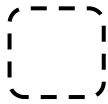
Project 2:

Keep storm drains clean

Drains that you see on every street flow directly into the lakes. Spread the word to people living in Laketown to keep these drains free of fertilizer and anything else that could hurt the lakes.

Cards
needed:

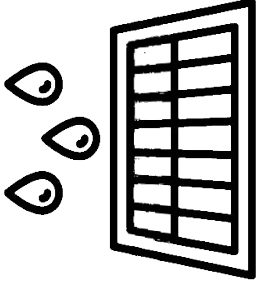
5



-5 algae from
one lake



Lower your algae
tracker by **2**



-5 algae from
one lake

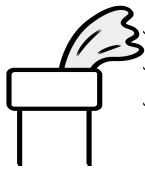


Lower your algae
tracker by **2**

Place cards here

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Prevent it! Fertilizer Runoff

Project 1:

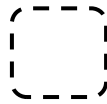
Grow plants by the lakes

Plants near the edge of lakes can catch runoff and reduce the amount that flows into lakes.

Cards

needed:

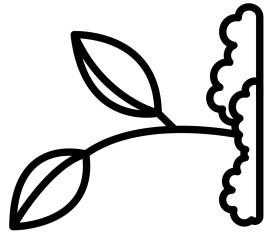
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-3 algae from
one lake



Lower your algae
tracker by **1**



-3 algae from
one lake



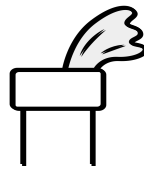
Lower your algae
tracker by **1**

Place cards here

How can we protect Earth's environments?
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✓ You grew plants
by the lake!



Prevent it! Fertilizer Runoff

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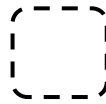
Farmers stop using fertilizer

Farms use a lot of fertilizer on their crops, which washes into lakes and makes algae grow. Laketown's farmers will stop using fertilizer on their crops to reduce this runoff.

Cards

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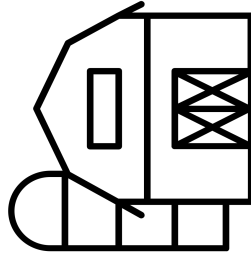
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-5 algae from
one lake



Lower your algae
tracker by **2**



-5 algae from
one lake



Lower your algae
tracker by **2**

Place cards here

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✓ You got farmers to stop using
fertilizer!

Teacher Prep
note:

Cards Page 1

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How can we protect
Earth's environments?

Progress Card



Fertilizer
Runoff

Progress Card



Spread
the Word

Progress Card

Wild Card



or



Use this card on any
Prevent It! project!

Quick Fix

Add chemicals to a
lake to treat algae



-3 algae
from **one** lake



Roll the dice to
find out a
consequence

Progress Card



Fertilizer
Runoff

Progress Card



Spread
the Word

Progress Card

Wild Card



or



Use this card on any
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Place discarded cards here

Discard Pile

*Place discarded
cards here*

Discard Pile

Place discarded cards here.

Progress Deck

Take at the start of your turn!

*Place cards here,
facedown*

Progress Deck

Take at the start of your turn!

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How can we protect Earth's environments?

Teacher Prep
note:

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mystery science
How can we protect
Earth's environments?

Quick Fix

Add clay to lakes
to treat algae



-2 algae from
TWO lakes



Roll the dice to
find out a
consequence

Progress Card



Spread
the Word

Quick Fix

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Runoff

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Progress Card



Fertilizer
Runoff

Teacher Prep
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Earth's environments?

Progress Card



Fertilizer
Runoff

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Wild Card



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Progress Card



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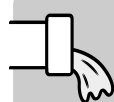


-2 algae from
TWO lakes



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Progress Card



Fertilizer
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the Word

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consequence

Progress Card



Fertilizer
Runoff

Teacher Prep
note:

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How can we protect
Earth's environments?

Progress Card



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the Word

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consequence

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Wild Card



or



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Lesson Assessment



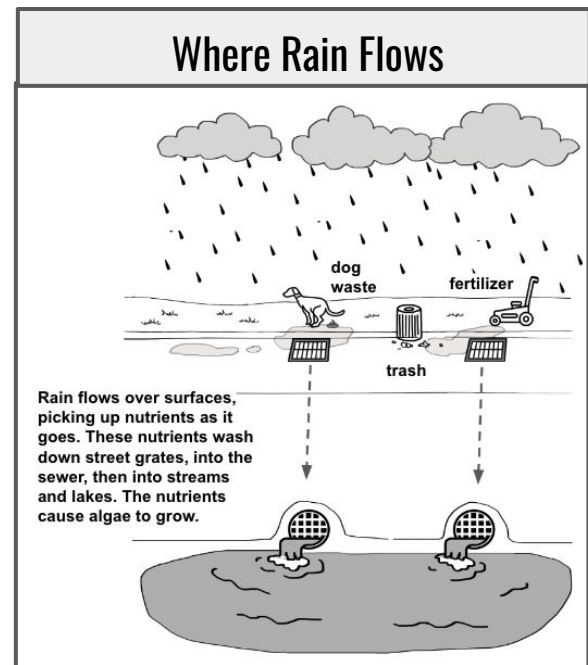
Marshall is a grumpy man who has a really cute dog named Button. But there's a problem. Marshall never picks up Button's poop after taking him for walks in the local park.

The lake in Marshall's town recently started to have problems with harmful algae blooms. Harmful algae blooms happen when there are too many nutrients in the water. The nutrients often come from fertilizers or other sources like dog poop. You are trying to convince Marshall to start picking up after his dog.

Marshall says: "I don't understand why picking up Button's poop matters. It's not like he's pooping in the lake! The lake is far away from the park where I bring Button for his walks."

You obtained the infographic on the right from the town's government website. Look at the information shown about runoff from rain.

1. How can you explain to Marshall that poop from the park can affect the lake, even though they are far away from each other? **Use the infographic from the government, and what you know about runoff and harmful algae blooms, to help create your explanation.**

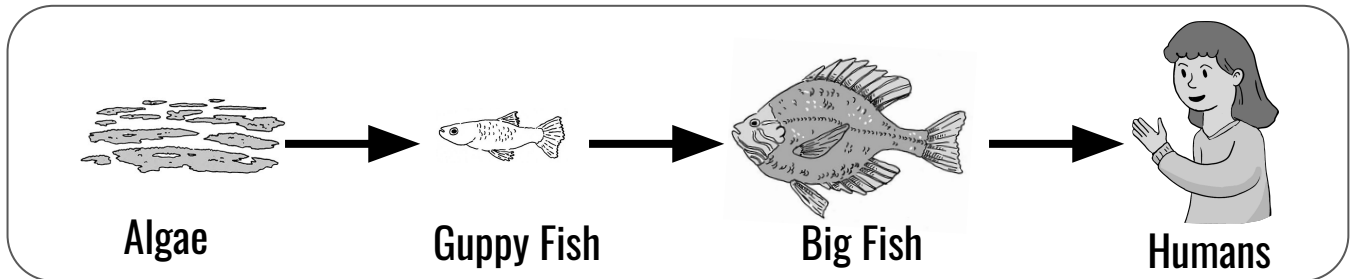




Marshall still isn't convinced. He says:

"Even if Button's poop is adding to the harmful algae bloom problem, what does that have to do with me? It's not like I live in the lake or eat algae. This doesn't affect me at all. So why should I care?"

A local scientist provides you with information about a food chain that starts with the algae in the town's lake. This is the food chain:



2. How could you convince Marshall that he should care about harmful algae blooms? **Use what you know about food chains and the model above to help with your explanation.**

3. If Marshall refuses to pick up Button's poop, can you suggest any other ways that Marshall could help the lake ecosystem? **Use the information from the previous questions, along with what you know about runoff and harmful algae blooms, to help you answer.**

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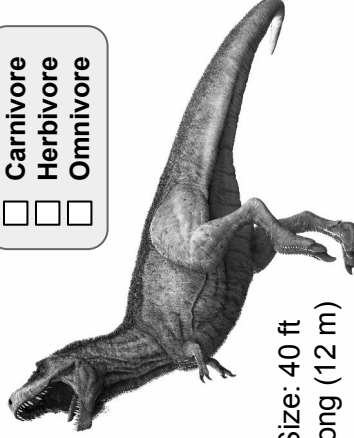
Why did the dinosaurs go extinct?

DINO DIE-OFF

a food web model

Tyrannosaurus rex

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore



Size: 40 ft
long (12 m)

I get my energy by eating other dinosaurs. I like to munch on *Triceratops* or duckbill dinosaurs—but I'll eat smaller ones, too. I'm big, so I need a lot of food to keep going.

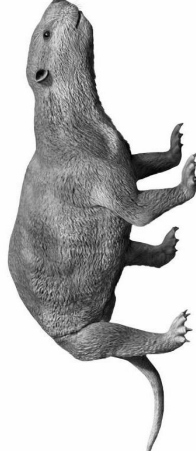
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Didelphodon

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore

Size: 14 in
long (35 cm)

I'm a mammal! I get my energy by eating crickets, beetles, and worms. I have jaws that will crunch through turtle shell—or through the bones of dead animals. I also eat berries, if they're available.

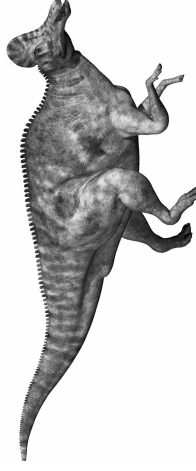


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Duckbill dinosaur (*Corythosaurus*)

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore

Size: 32 ft
long (10 m)



I get my energy by eating twigs, leaves, and seeds from living plants. I always keep an eye out for *Tyrannosaurus*, who thinks I make a good snack.

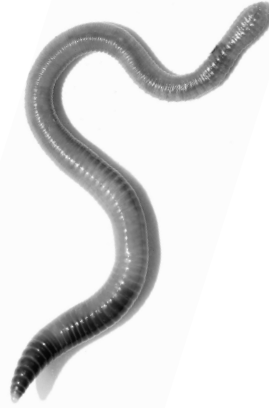
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Earthworm

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore

Size: up to
8 in (20 cm)

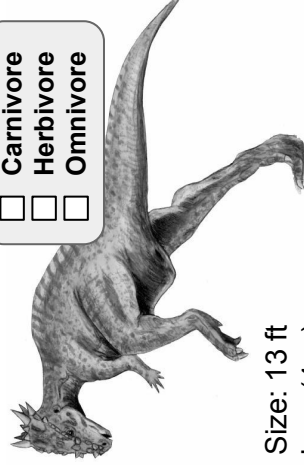
I get my energy from rotting wood, dead leaves, and rotting animals. I burrow underground.



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Dracorex hogwartsia

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore



Size: 13 ft
long (4 m)

I get my energy from leaves, seeds, and fruits of living plants. My name means "dragon king of Hogwarts." I got my name when the scientists who found my skull in 2016 donated me to a museum.

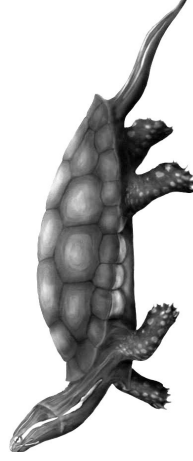
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Prehistoric turtle (*Compsemys*)

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore

Size: 12 in
(30 cm)

I get my energy by eating worms and crickets. Like modern turtles, I can hibernate underwater when the weather is cold.



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Dryptosaurus

- ☐ Carnivore
- ☐ Herbivore
- ☐ Omnivore

Size: 21 ft
long (6.4 m)



I get my energy from eating other dinosaurs. I hunt plant eaters that are my size or a little bit bigger.

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Triceratops

Size: 30 ft
long (9 m)

☐ Carnivore
☐ Herbivore
☐ Omnivore

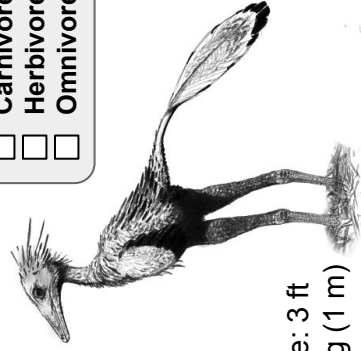
I get my energy by munching on living plants. And I'm big, so I need a lot of food to keep going. That means a lot of plants. Good thing that palm trees grow so well around here.



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Sinornithoides

☐ Carnivore
☐ Herbivore
☐ Omnivore



Size: 3 ft
long (1 m)

I've got feathers. If you saw me, you'd probably say I was a bird. I get my energy by eating worms and crickets and other small animals.

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Prehistoric cricket

Size: up to
4 in (10 cm)

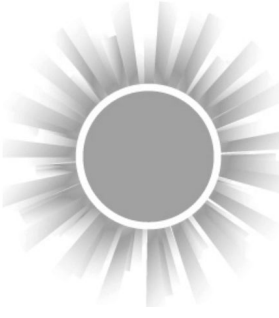
☐ Carnivore
☐ Herbivore
☐ Omnivore

I get my energy by eating seeds, berries, and leaves—either fresh off the living plant or dead on the ground. And I'm always hungry! Every day, I eat my own body weight in food.



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Sunlight

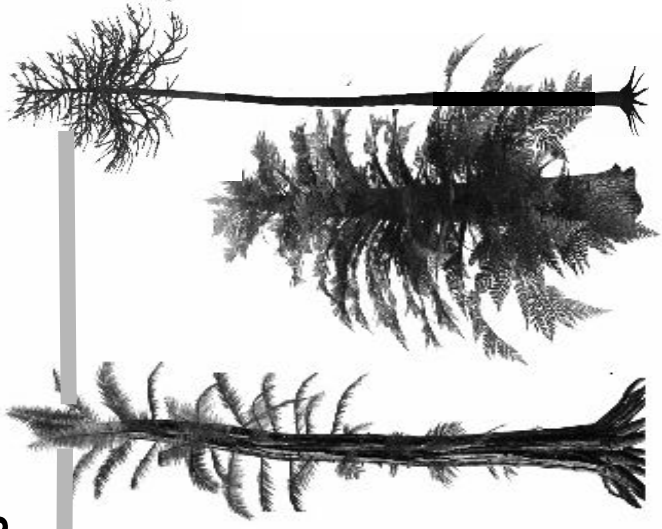


I'm the sun. My light and heat are both forms of energy. Every living thing—from palm trees to *Tyrannosaurus*—needs energy to move, to grow, to stay warm, and to heal when they are injured.

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Living green plants

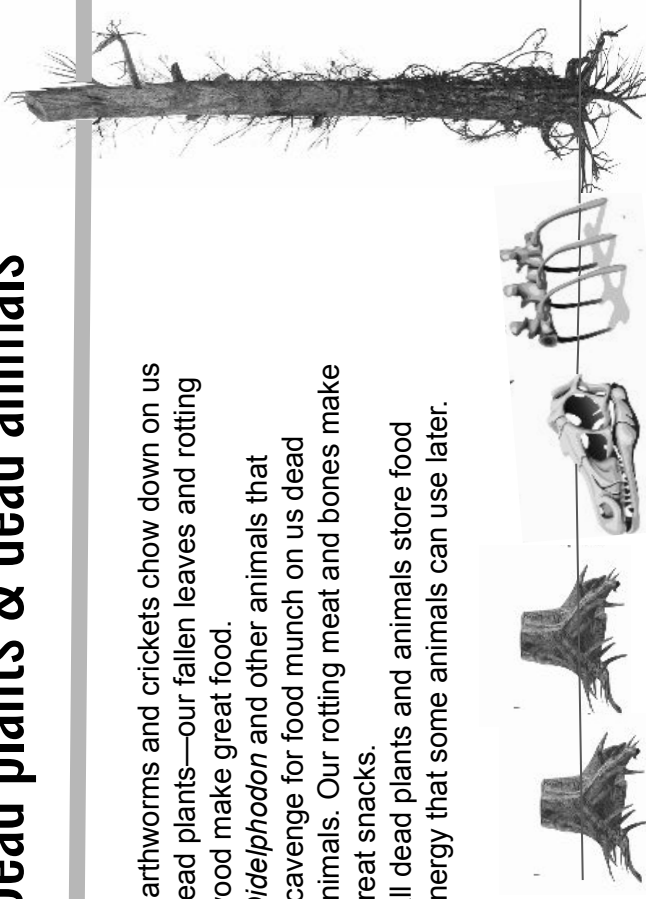
We're the plants of the Cretaceous period: leafy palm trees, evergreen trees, ferns, flowering plants, plants that grow berries, and more! All of us plants provide abundant food and energy for herbivores.



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Dead plants & dead animals

Earthworms and crickets chow down on us dead plants—our fallen leaves and rotting wood make great food. *Didelphodon* and other animals that scavenge for food munch on us dead animals. Our rotting meat and bones make great snacks. All dead plants and animals store food energy that some animals can use later.



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Name: _____

Dinosaur Food Web

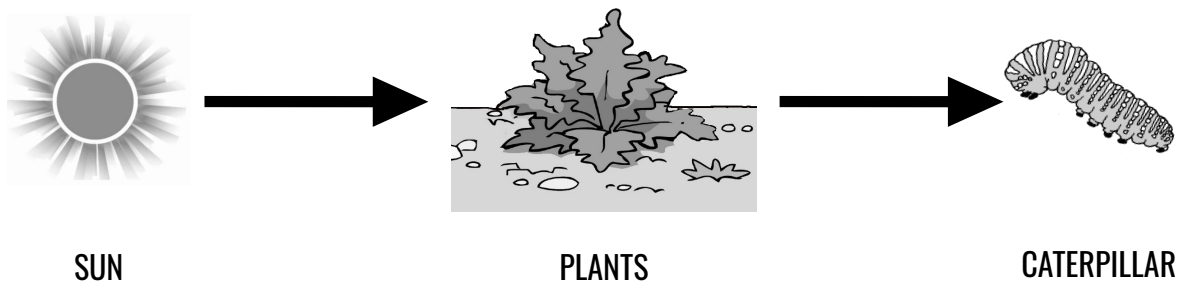
1. What animals do you think *Tyrannosaurus rex* would eat? Why do you think that?

2. List the animals you think can survive when the sunlight is blocked.

3. Why did some animals go extinct while other animals survived? Construct an explanation using evidence from your food web.

Lesson Assessment

1. Caterpillars are small insects that can grow very quickly. Some caterpillars can double in size in just one day! Caterpillars have to eat a lot of food so that they have the energy to grow that quickly. The diagram below shows a food chain including a caterpillar.



What does the above food chain show? **Choose all correct answers.**

- a. Caterpillars get their energy directly from the Sun.
 - b. Caterpillars get their energy directly from plants.
 - c. Caterpillars use energy that originally came from the Sun. But they can't use energy *directly* from the Sun.
 - d. Caterpillars give energy to plants, and plants give energy to the Sun.
2. Some birds eat caterpillars. The caterpillars give them lots of energy so that they can do things like grow, fly, and build nests.

In the space below, **create a food chain**. Write the words **birds**, **caterpillars**, **Sun**, and **plants** on each of the lines. Make sure that you write them in the correct order.

_____ → _____ → _____ → _____

3. Caves are amazing underground places. Sunlight can shine into the openings of caves, but deep inside caves, it can become completely, totally dark. Even in some of the darkest caves, though, you can find living things.



Read the following cards about three types of real living things that can be found in or near caves:

Cave Fish



Cave fish live in pools of water inside of caves. They can't leave the water, which means they can't leave the cave. They live their **entire** lives in darkness without **ever** seeing the Sun. They get their energy by eating any small insects that come to the edge of the water for a drink.

Plants

All plants need sunlight for energy. This means that plants can grow near the openings of caves. But if you go deep into a cave, no plants can grow because there is no sunlight.

Cave Crickets



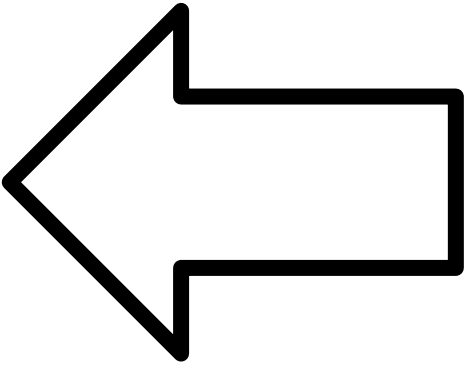
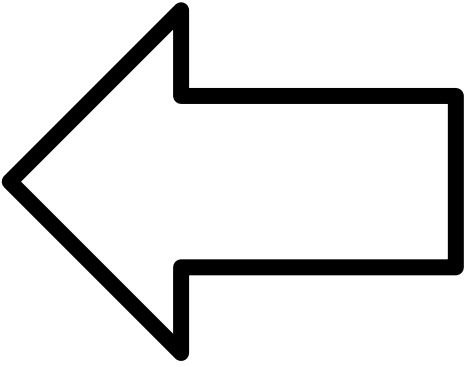
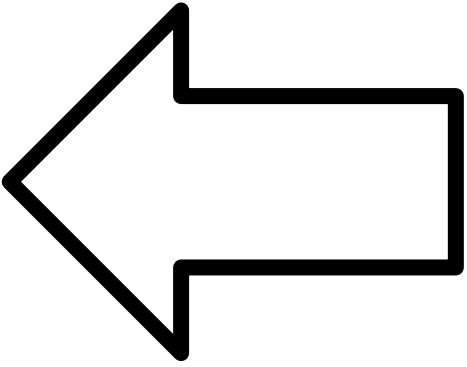
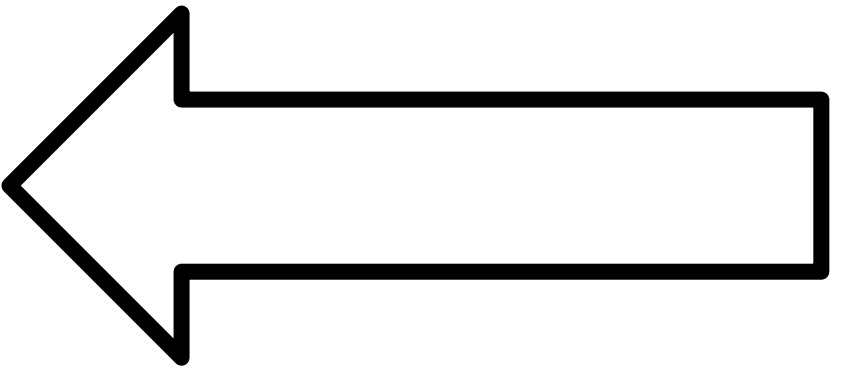
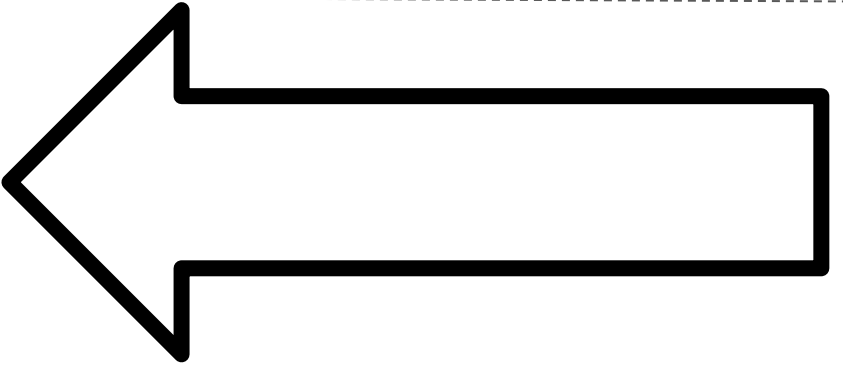
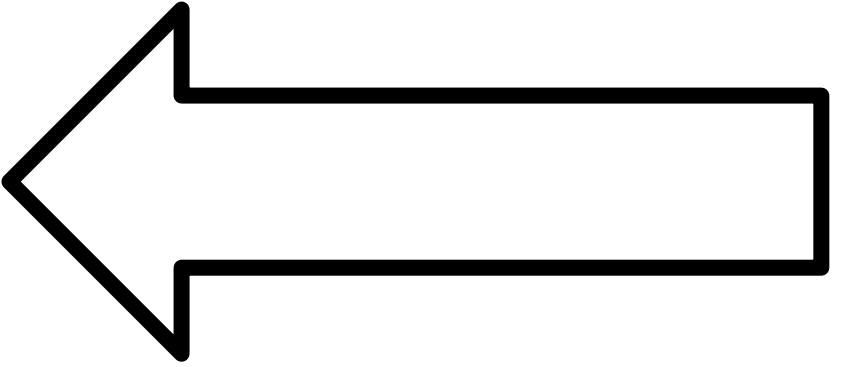
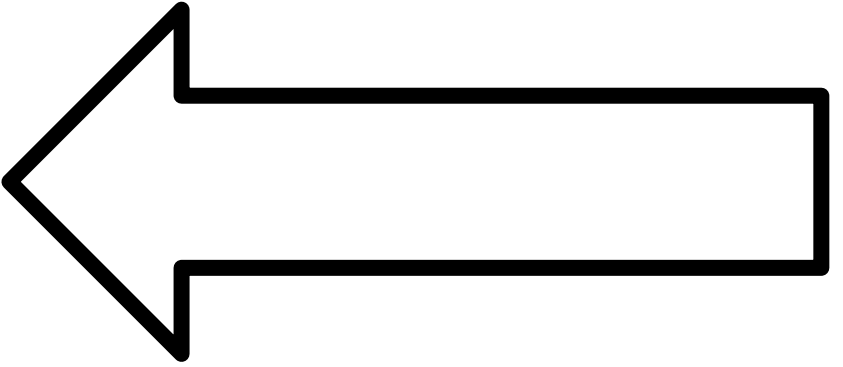
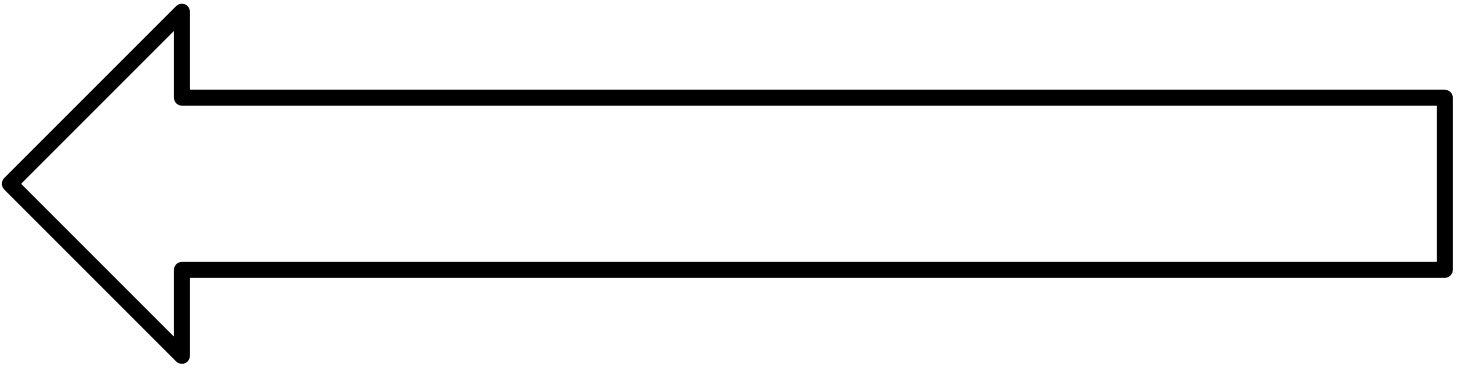
Cave crickets spend *most* of their lives in caves. They get their energy from eating any food they can find. Sometimes that means eating other insects, and sometimes it means they leave caves and look for plants to eat. They always come back to the cave, though.

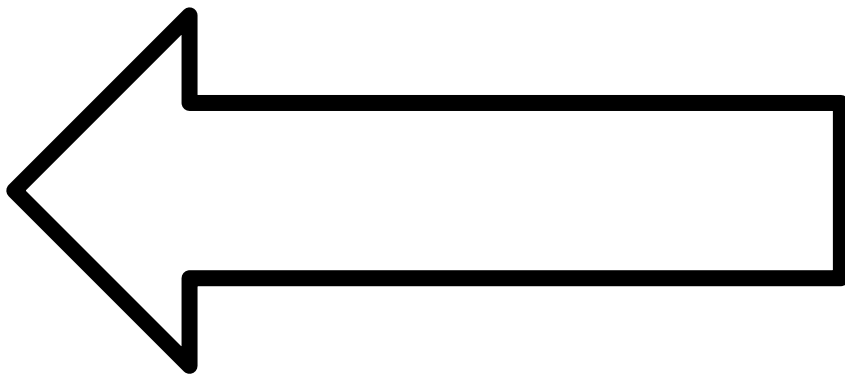
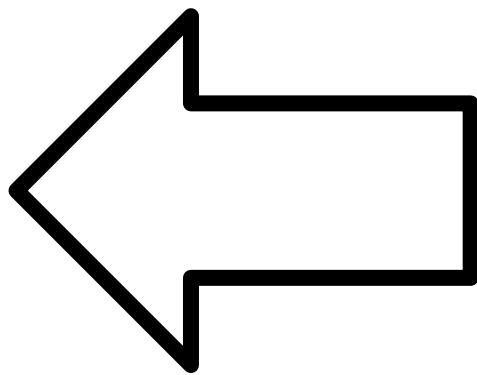
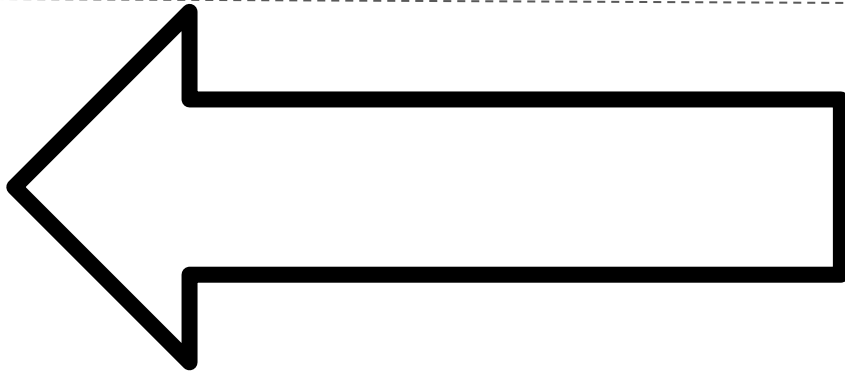
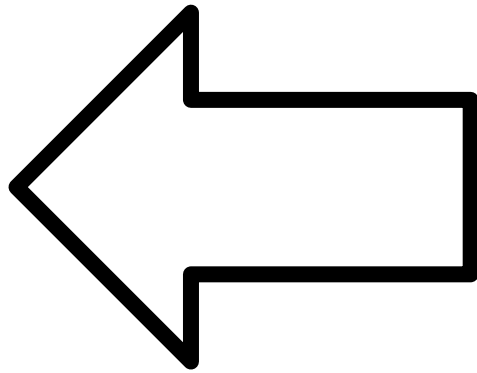
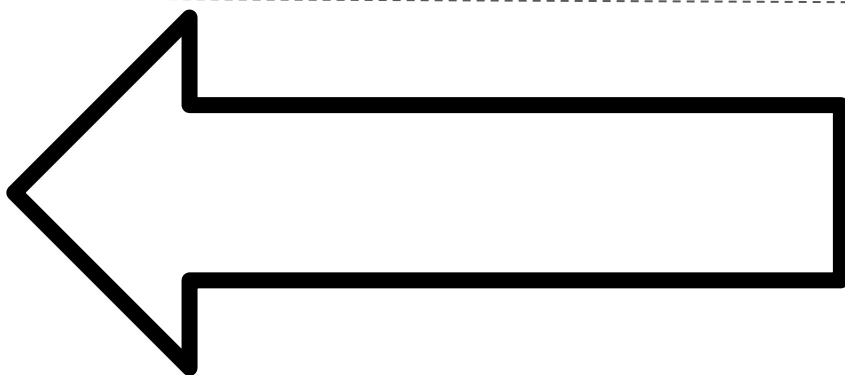
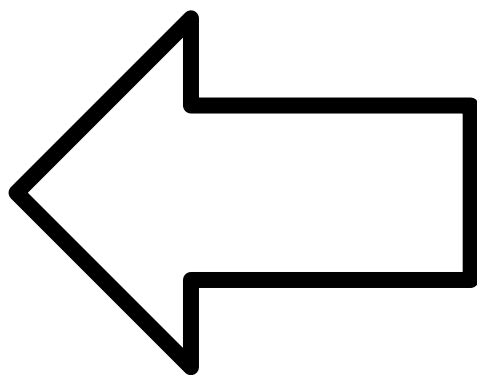
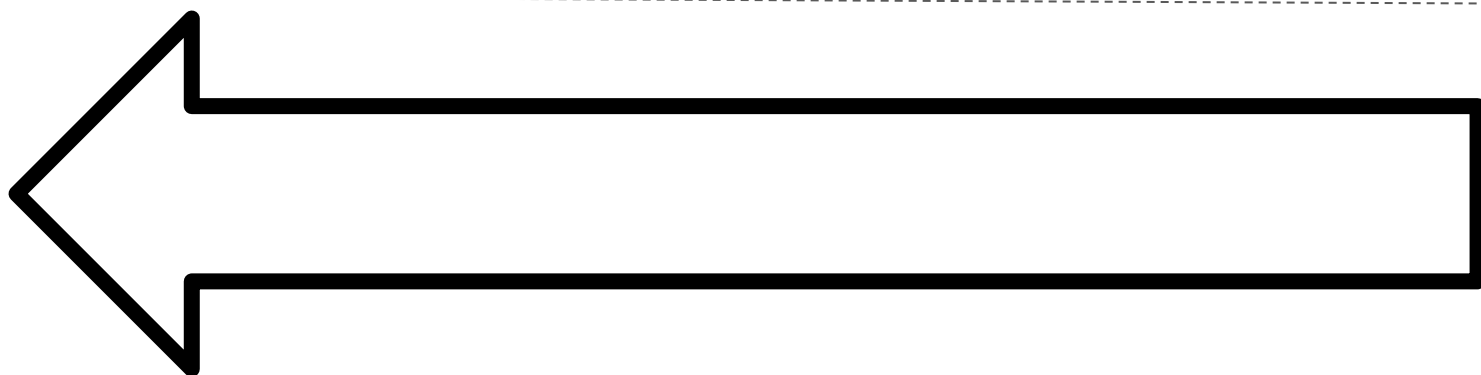
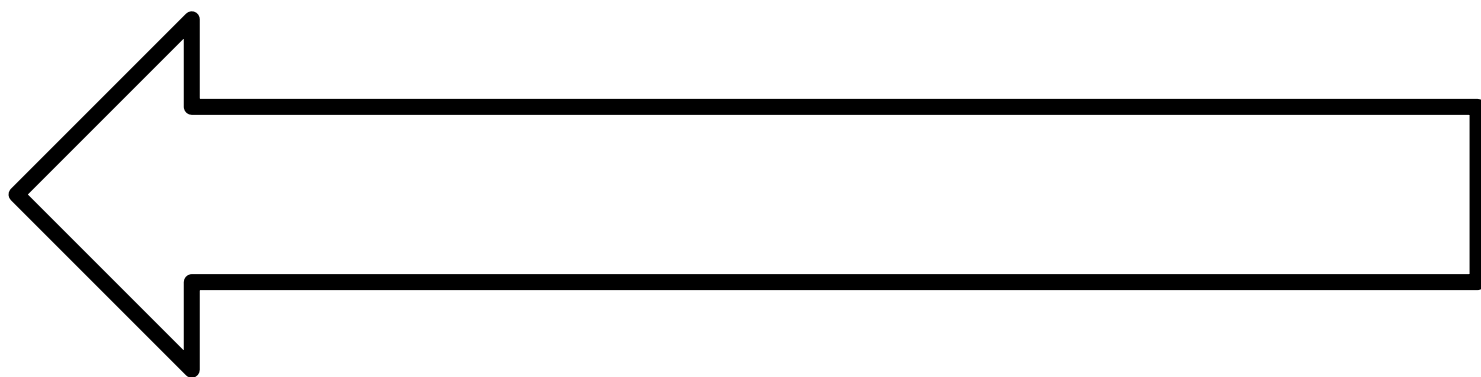
Cave fish don't even see the Sun for their entire lives, but the Sun is still the original source of their energy. How can this be?

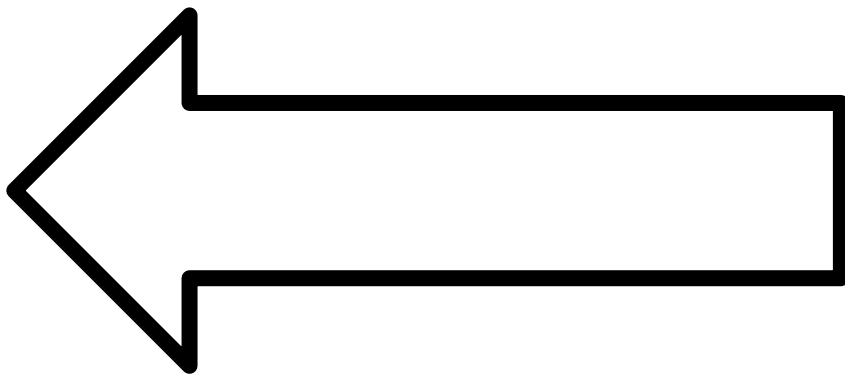
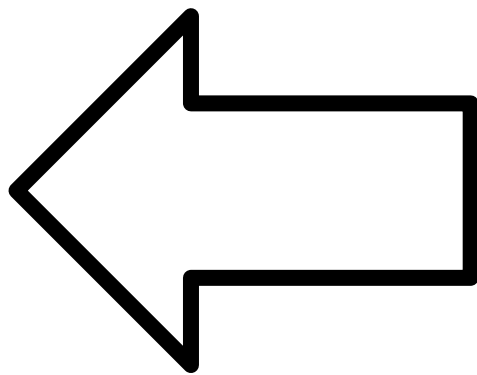
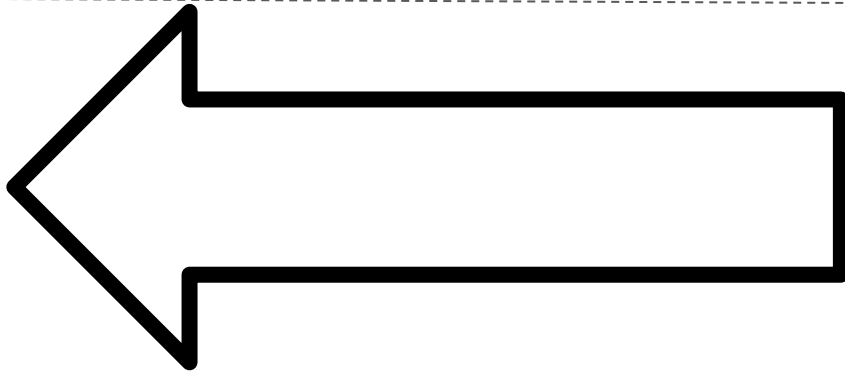
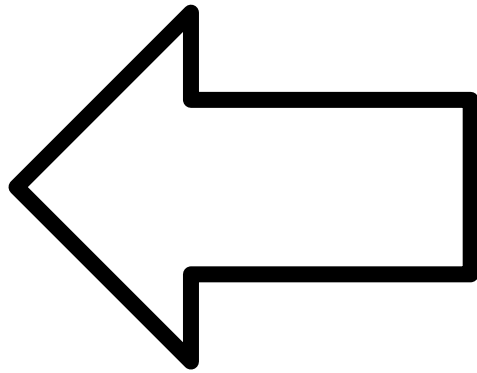
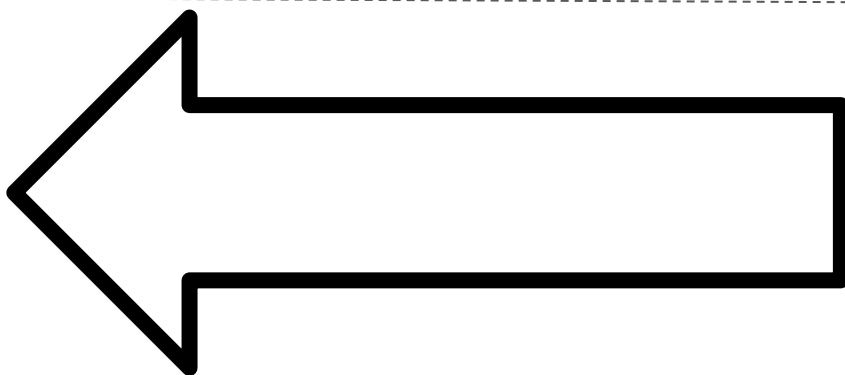
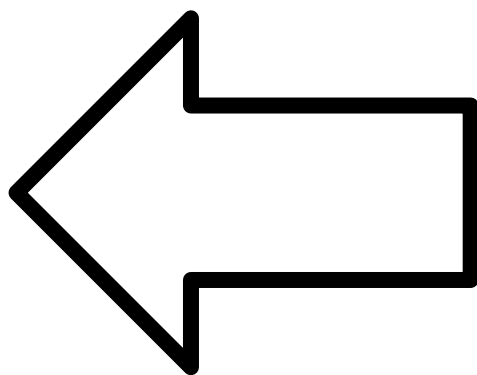
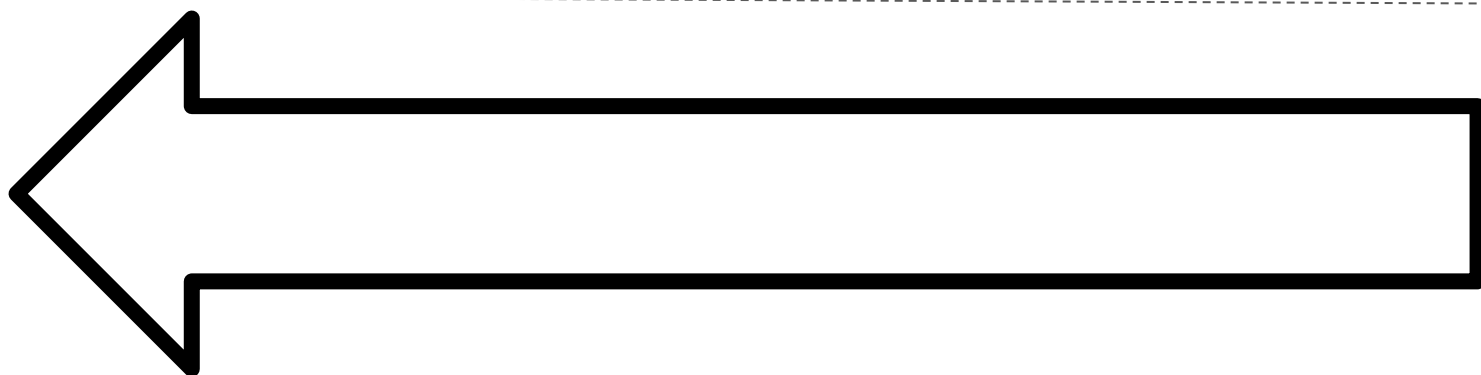
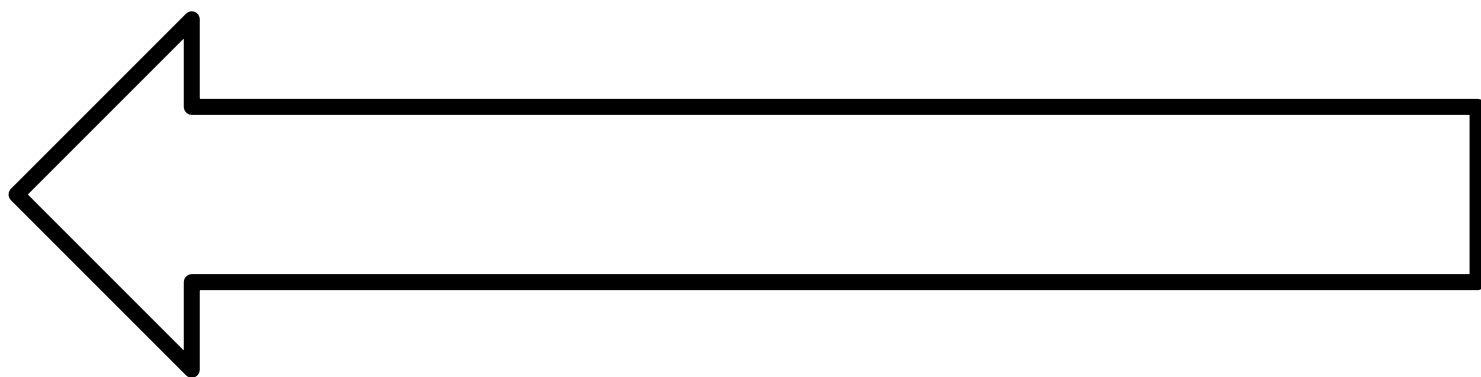
In the space below, **create a food chain** that shows how cave fish can get energy from the Sun even if they live their entire lives in complete darkness.

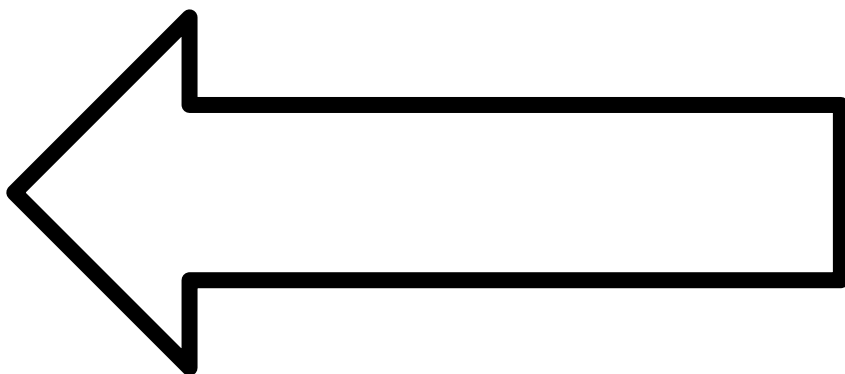
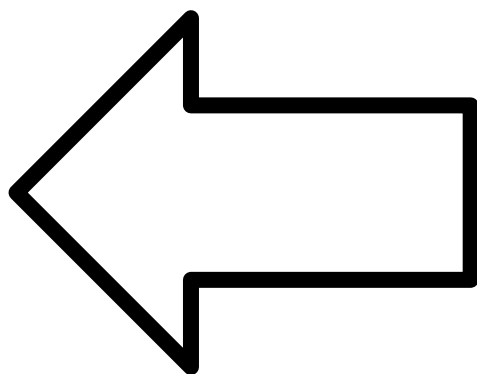
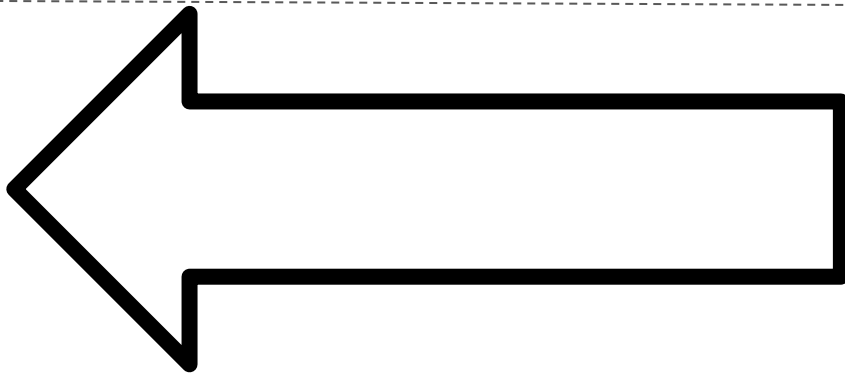
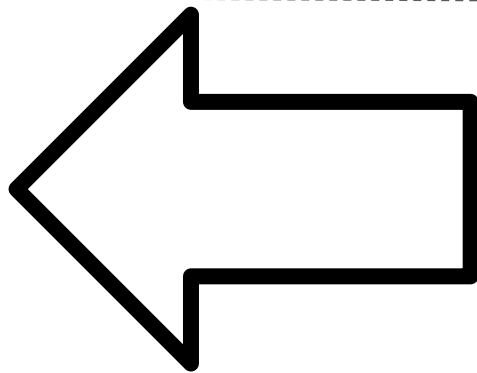
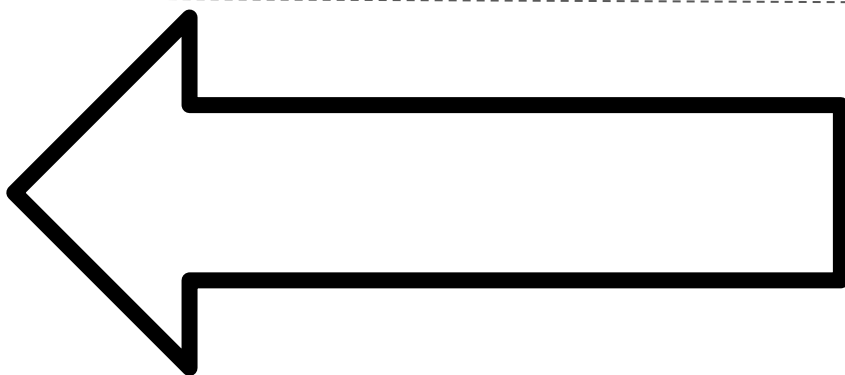
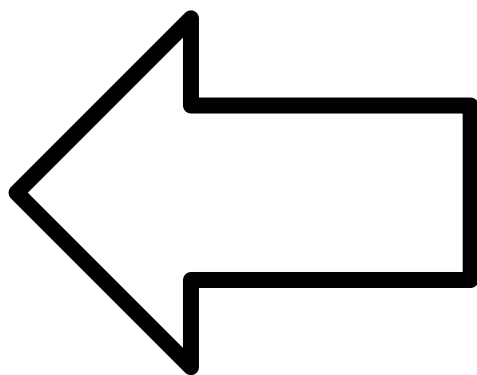
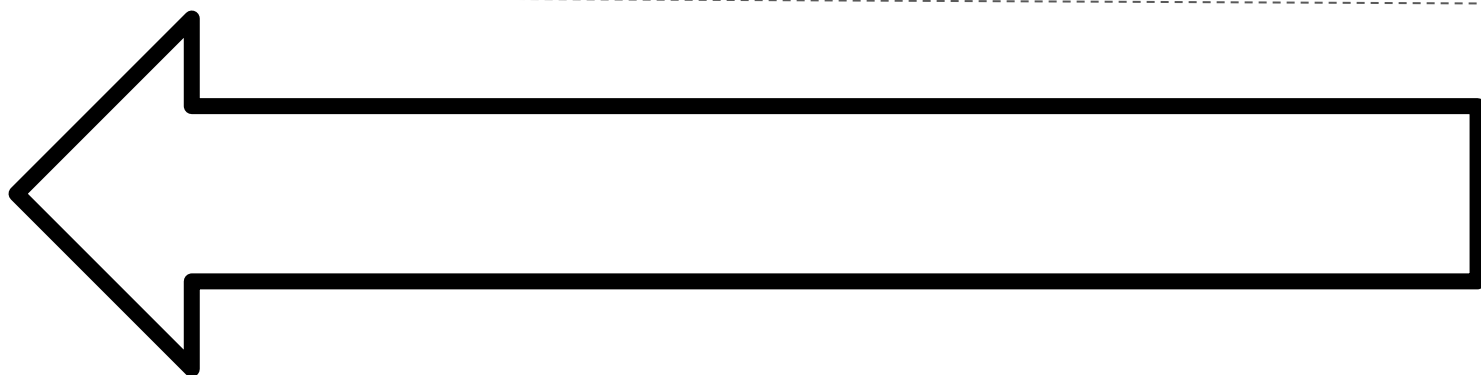
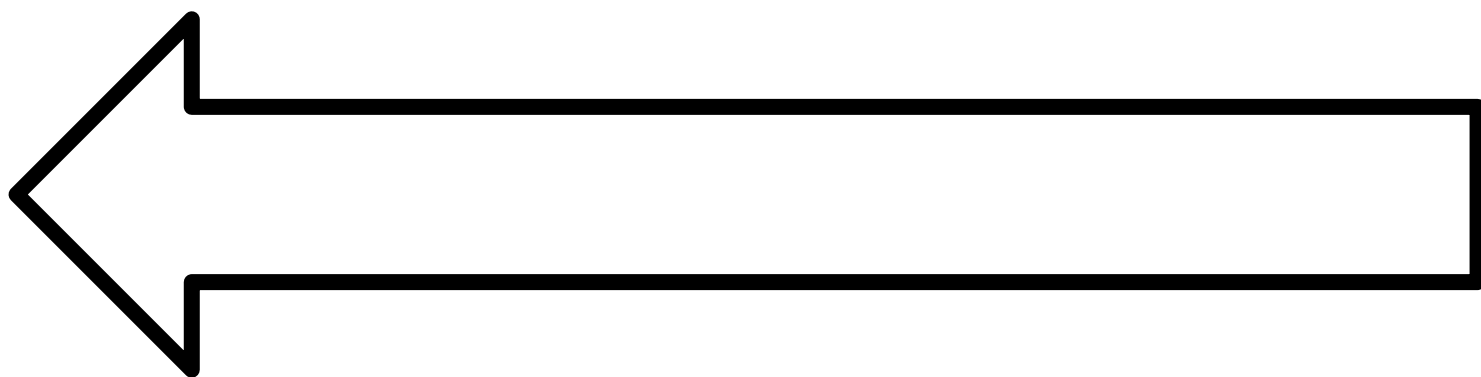


4. The dinosaurs might have gone extinct because the light from the Sun was blocked. Cave fish already live in total darkness and never see the Sun. Do you think cave fish could survive if the Sun became blocked again? **Explain your answer on the lines below.** (It might help to look back at question 3.)









Mars Ecosystem Argument

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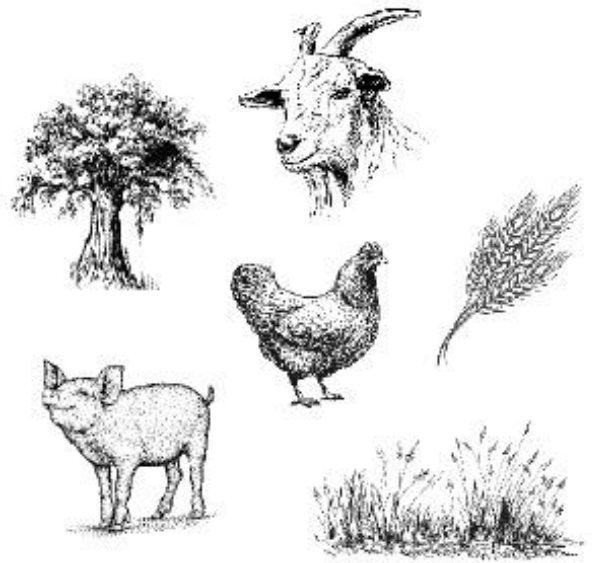
Part 1

Introduction: A team of NASA engineers has come up with a design idea for a Mars Habitat. They have made sure there is enough water, oxygen, and heat to start with. They have proposed 15 living things that will be in the ecosystem for food.

Step 1: Look over the list of proposed organisms.

On each line, write the type of organism it is: **D** = *decomposer*, **P** = *producer/plant*, or **A** = *animal*.

Corn _____	Wheat _____	House Cat _____
Chicken _____	Grass _____	Goat _____
Beetles _____	Apple Tree _____	Pig _____
Jumping Spider _____	Veggie Garden with Parsley _____	Swallowtail Caterpillar _____
Frog _____	Mouse _____	Dairy Cow _____



Step 2: Use the provided Part 1 cards to arrange the organisms into a food web. Add your food web below. *Remember:* Use arrows to show how nutrients and energy move through the ecosystem.

Step 3: Evaluate the proposed ecosystem. Identify what will work and what will not work.

What will work in the proposed ecosystem? 	Why will this work? What science idea have you learned that helps you know this will work?
What will NOT work (or what is missing) in the proposed ecosystem? 	Why will this NOT work? What science idea that you learned explains why this will NOT work?

Step 4: **Make a claim** about whether the proposed ecosystem will work or not:

I think the ecosystem will _____

Support with evidence and reasoning. Use the science ideas you have learned during this unit to support your answer.

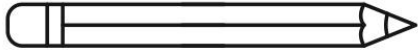
I think this because _____

Mars Ecosystem Argument

Name: _____

Part 2

Step 5: How would you improve the proposed ecosystem? List what organisms you would add and explain why. List what organisms you would remove and explain why.



Ecosystems & The Food Web Performance Task

Part 1 Cards

Mouse



Cartoon mice eat cheese. Real mice like me eat human food—when we can find it. I'll also eat seeds and nuts (like acorns), or snack on vegetables like zucchini or tomatoes. And sometimes I eat crickets and beetles.

1

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Frog

I eat insects with my long sticky tongue—beetles, cockroaches, crickets, houseflies, butterflies, and even bees. I'll also snack on earthworms, snails, and pillbugs. Yum!



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Jumping Spider

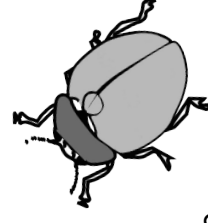


I pounce on insects that spend time on the ground. I eat crickets, ants, cockroaches, caterpillars, and even daddy long legs.

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Beetle



I eat caterpillars. In fact, some people call me the caterpillar hunter. I'll also eat corn, earthworms, and snails.

1

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House Cat

Yes, I eat cat food. But I like to hunt, too. I prey on mice, gophers, squirrels, small birds—and even lizards.



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Dairy Cow

I could munch on grass all day. I even like dried grass, called hay. If you have corn and wheat, I'll eat that too.

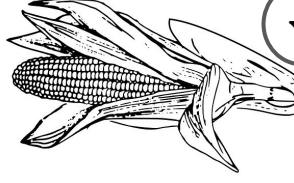


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Corn

I'm a farm favorite! Cows, mice, beetles, chickens, pigs, and goats love my sweet kernels.



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Chicken

I love plants like vegetables, fruits, grass, flowers, seeds, corn, and grains! I also like tiny bugs I can find by scratching the ground.



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Goat

I'm known for eating everything! But to stay healthy I like plants. My favorites are hay (dried grass), veggies, trees, wheat, and shrub

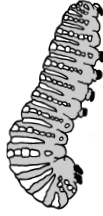


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Swallowtail Caterpillar

Like many caterpillars, I'm a picky eater. I only eat carrot leaves and parsley plants from vegetable gardens.

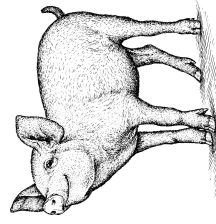


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Pig

I love fruit, corn, leaves, and even flowers.



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mystery science

Apple Tree

I'm a nutritious snack for many critters. Before apples grow on my branches, there are flowers! Over time, the flowers turn into apples with seeds inside.



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Wheat

I'm a grain that needs sunlight to grow. I have lots of seeds! Many animals find me tasty, even humans!

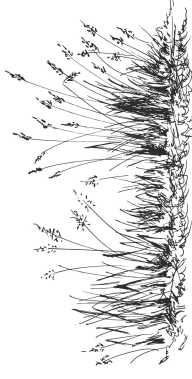


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Grass

I have lots of leaves and lots of seeds. That's lunch for lots of critters.



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Veggie Garden

If you're looking for lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, and parsley I'm the place. Stop by for some leaves and flowers too!



1

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Web of Life Performance Task

Part 2 Cards

Gopher



I tunnel underground and gnaw the roots of plants—any plants! Sometimes I leave my hole to snack on leaves—keeping an eye out for animals that want to snack on me!

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Earthworm

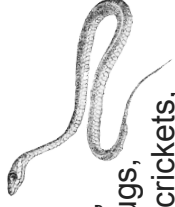
I eat bits of plants—like dead leaves or rotting wood. Anywhere that leaves are falling, I can find something for lunch.



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Garter Snake



I hunt in the grass for ants, beetles, pill bugs, cockroaches, crickets, earthworms, and spiders. I also eat mice, frogs, salamanders, and lizards. Don't be scared of me...unless you're on my list of snacks.

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Pill bug

I eat dead leaves, rotting wood, and the fungi that grow on them. Look for me under logs. Poke me, and I roll into a ball—that's why some people call me a roly poly.

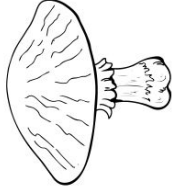


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Mushroom

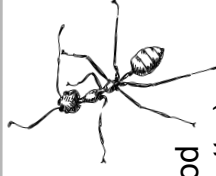
I may look like a plant because I grow in the ground, but I'm actually a fungus! I break down dead or decaying matter and use the nutrients to grow.



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Ant

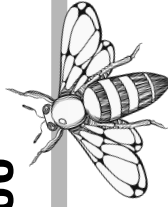


I'm happy to eat human food (like peanut butter), but when that's not around, I'll eat nectar from flowers, seeds from grasses, and any dead insects I find lying around.

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Honeybee

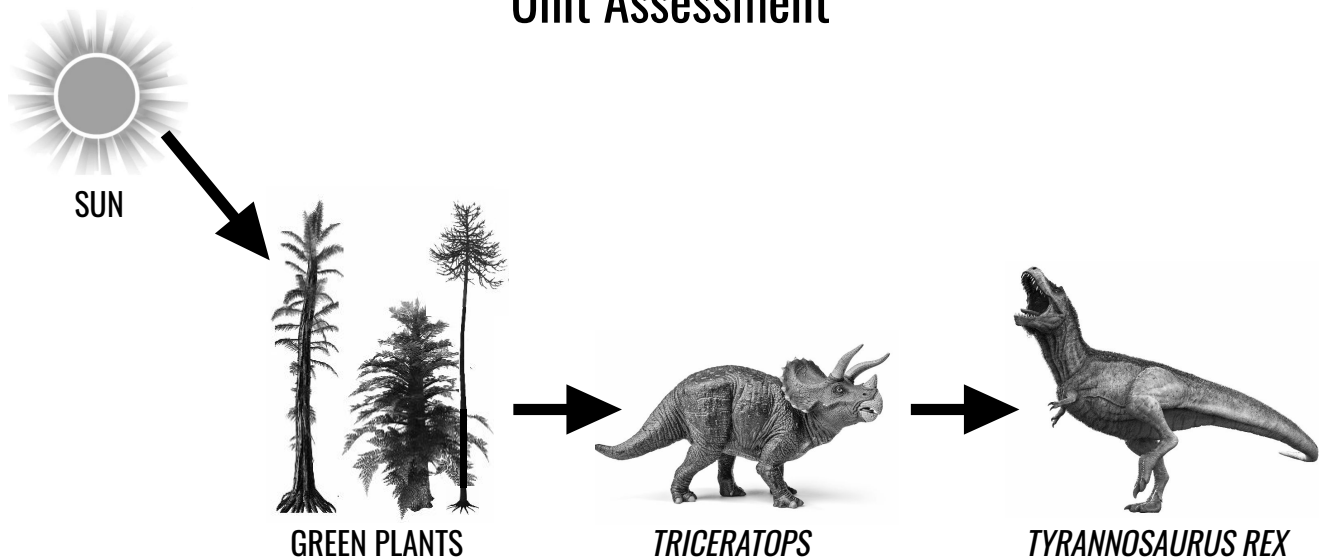


I eat pollen and nectar from flowers. I'm happy anywhere flowers bloom—a flower garden, a vegetable garden, a parsley plant, or a patch of clover.

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Unit Assessment

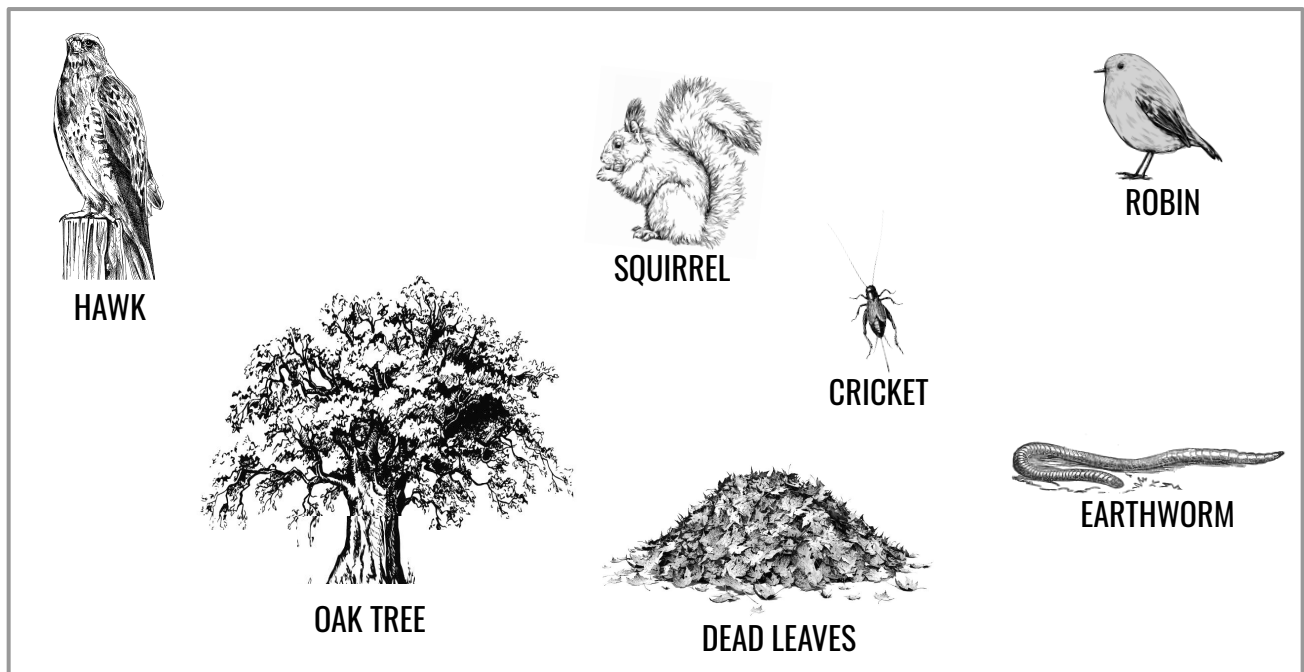


The image above is a simple model of how energy flows through a dinosaur food chain. The arrows represent energy moving through the food chain. Use this model to answer Questions 1 & 2.

1. Scientists think that *Tyrannosaurus rex* was able to run at a speed of 12 miles per hour. Where did *T. rex* get the energy that it used to run when it was alive?

- a. *T. rex* got its energy from *Triceratops*. That energy is not connected to the Sun.
- b. *T. rex* got its energy from green plants, which got their energy from the Sun.
- c. *T. rex* got its energy from eating *Triceratops*. *Triceratops* ate green plants and green plants got their energy from the Sun.
- d. *T. rex* got its energy directly from the Sun.

2. Scientists think that the dinosaurs went extinct because an asteroid hit the Earth and created a giant dust cloud that covered up the Sun. Diego doesn't think this explanation makes sense. He says, "Some dinosaurs ate other dinosaurs to get their energy. Why would removing the Sun cause the carnivores to go extinct?" Explain to Diego why carnivores would go extinct without the Sun. You can use evidence from the energy model above.



The images above show organisms that are part of a forest ecosystem. Use these images to answer Questions 3, 4, and 5.

3. Connect the organisms of the forest ecosystem with arrows to create food chains. Each arrow should point in the direction of how material (matter) travels in each food chain. For example, a squirrel eats acorns from an oak tree, so you would draw an arrow from the oak tree to the squirrel.

4. Scientists are worried that a disease that kills oak trees will spread into this forest. What would happen to this ecosystem if all the oak trees suddenly disappear? Choose all correct answers.

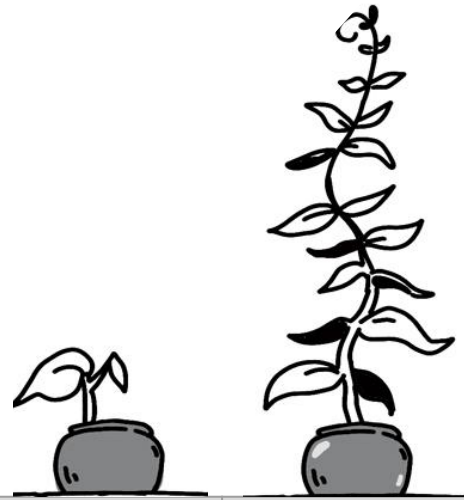
- a. If there aren't any oak trees, the squirrels will not have anything to eat. They will need to find another food source or they will not survive.
- b. If there aren't any oak trees, the robins will not have anything to eat. They will need to find another food source or they will not survive.
- c. If there aren't any oak trees, the hawks may not have anything to eat because the squirrels and robins may not survive.

5. Amir released some pet frogs into the forest ecosystem shown above. These frogs eat earthworms and crickets. Hawks, robins, and squirrels do NOT eat these frogs. What will happen to this ecosystem if the frogs start living here? Choose all correct answers.

- a. The dead leaves will pile up because the frogs will eat all the decomposers. The decomposers will not be there to eat the leaves.
- b. The squirrels will not have anything to eat. They will need to find another food source or they will not survive.
- c. The robins will not have anything to eat. They will need to find another food source or they will not survive.
- d. The hawks will not have anything to eat. They will need to find another food source or they will not survive.



6. Ana wants to open a plant store, but she's worried that it will cost too much money. Ana thinks that as plants grow, they use the material from the soil to get bigger. Potting soil costs a lot of money. Ana is worried she will need to buy a lot of soil to feed her plants. She decides to set up an experiment. Ana grows one plant in a pot for 3 weeks. She weighs the plant and the soil at the start and end of the experiment.

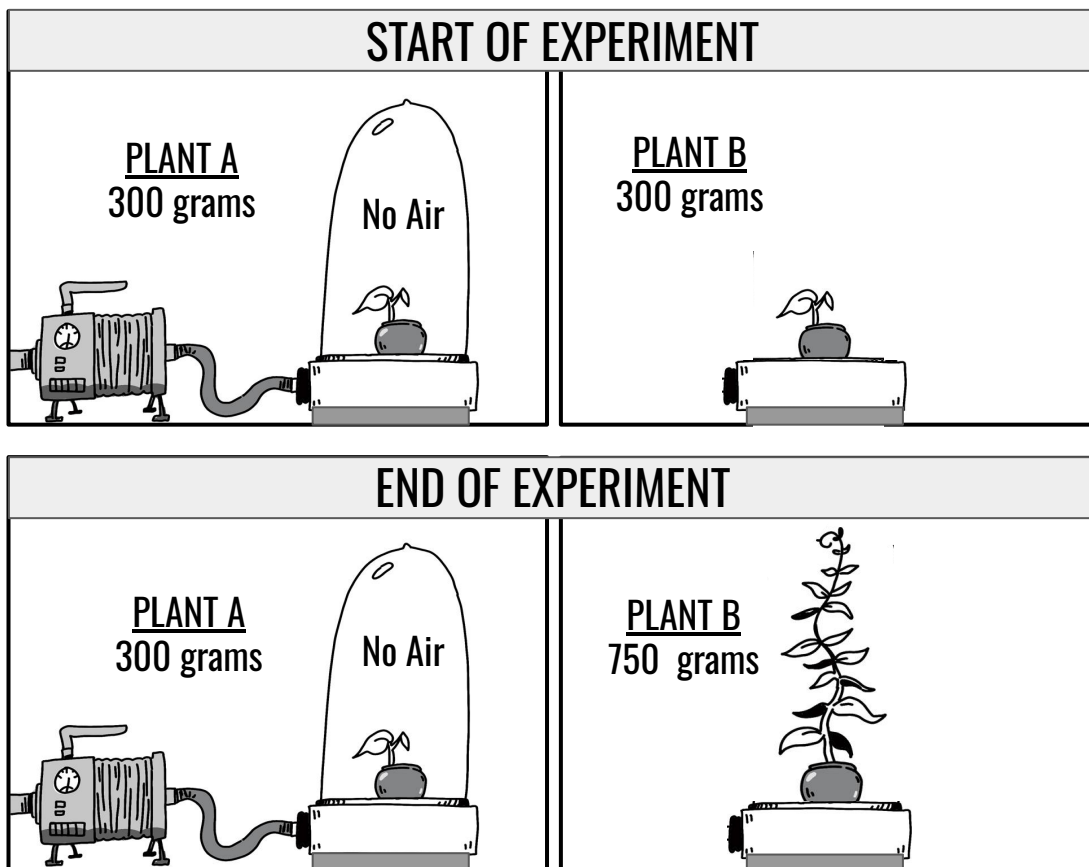


The results of Ana's experiment are shown to the right. What did Ana find out with her experiment? Circle TRUE or FALSE for each of the sentences below.

	START	END
PLANT	300 grams	800 grams
SOIL	800 grams	800 grams

- | | |
|------------|--|
| TRUE FALSE | The plant weighed the same at the start and end of the experiment. |
| TRUE FALSE | The plant weighed more at the end of the experiment. |
| TRUE FALSE | The soil weighed the same at the start and end of the experiment. |
| TRUE FALSE | The soil weighed less at the end of the experiment. |

7. Do you think Ana should be worried about the cost of soil for her plant store? Why or why not? Provide an argument based on the results of her experiment.



Ana decides to do another experiment. She starts with two plants, Plant A and Plant B. Each plant weighs 300 grams. She attaches Plant A to a vacuum. The vacuum pumps all of the air out of the container around Plant A. Plant B is not attached to a vacuum, so it has air around it. Ana gives Plant A and Plant B the exact same amount of water. She runs the experiment for 3 weeks and then weighs the plants at the end of the experiment.

8. Looking at both of Ana's experiments, what is a claim that you can make about plants and their growth?

- Plants mostly use materials from the soil for their growth.
- Plants mostly use materials from water for their growth.
- Plants mostly use materials from sunlight for their growth.
- Plants mostly use materials from the air for their growth.

9. What evidence do you have to support your claim from the question above? Provide an argument using evidence from Ana's experiments to support your claim.

Water Cycle & Earth's Systems

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Lesson 1



How much water is in the world?

Lesson 2



How much salt is in the ocean?

Lesson 3



When you turn on the faucet, where does the water come from?

Lesson 4



Can we make it rain?

Lesson 5



How can you save a town from a hurricane?

I am also curious about...

Causes of the Dust Bowl

What I know

Name: _____

Directions: Describe what you know about the air, water, land, and living things during the Dust Bowl.

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 AIR	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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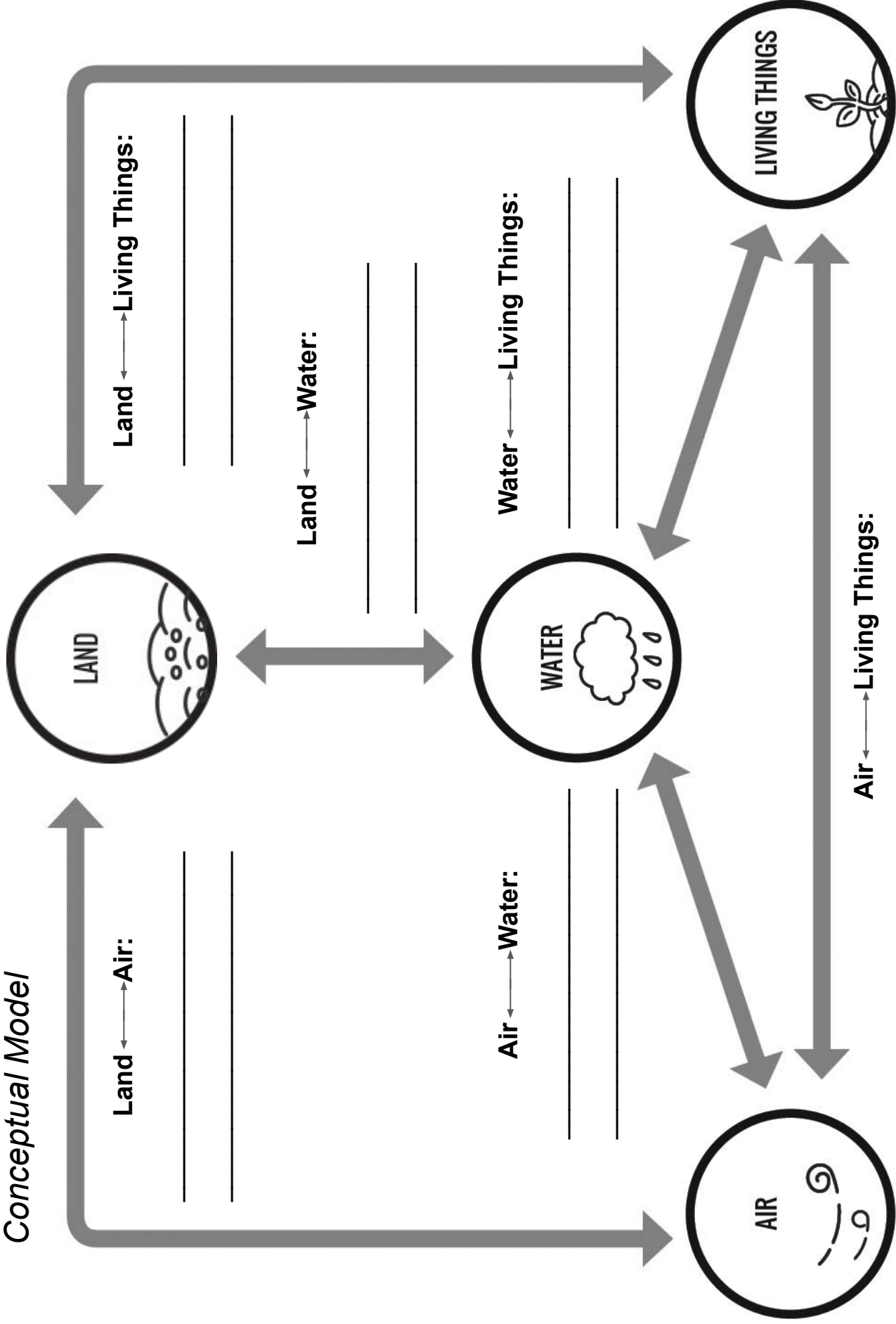
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Causes of the Dust Bowl

Conceptual Model

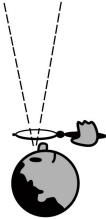
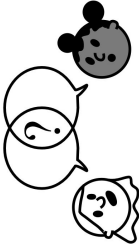
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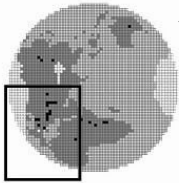


See-Think-Wonder Chart

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Name: _____

See What did you observe? 	Think How can you explain what is happening? 	Wonder What questions do you have? 

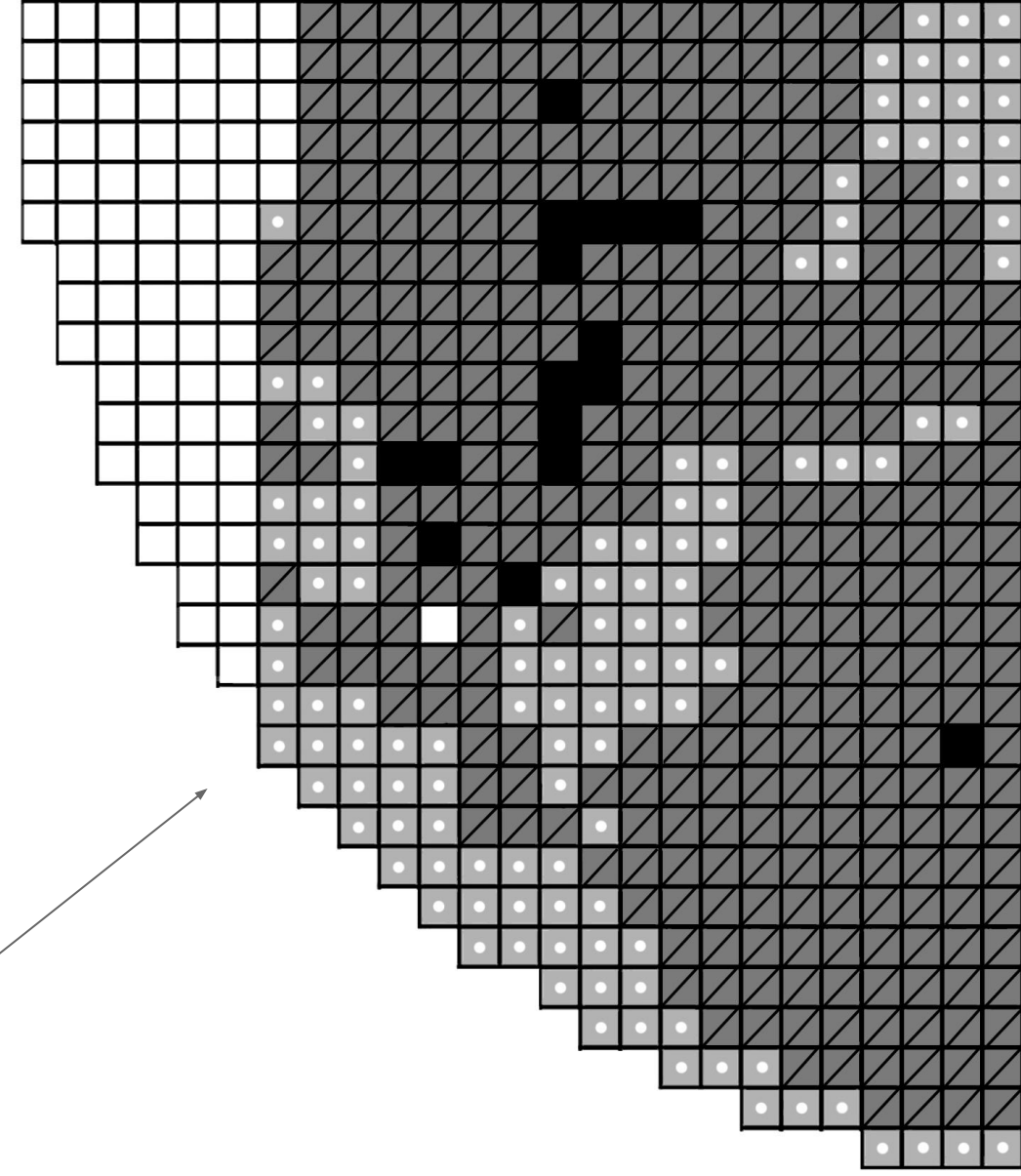


Map 1

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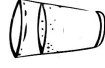
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3

How many squares of fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



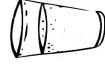
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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



5

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6

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Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

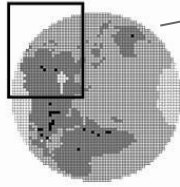


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Land



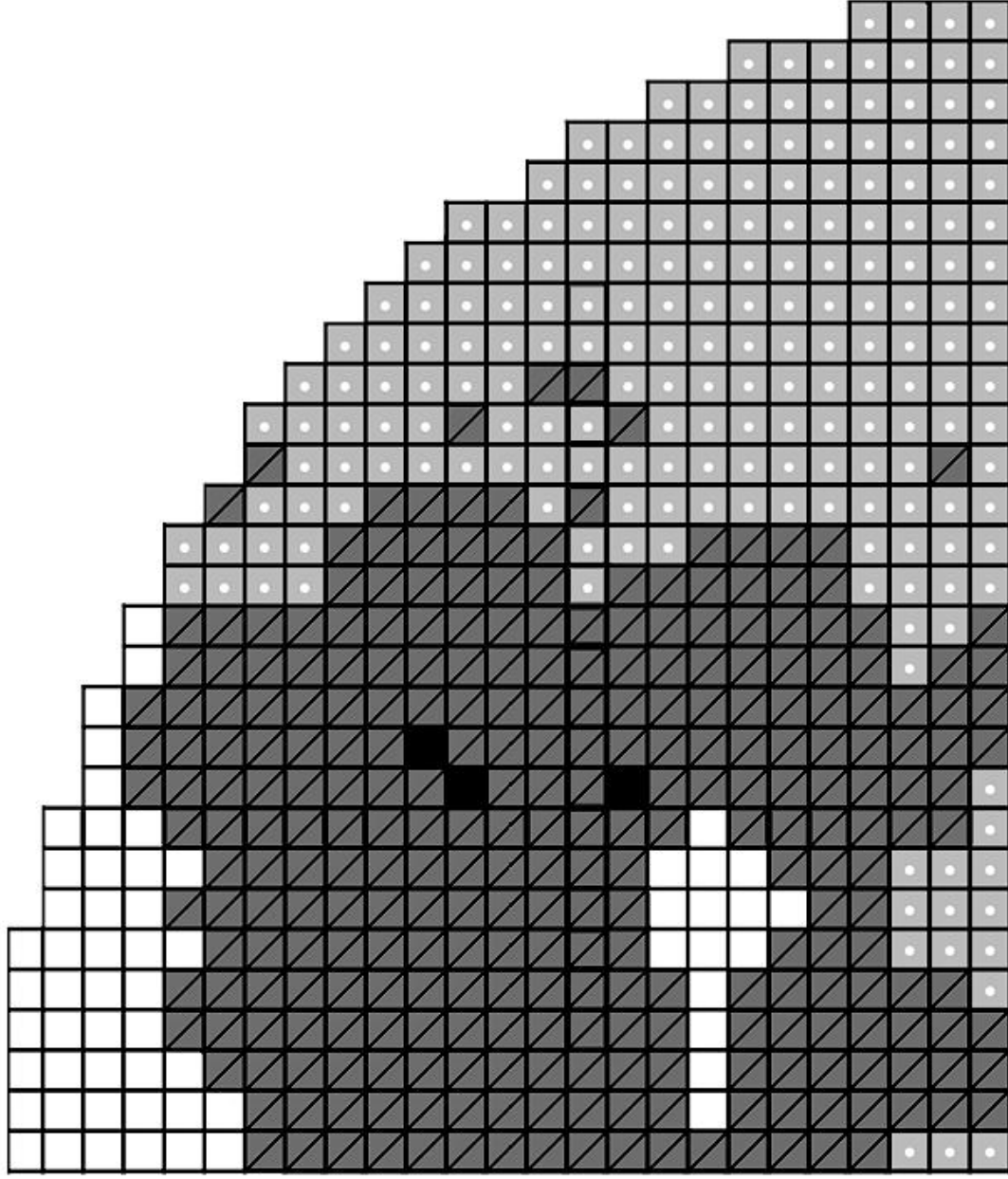


Map 2

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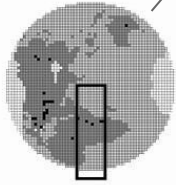
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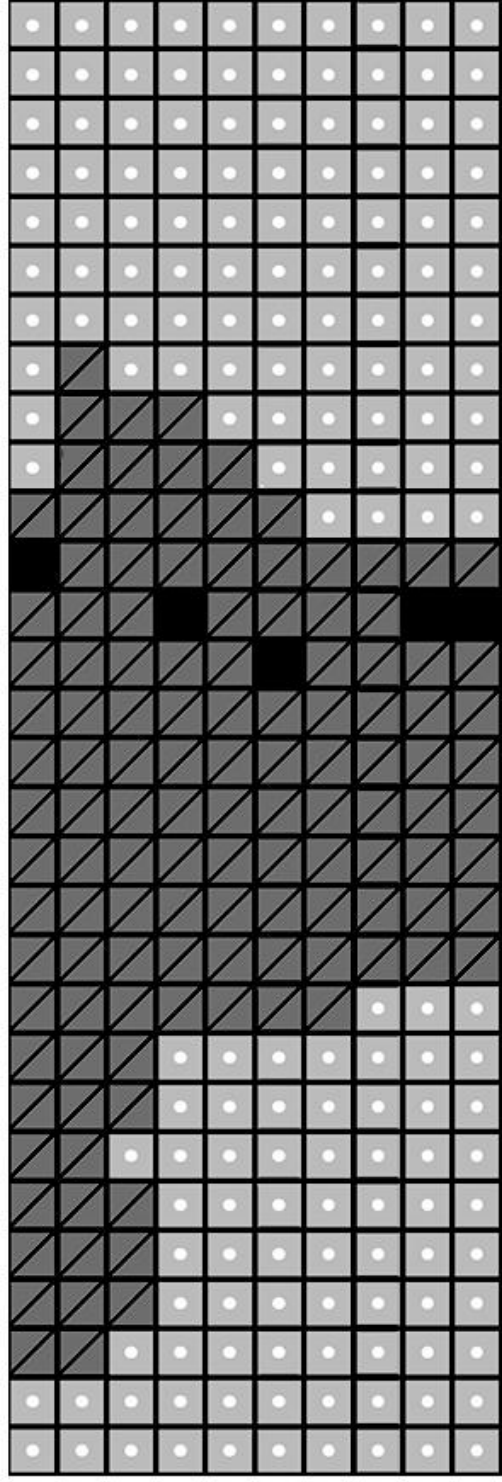


Map 3

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Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land

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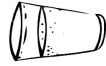


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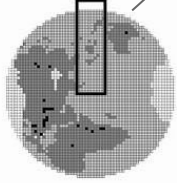
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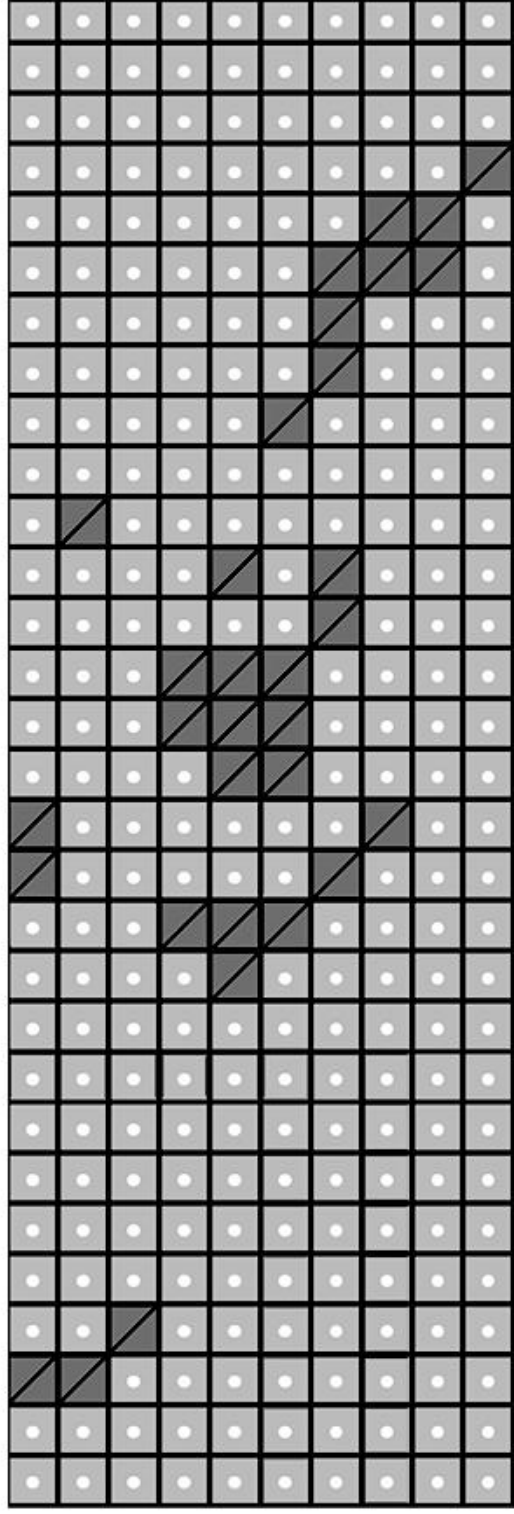


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Frozen Fresh Water

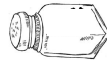


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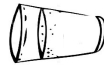
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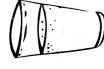
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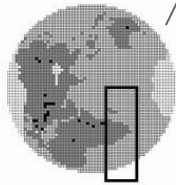


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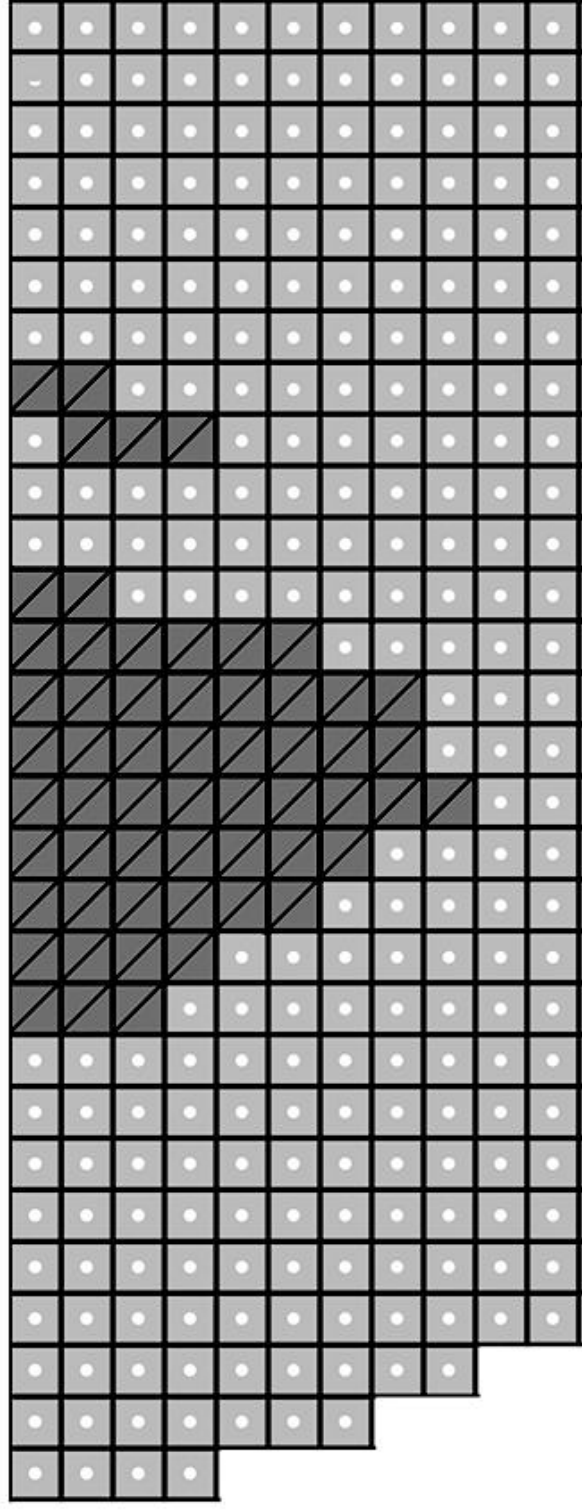


Map 5

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Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water



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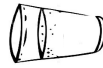
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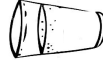
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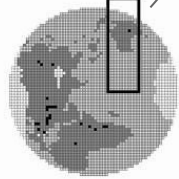


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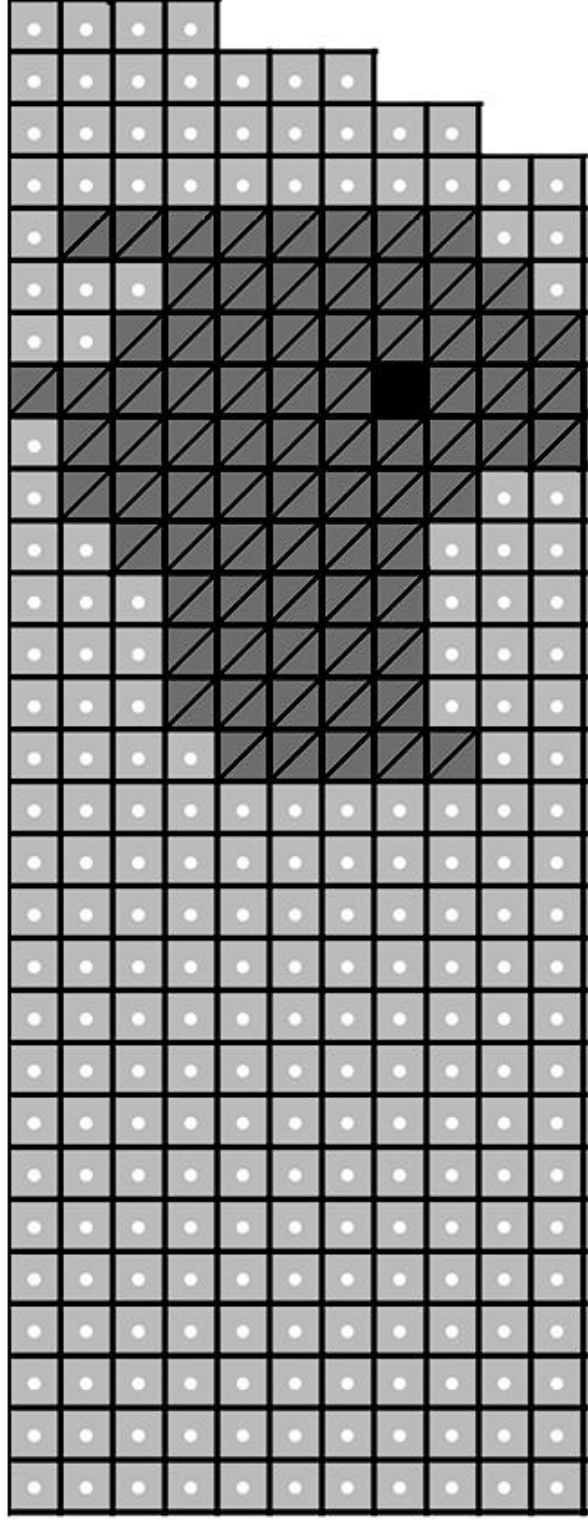


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Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

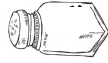


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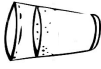
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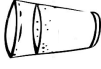
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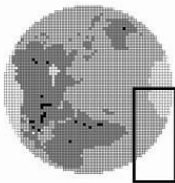


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Map 7

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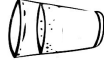
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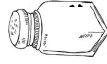
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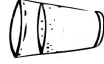
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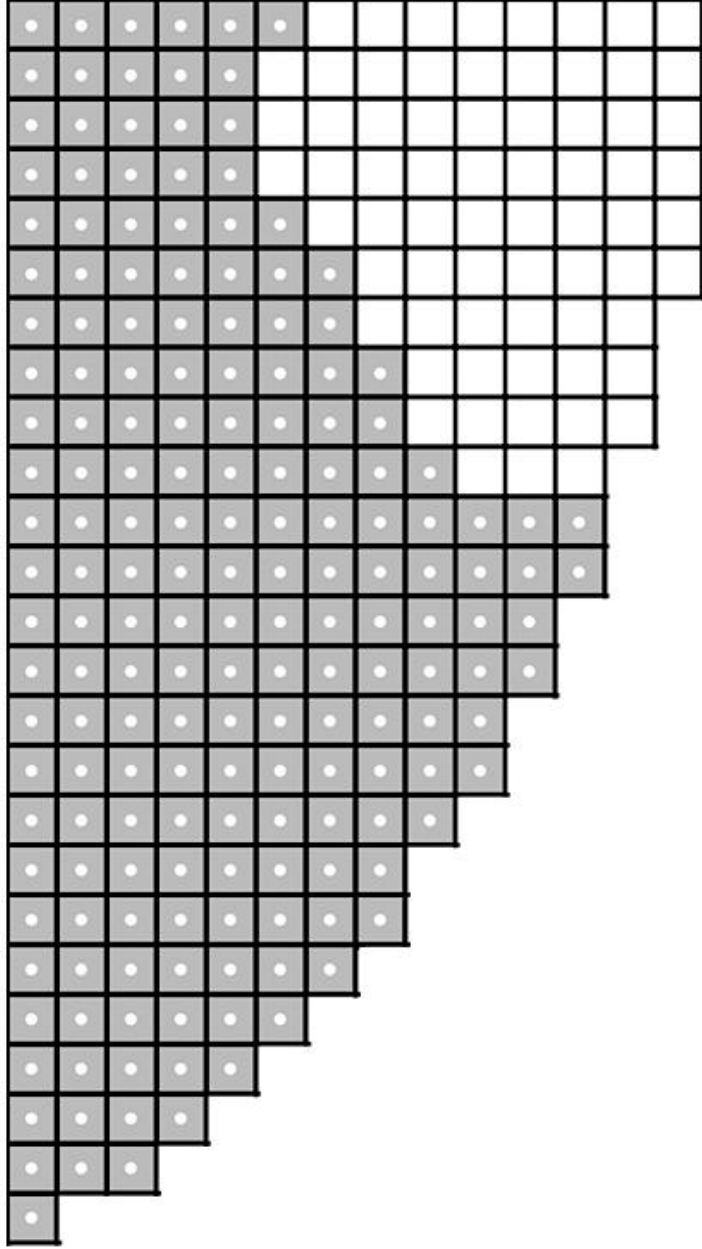
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Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



Fresh Water



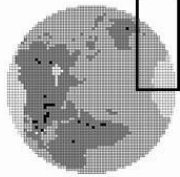
Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land



Map 8

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



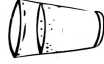
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How many squares of salt water are on your map? _____ squares



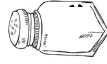
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How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



3

How many squares of fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



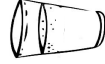
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Divide by 50.
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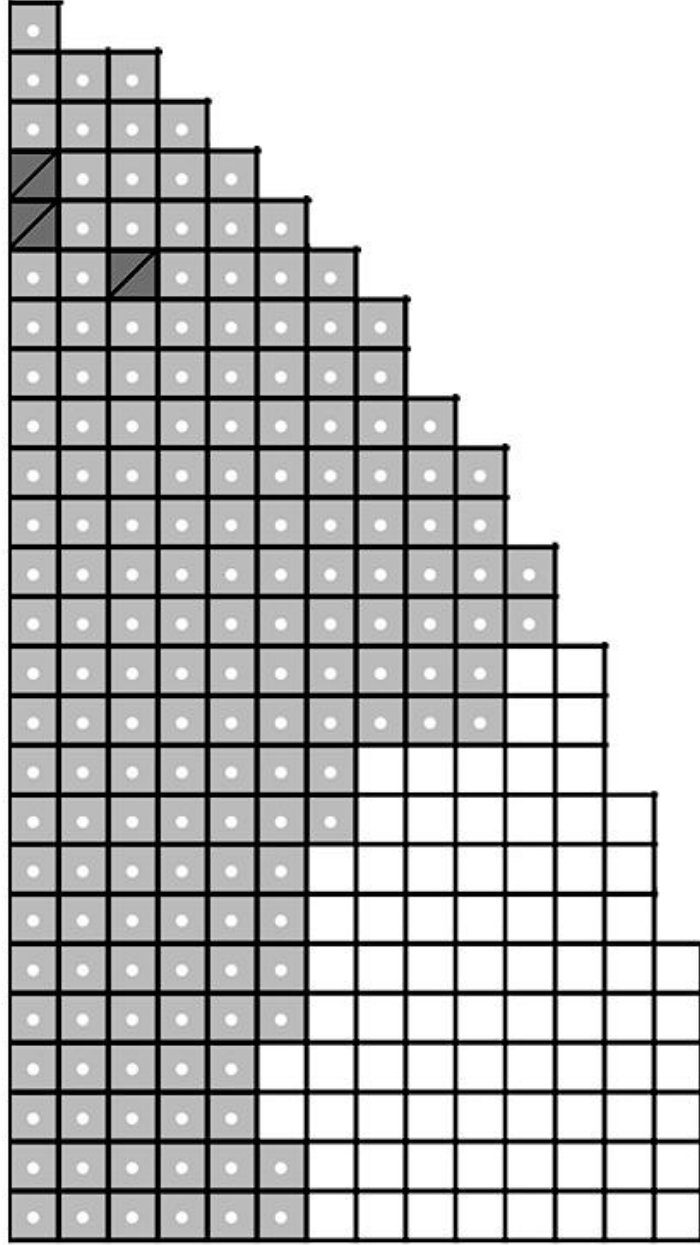
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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



6

I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



Fresh Water



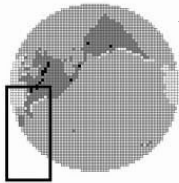
Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land



Map 9

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



1

How many squares of salt water are on your map? _____ squares



2

How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



3

How many squares of fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



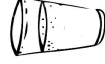
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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



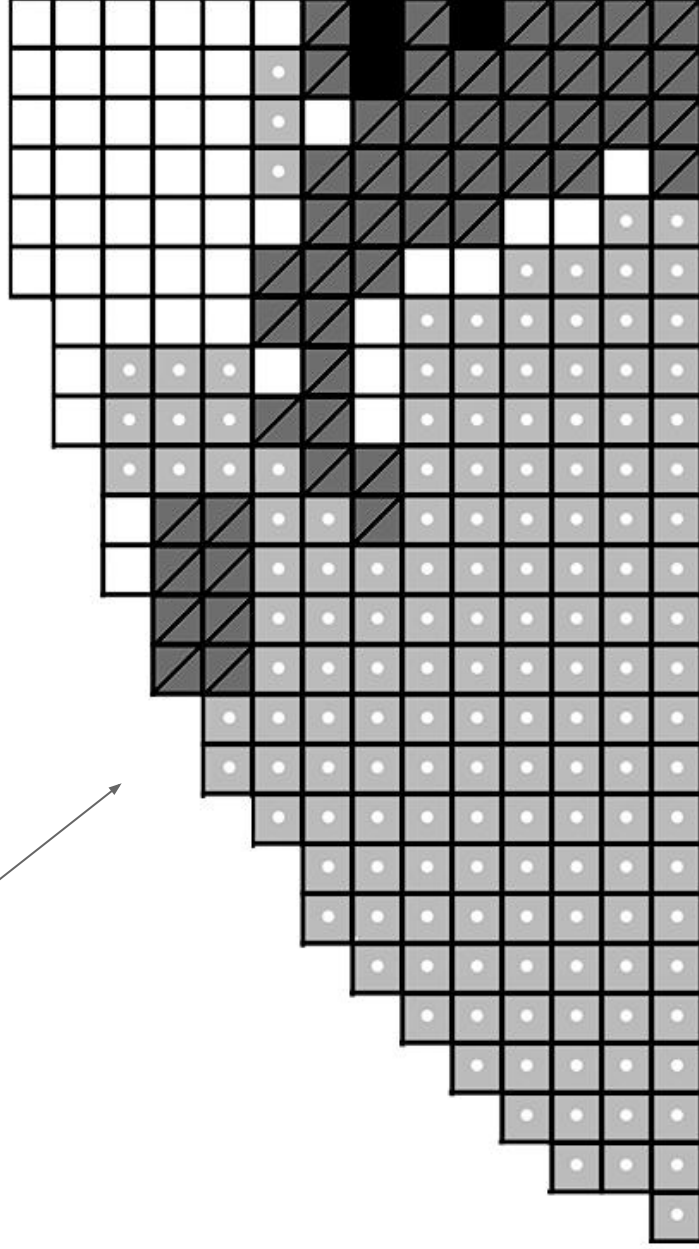
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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



6

I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

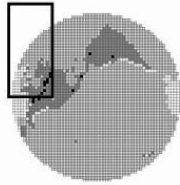


Salt Water



Land





Map 10

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



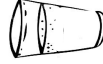
1

How many squares of salt water are on your map? _____ squares



2

How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



3

How many squares of fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



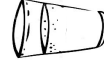
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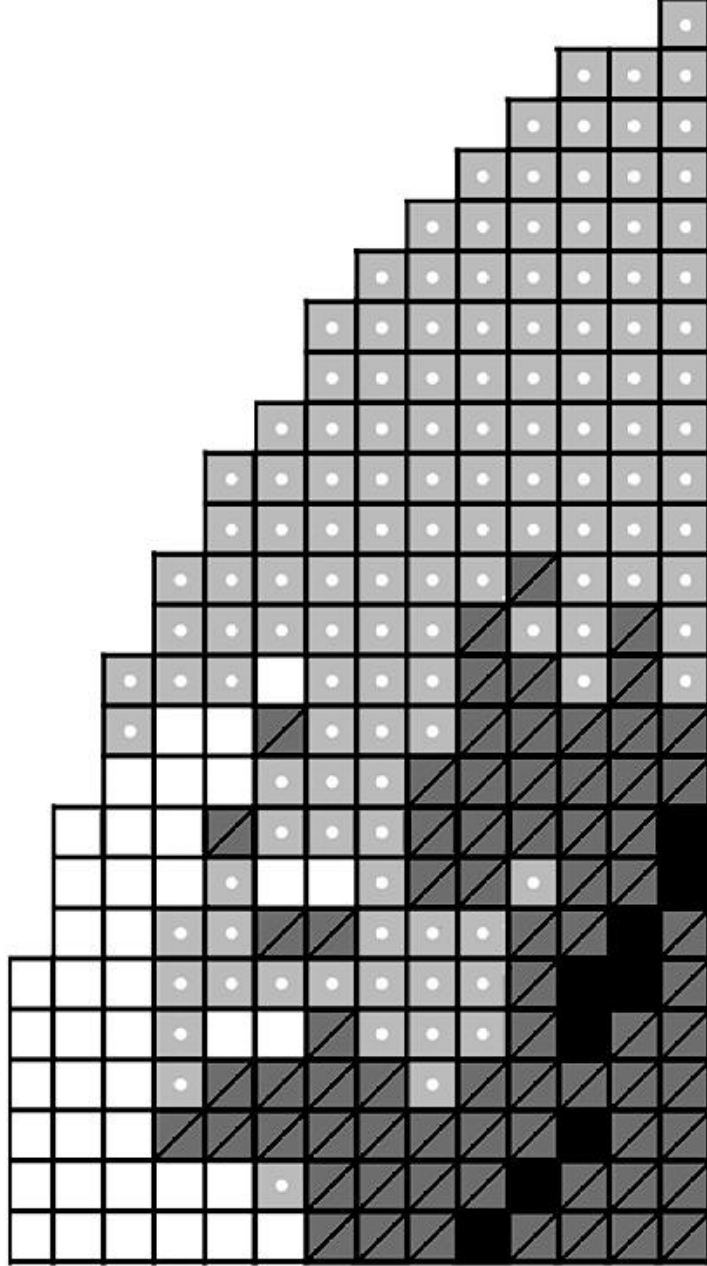
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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



6

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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



Fresh Water



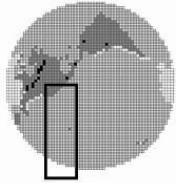
Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land

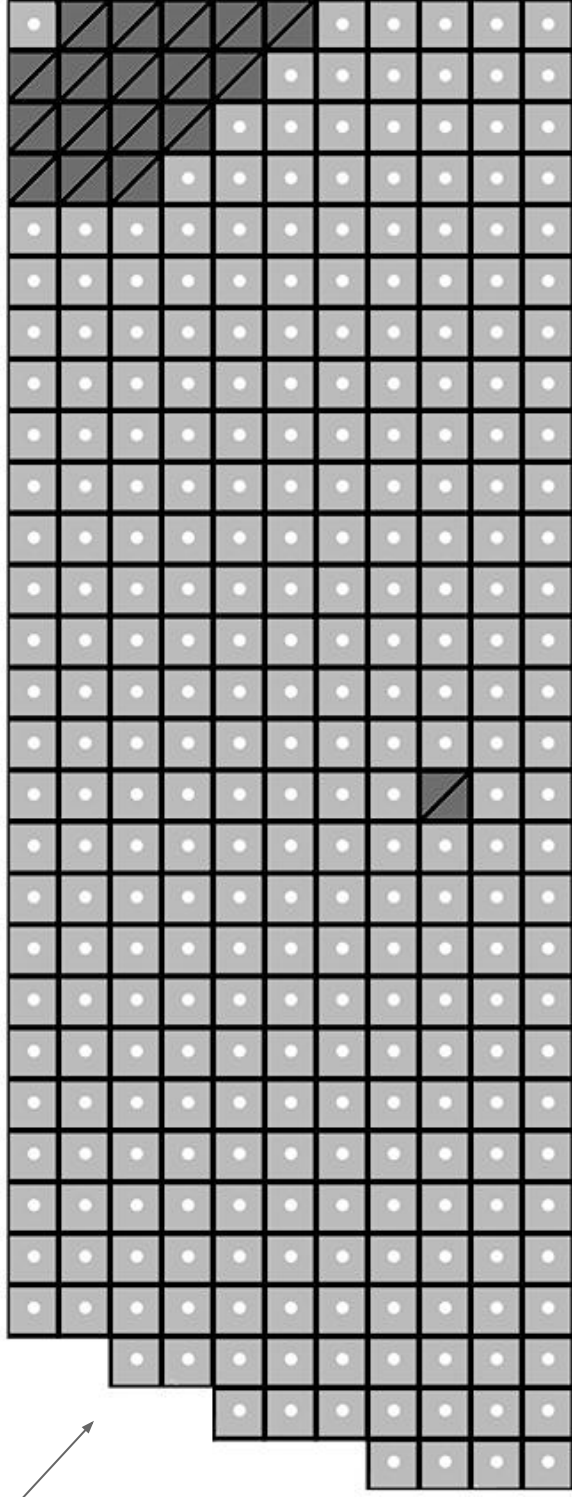


Map 11

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

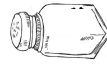


Salt Water



Land

1



How many squares of salt water are on your map?
_____ squares

4



I have _____ squares of salt water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

2



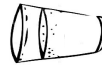
How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

5



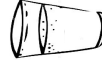
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Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

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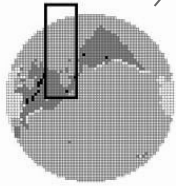


How many squares of fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

6



I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

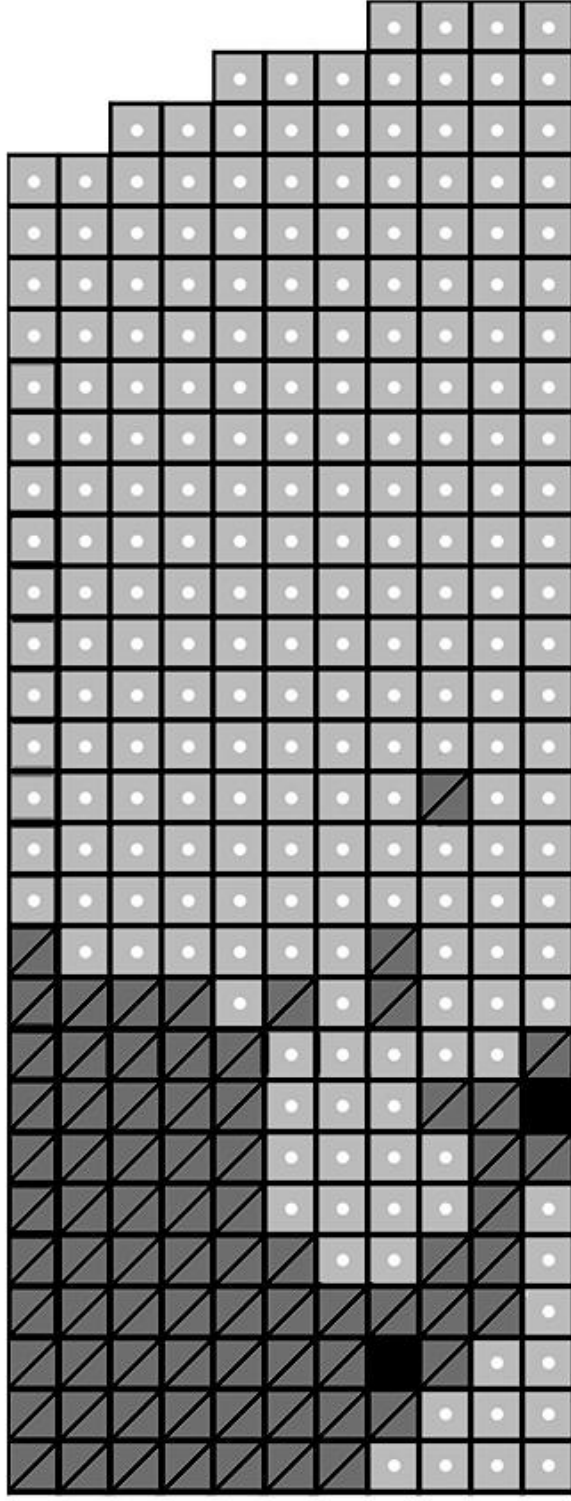


Map 12

mystery science

How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land

1



How many squares of salt water are on your map?
_____ squares

4



I have _____ squares of salt water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

2



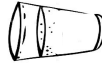
How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

5



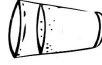
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Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

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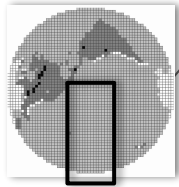


How many squares of fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

6



I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

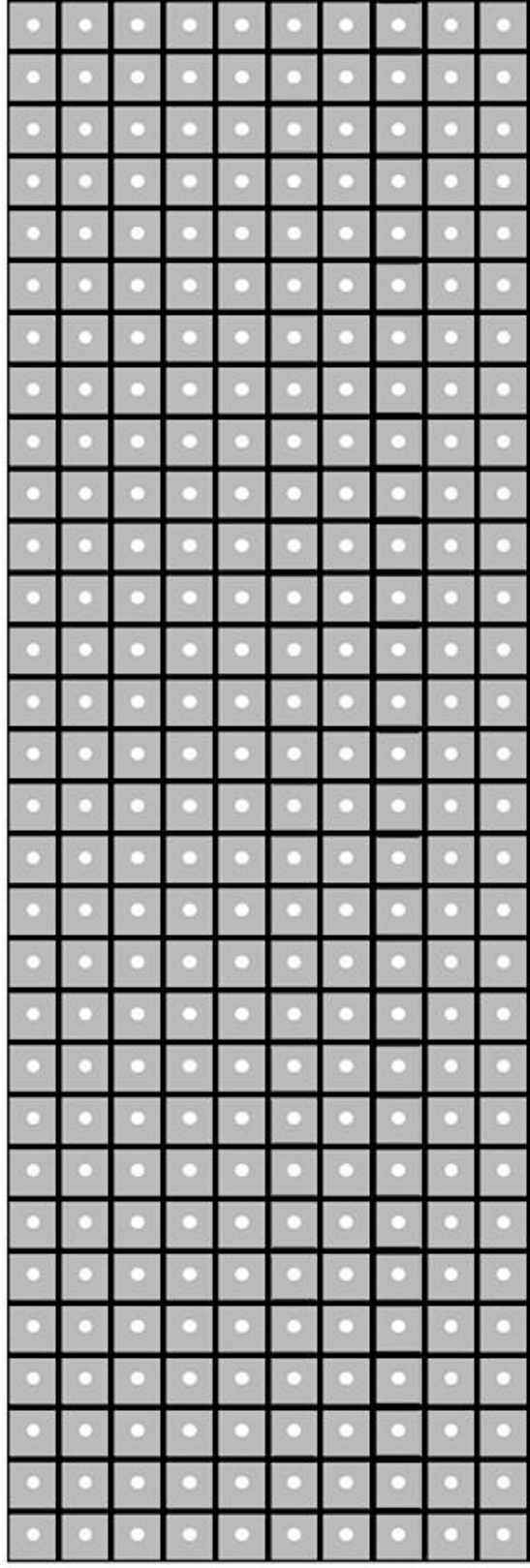


Map 13

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



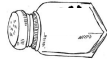
Land

1



How many squares of salt water are on your map?
_____ squares

4



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Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

2



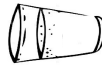
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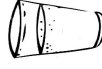
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Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

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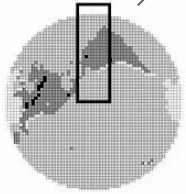


How many squares of fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

6



I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

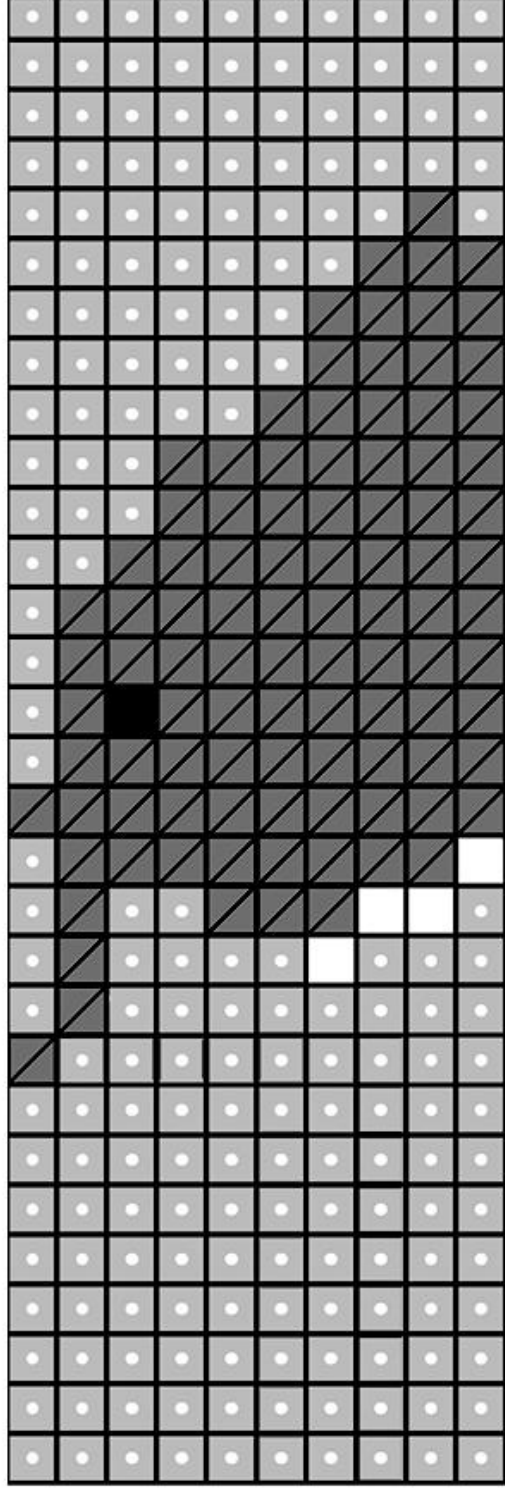


Map 14

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

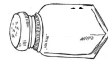


Salt Water



Land

1



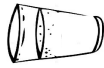
How many squares of salt water are on your map?
_____ squares

2



How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

3



How many squares of fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

4



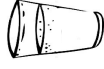
I have _____ squares of salt water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

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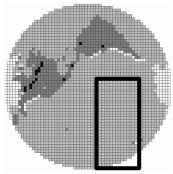


I have _____ squares of frozen fresh water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

6



I have _____ squares of fresh water.
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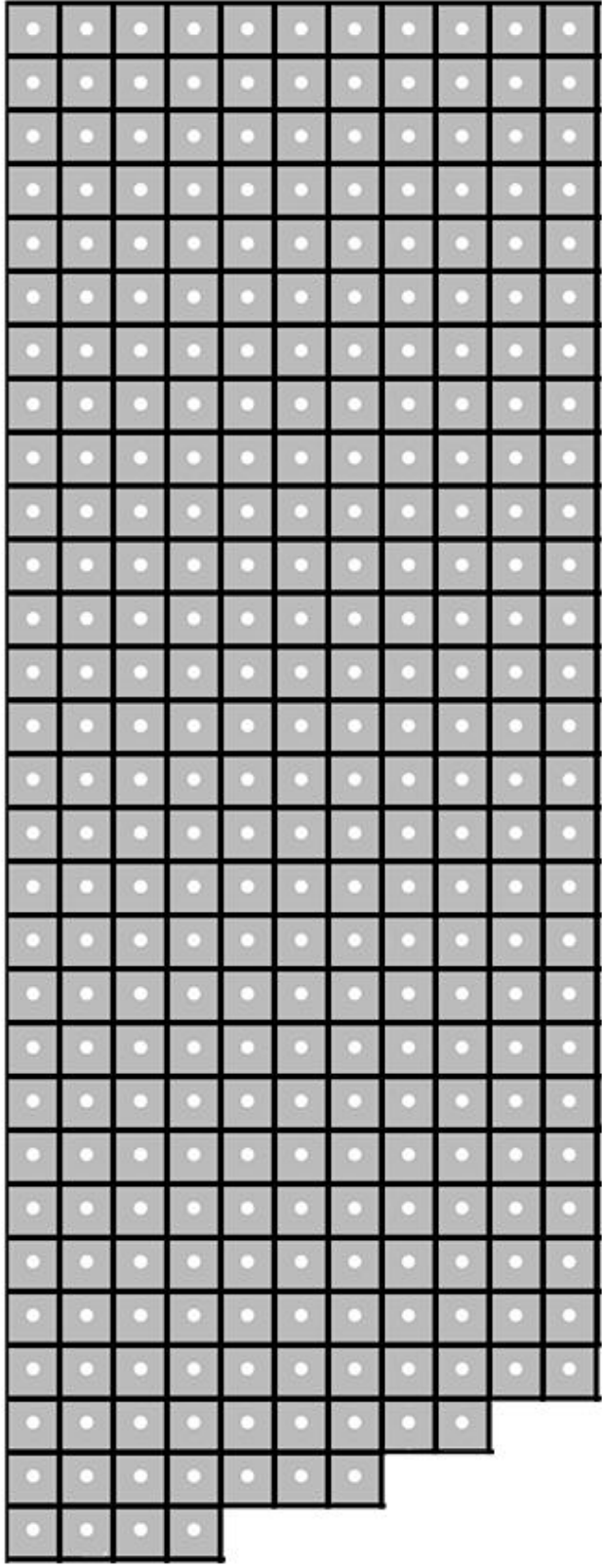


Map 15

mystery science

How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land

1

How many squares of salt water are on your map?
_____ squares



4

I have _____ squares of salt water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

2

How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

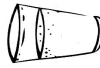


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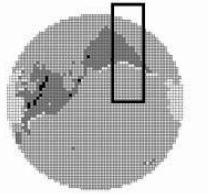
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How many squares of fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares



6

I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

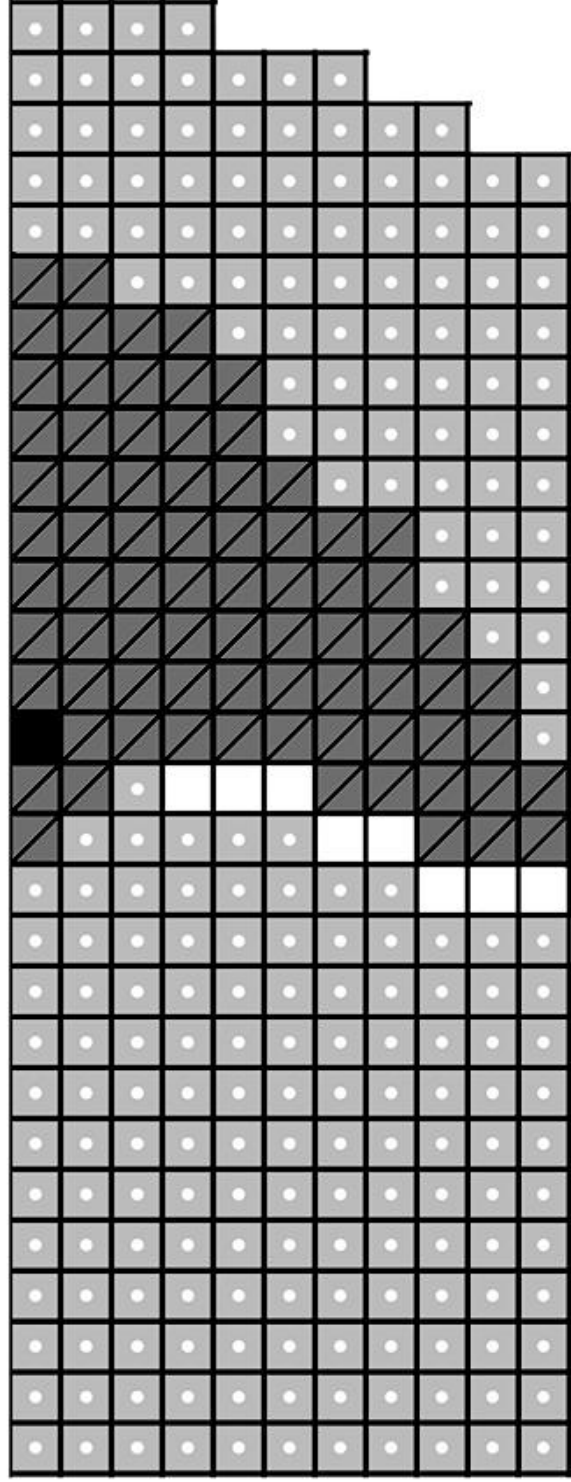


Map 16

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How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

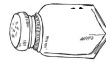


Salt Water



Land

1



How many squares of salt water are on your map?
_____ squares

4



I have _____ squares of salt water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

2



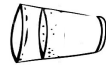
How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

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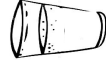
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Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____

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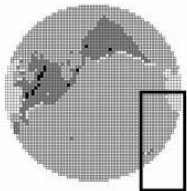


How many squares of fresh water are on your map?
_____ squares

6



I have _____ squares of fresh water.
Divide by 50. Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



Map 17

mystery science
How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



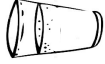
1

How many squares of salt water are on your map? _____ squares



2

How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



3

How many squares of fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



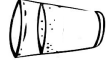
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Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



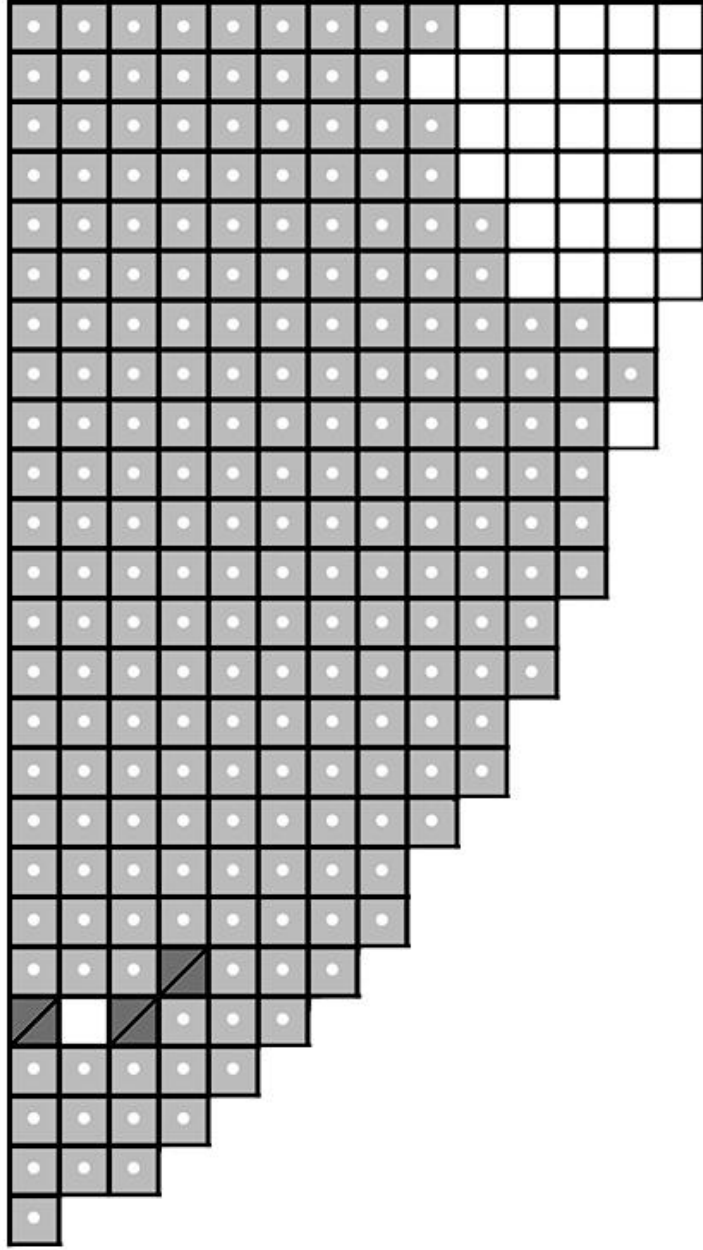
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Divide by 50.
Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



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Stickers: _____ Remainder: _____



Fresh Water



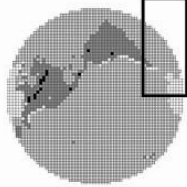
Frozen Fresh Water



Salt Water



Land



Map 18

mystery science
How much water is in the world?

Name: _____



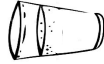
1

How many squares of salt water are on your map? _____ squares



2

How many squares of frozen fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



3

How many squares of fresh water are on your map? _____ squares



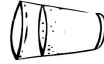
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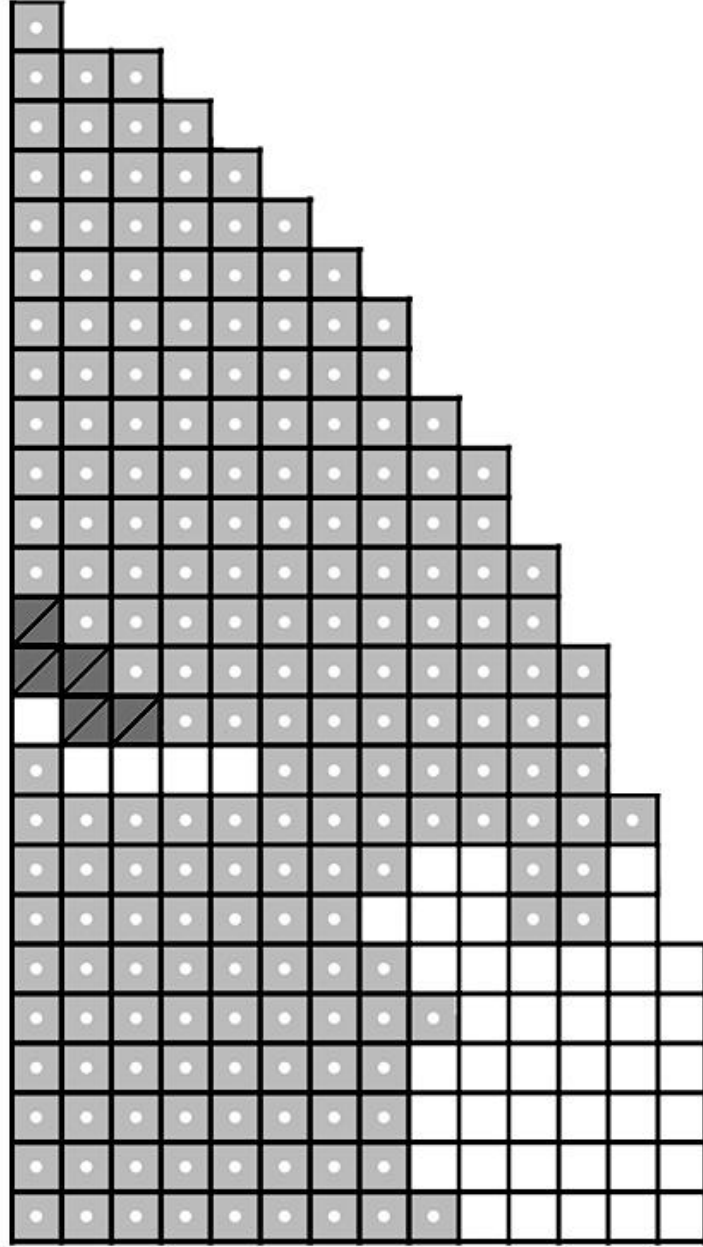
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Divide by 50.
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Divide by 50. Stickers: _____
Remainder: _____



Fresh Water



Frozen Fresh Water

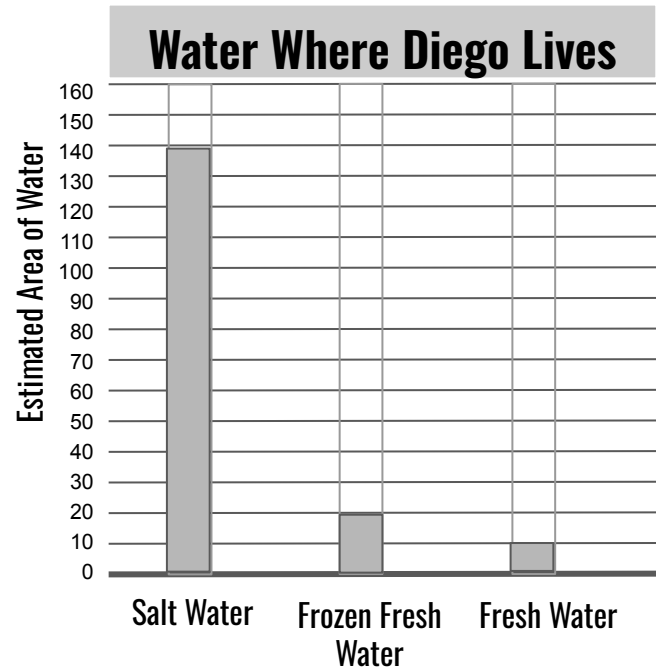
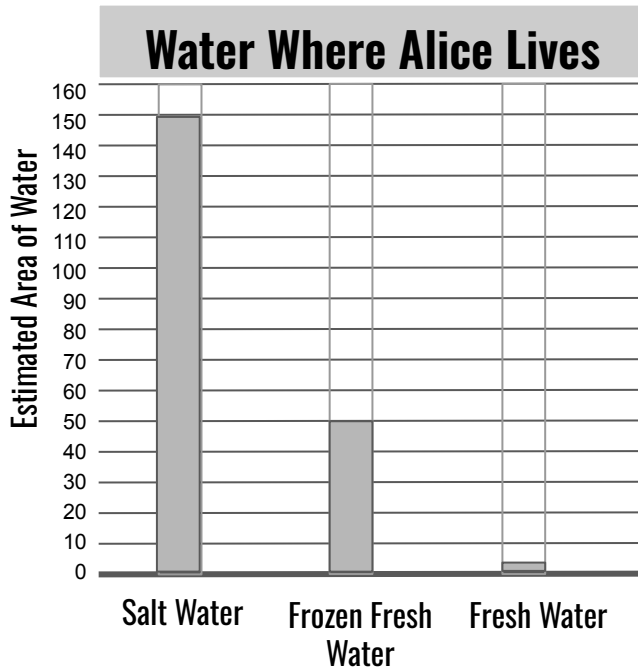


Salt Water



Land

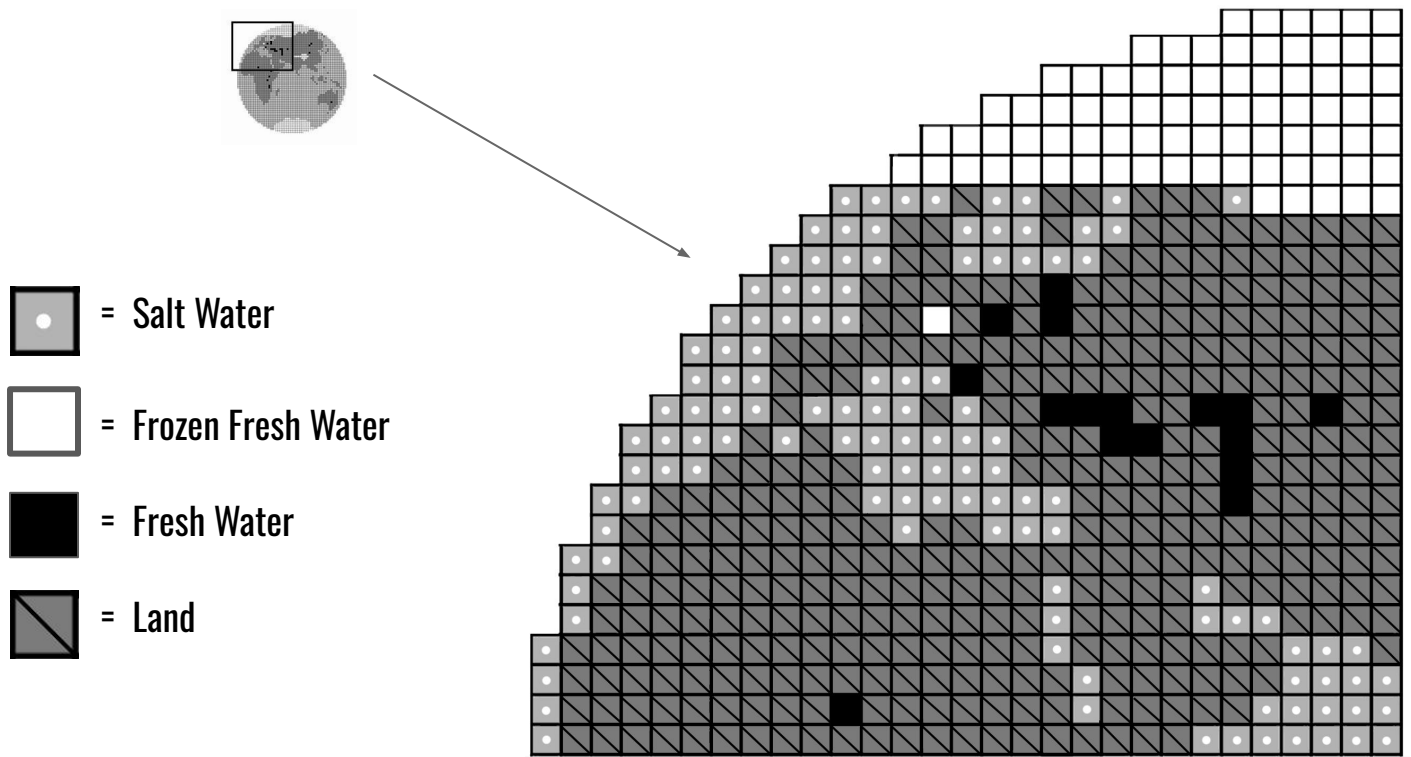
Lesson Assessment



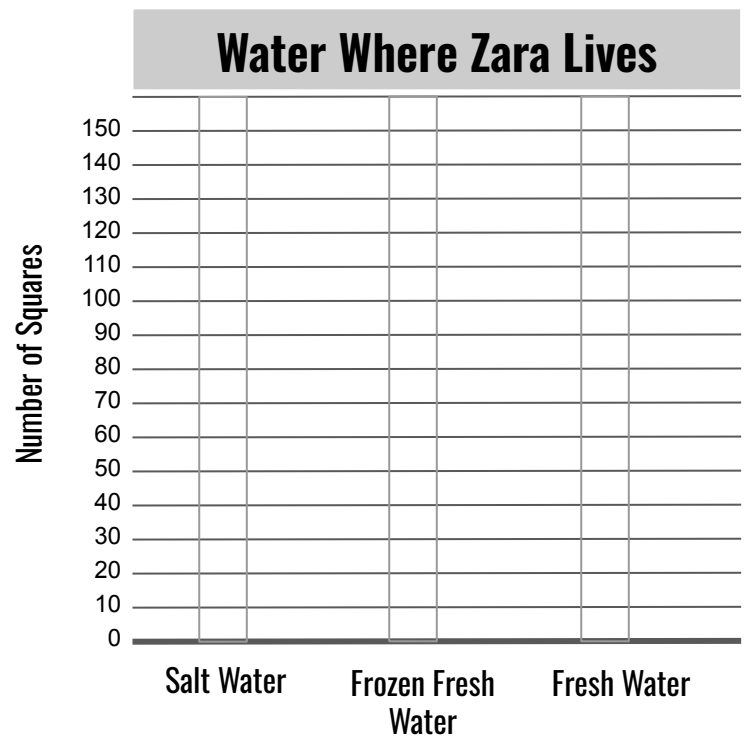
1. Alice and Diego are friends who live in different parts of the world. Alice lives in Alaska, USA, where there are many frozen ice caps. Diego lives in Ontario, Canada, where there are large fresh water lakes. The graphs above show the amounts of salt water, frozen fresh water, and fresh water where Alice lives and where Diego lives. **Compare the information from the two graphs. Circle True or False for each sentence.**

- | | | |
|------|-------|--|
| True | False | There is more salt water than frozen fresh water where Alice lives. There is more frozen fresh water than fresh water where Diego lives. |
| True | False | There is less salt water where Alice lives compared to the amount of salt water where Diego lives. |
| True | False | There is at least 3 times more frozen fresh water than fresh water where Alice lives. |

2. Alice has more total fresh water where she lives, but Diego has more fresh water that is actually available to use (for drinking and washing his hands). Why is that?

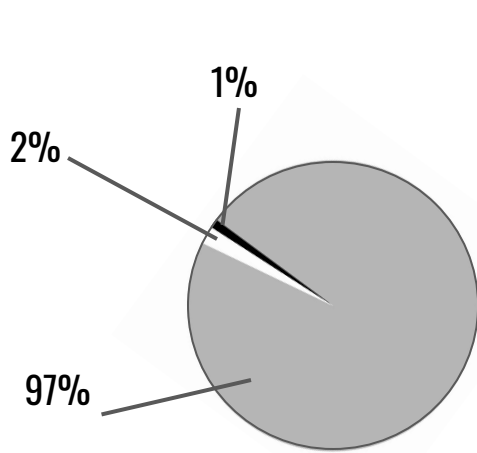


3. Zara lives in Europe. She is curious about the types of water covering the surface of the Earth where she lives. The map above shows the types of water around Europe. The estimated surface areas of salt water, frozen fresh water, fresh water, and land are shown as squares in the image. **Count up the squares of each type of water** (salt water, frozen fresh water, fresh water) and use that information to **complete the bar graph** shown to the right. You do not need to count up or graph the squares of land.

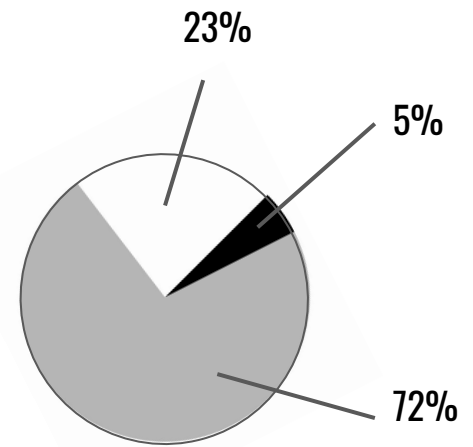


4. Using the bar graph you just created, answer each of the following statements. **Circle True or False for each sentence.**

- True False There is at least 2 times more salt water than frozen fresh water where Zara lives.
- True False There is $\frac{1}{2}$ as much fresh water as there is frozen fresh water where Zara lives.
- True False Most of the fresh water is stored in frozen ice caps (glaciers) where Zara lives.



Water on Earth



Water Where Isabel Lives

Isabel lives in a part of the world where there are many large natural lakes. She wants to know how the amount of fresh water found where she lives compares with the amount of fresh water found on the entire Earth. The pie chart on the left shows the percent of water types covering the surface of the entire Earth. The pie chart on the right shows the percent of water types covering the surface of the region of the Earth where Isabel lives.

5. Using information from the pie charts above, which of the following sentences are true? There may be more than 1 correct answer. Circle all correct answers.

- The percentage of fresh water where Isabel lives is 5 times higher than the percentage of fresh water on the entire Earth.
- The percentage of salt water where Isabel lives is $\frac{1}{2}$ the percentage of salt water found on the entire Earth.
- The percentage of frozen fresh water where Isabel lives is at least 10 times higher than the percentage of frozen fresh water elsewhere on Earth.

6. The pie chart above only shows the surface **areas** of water where Isabel lives. It does not consider the depth of water. If you made another pie chart that showed the **volumes** of salt water, frozen fresh water, and fresh water, describe how the pie chart would be different. (Hint: oceans are very deep—much deeper than most lakes and rivers.)

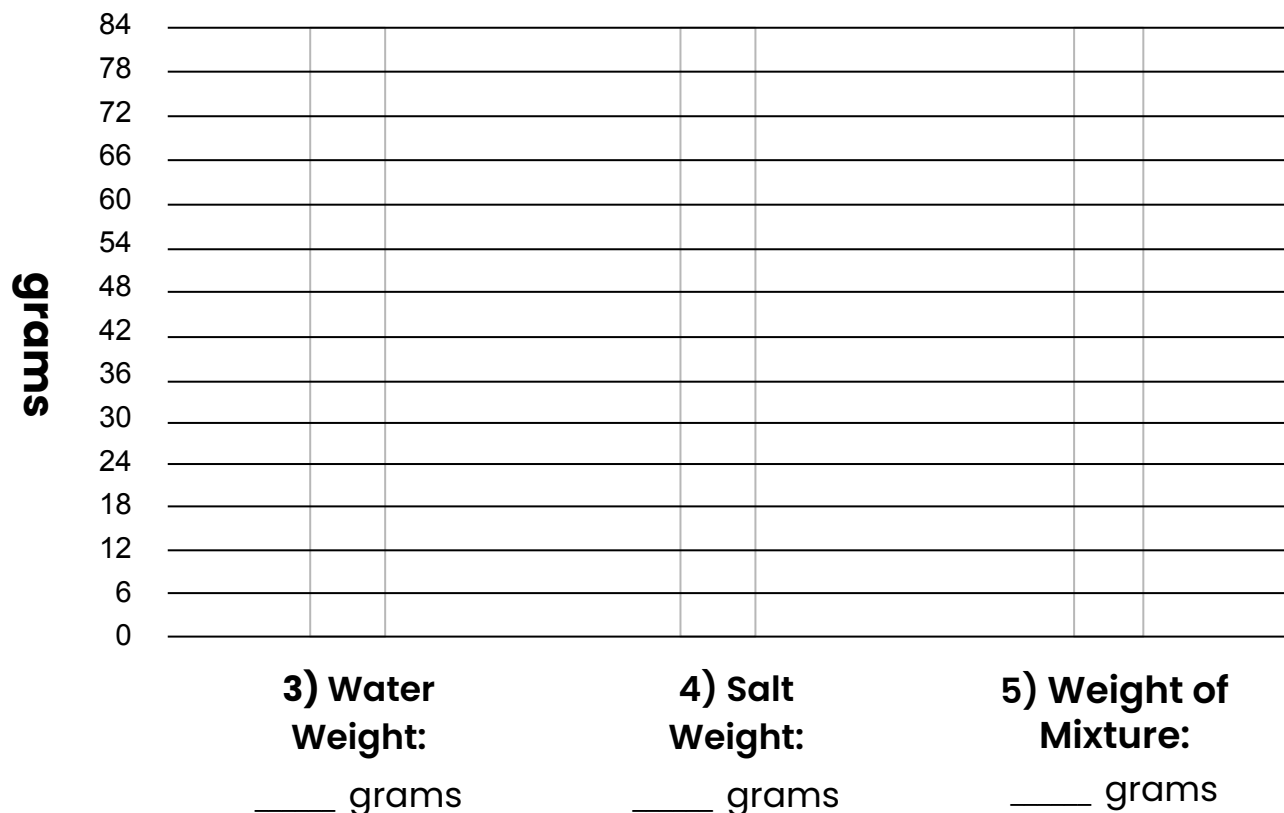
Tiny Ocean

Name: _____

- 1) What did your Tiny Ocean look like right after you added a teaspoon of salt? What does it look like now that you have mixed it? _____

- 2) What does your Tiny Ocean look like now that you added a second teaspoon of salt and mixed it?

Create a graph below:



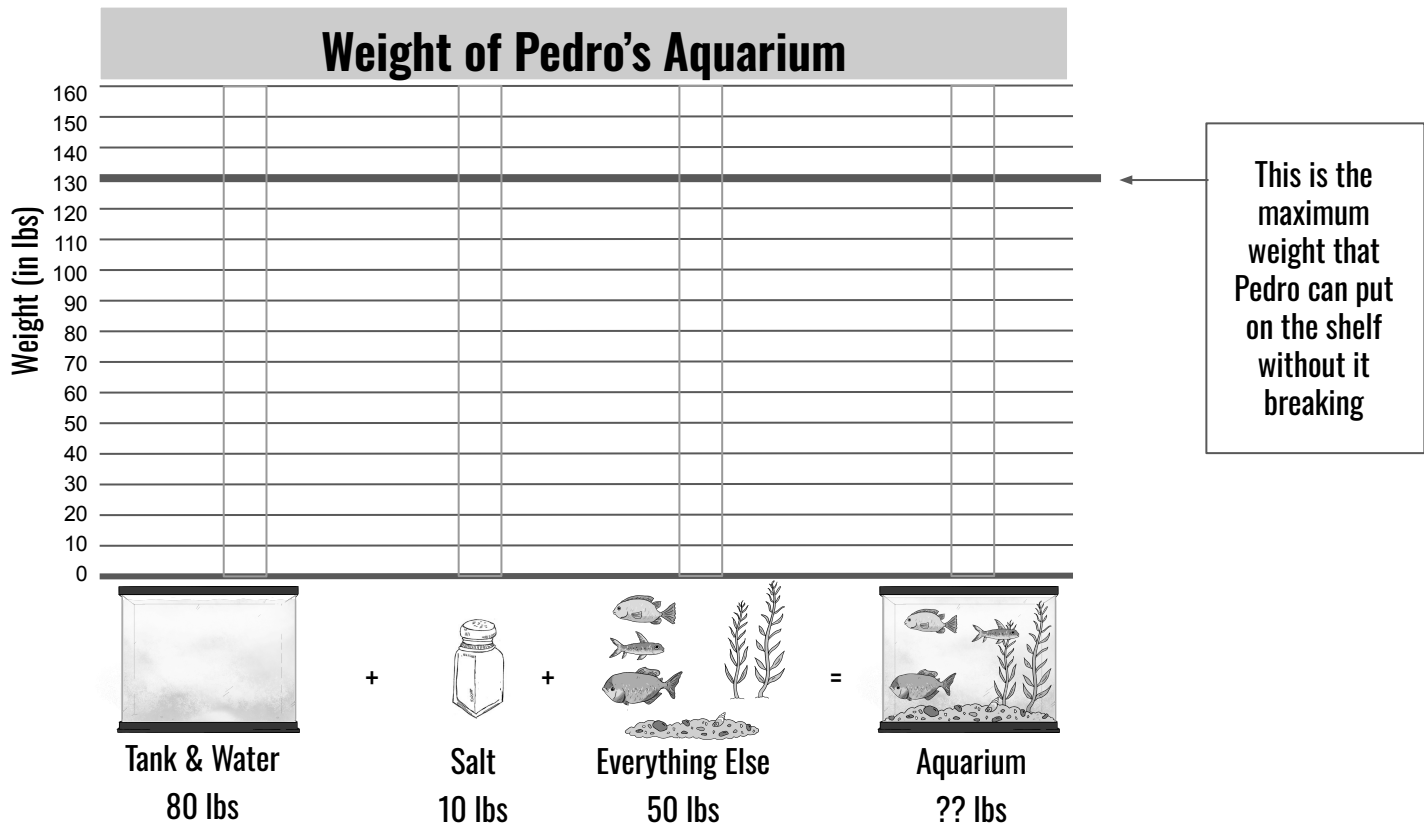
- 6) How did weighing provide evidence that the salt is still in your Tiny Ocean? Answer this question **on the back of this worksheet.**

- 7) The name of this Tiny Ocean is: _____

Lesson Assessment

1. Pedro wants a saltwater aquarium in his room. The only place where Pedro can fit the aquarium is on a shelf. The shelf can only hold 130 lbs of weight. Any more weight and the shelf will break!

Below are all the items that Pedro wants to include in his new aquarium. Even though fish float, all of their weight is added to the tank. **Complete the bar graph** below to show how much each item weighs, and figure out if it's a good idea for Pedro to put this aquarium on the shelf in his room.

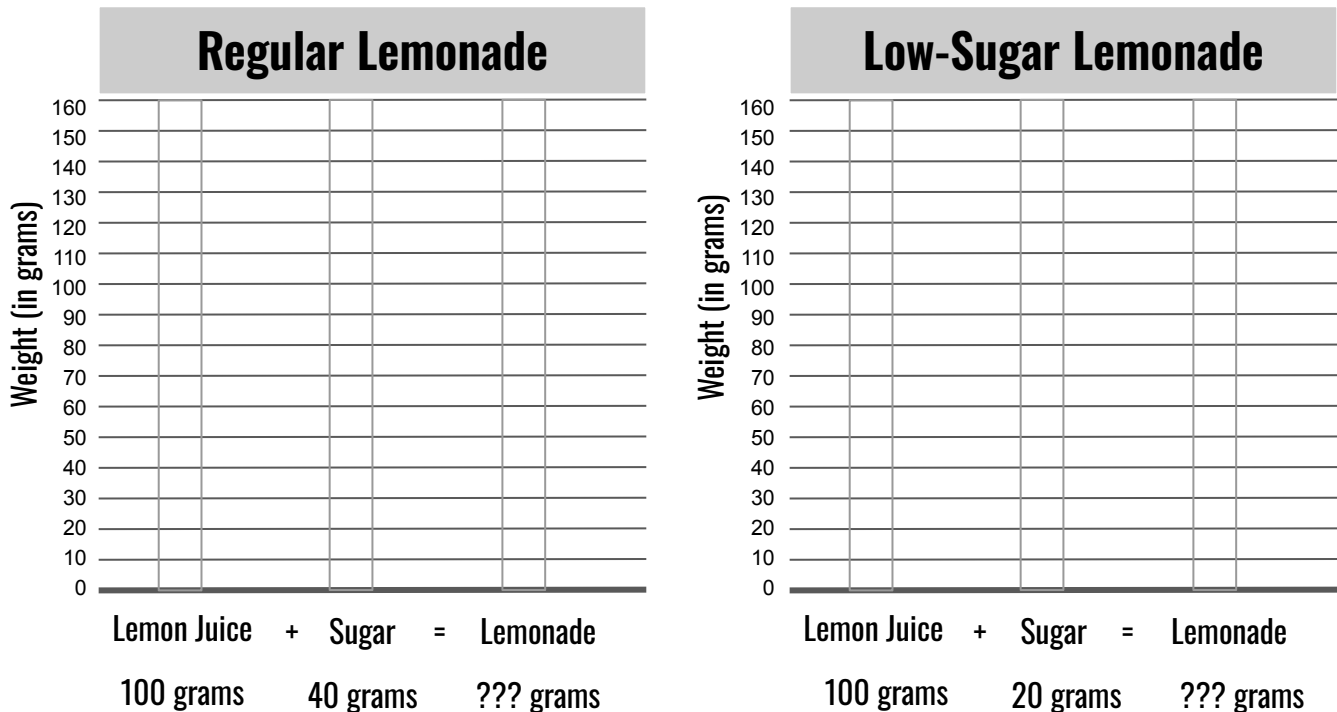


2. What can Pedro do to make sure his aquarium won't break the shelf?

Circle True or False for each statement.

- | | | |
|------|-------|---|
| True | False | Pedro can build the saltwater aquarium as planned. The weight of the aquarium won't break the shelf. |
| True | False | Pedro could include fewer fish, plants, or rocks in the tank. This would lower the overall weight of the aquarium. |
| True | False | Pedro could keep the same number of fish, plants, and rocks in the tank. But he could decide to have a freshwater aquarium (instead of a saltwater aquarium). |

3. Mai has a lemonade business. Her customers love her lemonade because the ingredients are very simple—she only uses lemon juice and sugar. Mai is starting to sell her lemonade in stores. She needs to figure out how much her lemonade weighs so that it can be safely shipped on a truck. Mai makes two types of lemonade. She makes regular lemonade, but she also makes a low-sugar lemonade that contains half the amount of sugar. Look at the weights shown below each ingredient. **Add a bar to each graph** to show how much the lemon juice, sugar, and lemonade weigh.



4. The bar graphs you just created show how much each bottle of regular lemonade weighs and how much each bottle of low-sugar lemonade weighs. Using the bar graphs you just created, answer each of the following statements. **Circle True or False** for each.

- | | | |
|------|-------|--|
| True | False | Once the sugar dissolves in the lemon juice, it completely vanishes. The sugar doesn't add weight to the lemonade. Mai can put the same number of bottles of regular lemonade and low-sugar lemonade in each truck because the weight is the same. |
| True | False | Once the sugar dissolves in the lemon juice, it looks like it vanishes, but it is actually still there. The sugar adds weight to the lemonade. So Mai will have to put fewer bottles of regular lemonade in a truck than low-sugar lemonade because the regular lemonade weighs more. |
| True | False | Once the sugar dissolves in the lemon juice, it looks like it vanishes, but it is actually still there. You can tell the sugar is still there because the lemonade tastes sweet. But the weight of the lemonade will NOT change based on the amount of sugar you add to the lemon juice. |

Where will you dig a well?
Your life depends on finding water!

Name: _____

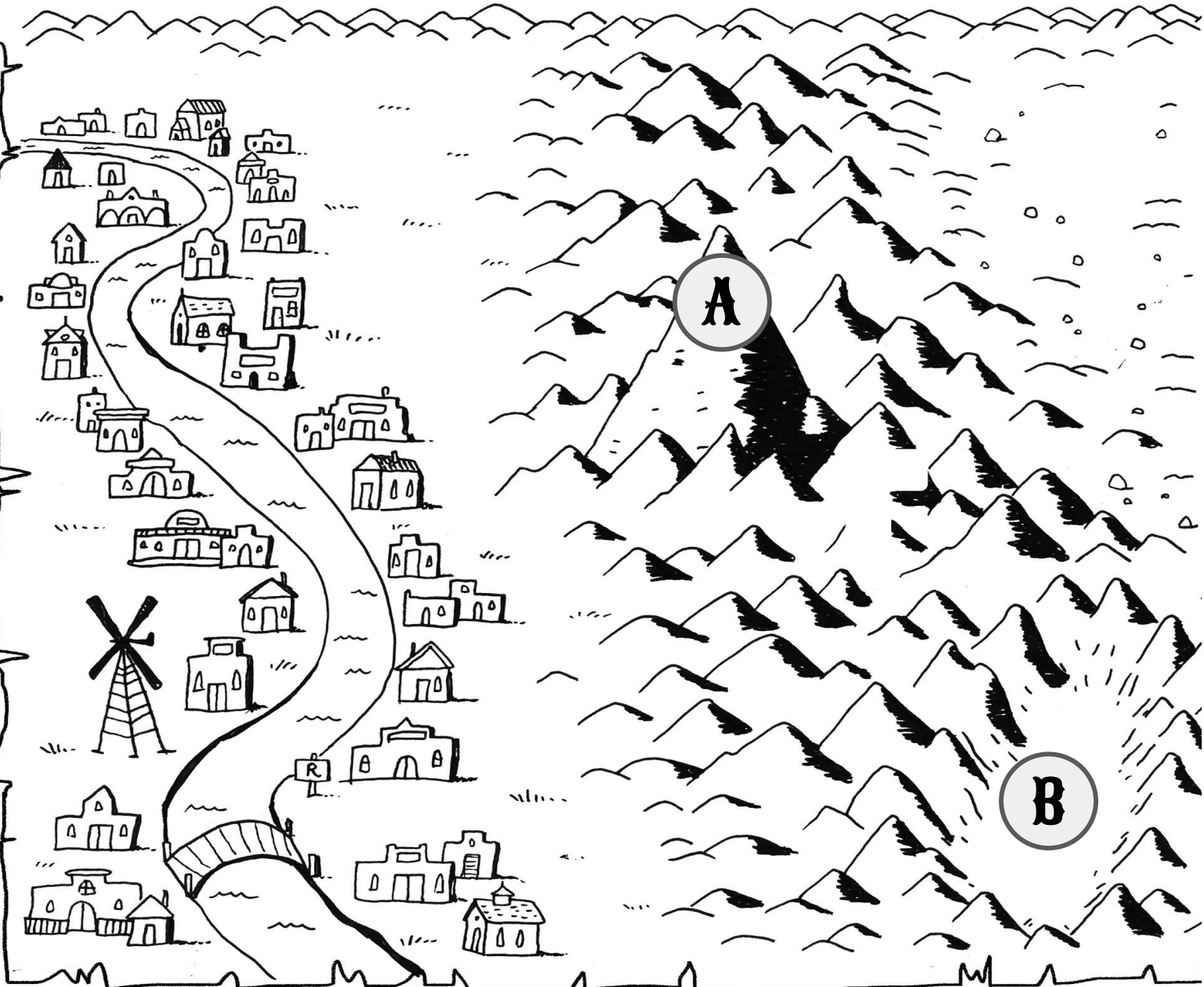
Wild West Nickname: _____

A - On a Beautiful Mountainside

- LAND:** If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:
☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.
- PLANTS:** I think plant roots here get water from:
☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).
- ROCKS & SOIL :** I think the soil here will:
☐ be easy to dig in. It's porous. Rain soaks in.
☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.

B - Surrounded by Mountains

- LAND:** If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:
☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.
- PLANTS:** I think plant roots here get water from:
☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).
- ROCKS & SOIL:** I think the soil here will:
☐ be easy to dig in. It's porous. Rain soaks in.
☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.



Where will you dig a well?
Your life depends on finding water!

Name: _____

Wild West Nickname: _____

C - In the Rolling Hills

1. **LAND:** If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:

☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.

2. **PLANTS:** I think plant roots here get water from:

☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).

3. **ROCKS & SOIL:** I think the soil here will:

☐ be easy to dig in. It's porous. Rain soaks in.
☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.

D - Down in the Valley

1. **LAND:** If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:

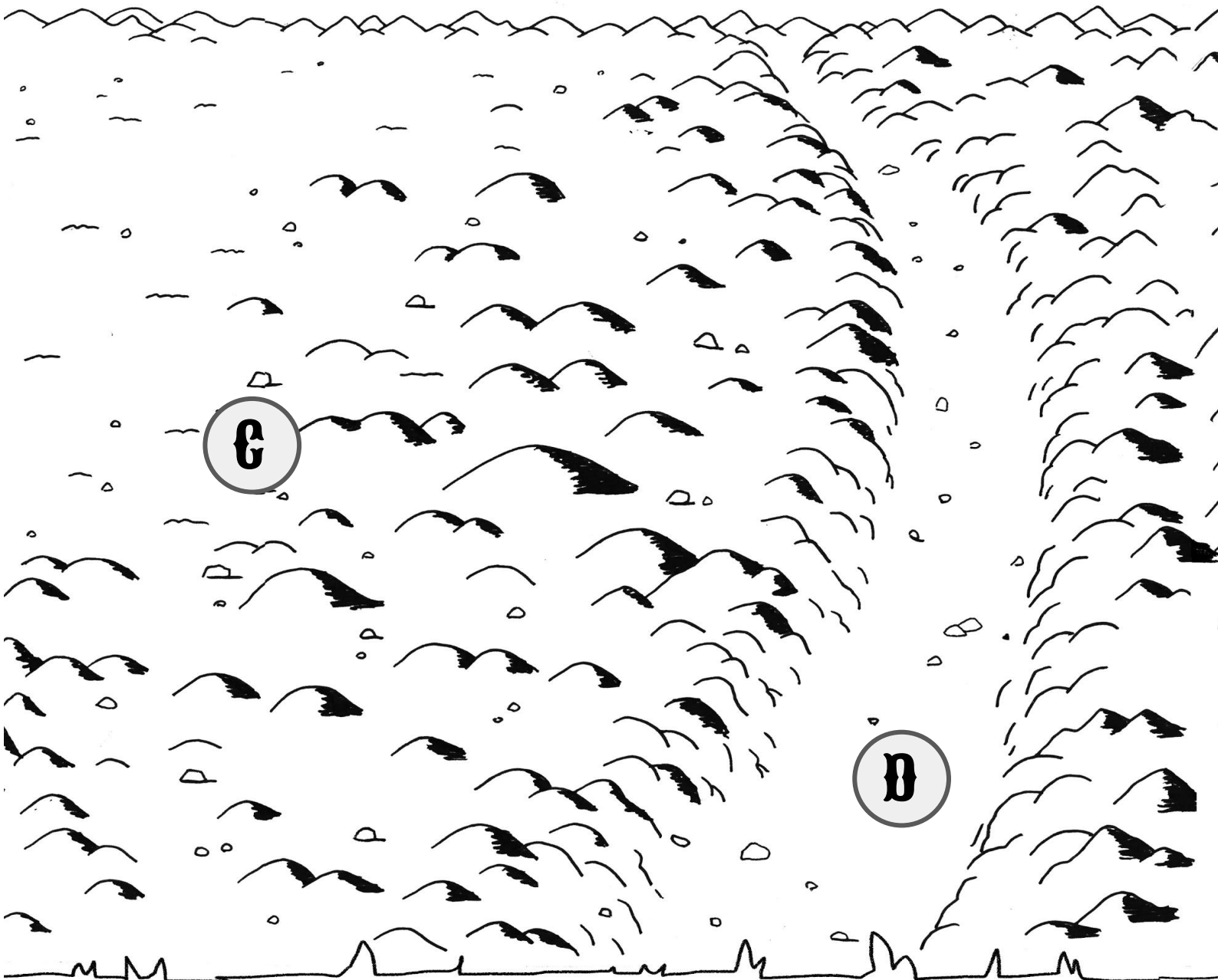
☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.

2. **PLANTS:** I think plant roots here get water from:

☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).

3. **ROCKS & SOIL:** I think the soil here will:

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☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.



Dusty Flats

Where will you dig a well?
Your life depends on finding water!

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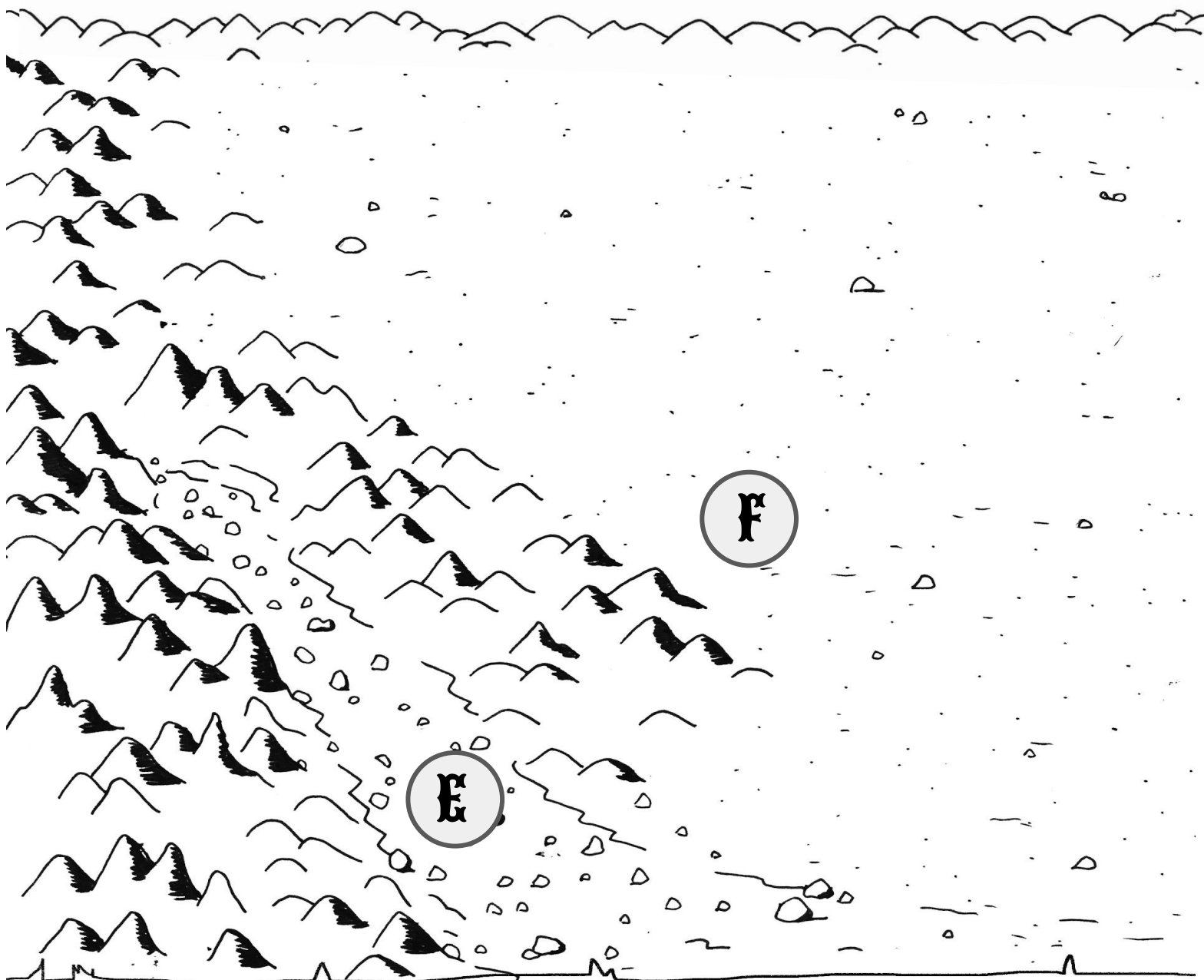
Wild West Nickname: _____

E - In the Dry Streambed

1. **LAND:** If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:
☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.
2. **PLANTS:** I think plant roots here get water from:
☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).
3. **ROCKS & SOIL:** I think the soil here will:
☐ be easy to dig in. It's porous. Rain soaks in.
☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.

F - In the Flats near the Hills

1. **LAND:** If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:
☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.
2. **PLANTS:** I think plant roots here get water from:
☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).
3. **ROCKS & SOIL:** I think the soil here will:
☐ be easy to dig in. It's porous. Rain soaks in.
☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.



**Where will you dig a well?
Your life depends on finding water!**

Name: _____

Wild West Nickname: _____

G--In the Plains

1. LAND: If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:

- ☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.

2. PLANTS: I think plant roots here get water from:

- ☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).

3. ROCKS & SOIL: I think the soil here will:

- ☐ be easy to dig in. It's porous. Rain soaks in.
☐ be hard to dig in. It's not porous. Rain won't soak in.
☐ make the water undrinkable due to salt or poison.

H -Down in the Canyon

1. LAND: If there's an aquifer here, I think it's:

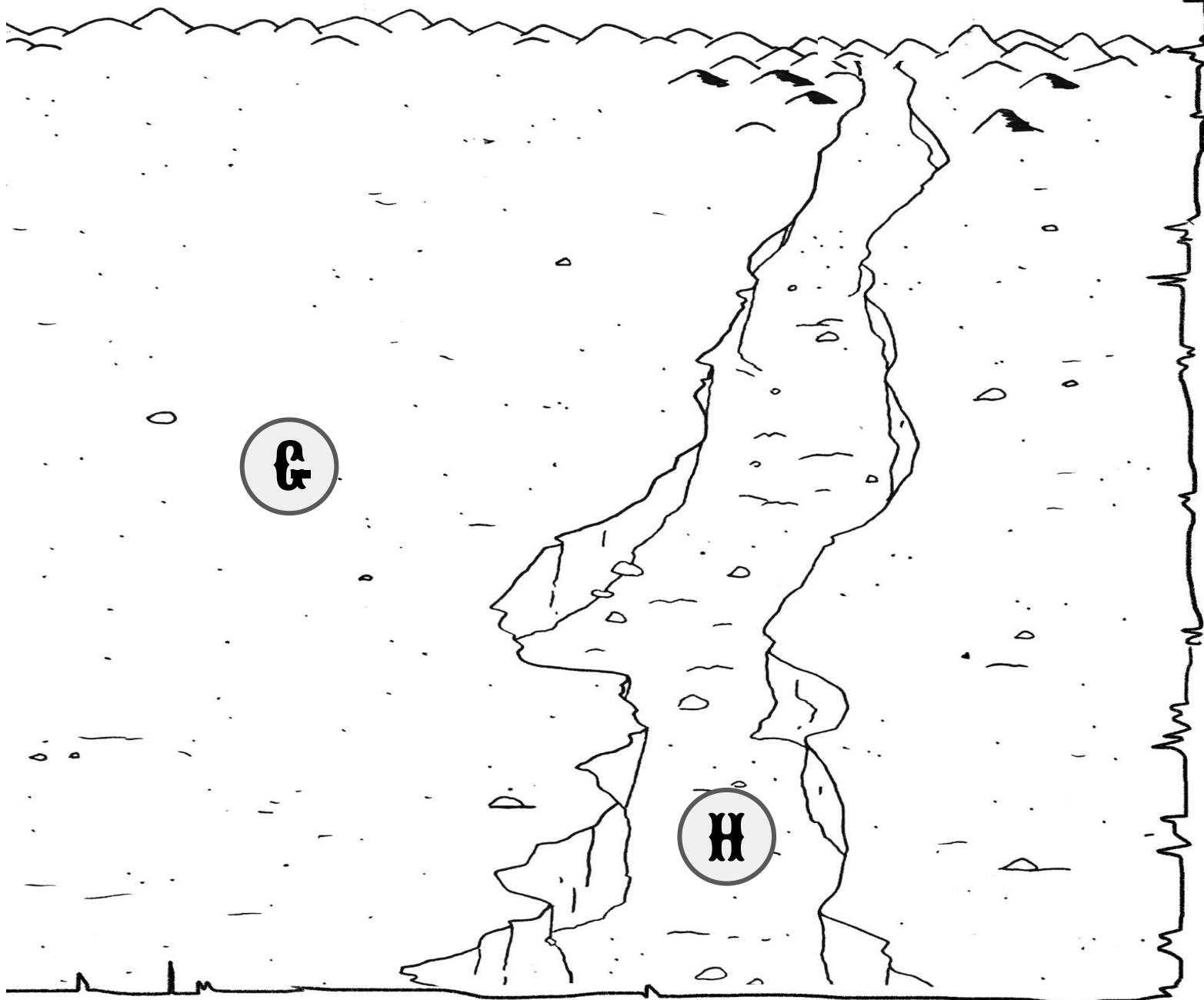
- ☐ near the surface. ☐ too far down to reach.

2. PLANTS: I think plant roots here get water from:

- ☐ seasonal rains. ☐ an aquifer (underground water).

3. ROCKS & SOIL: I think the soil here will:

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PLANTS

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When you turn on the faucet, where does the water come from?

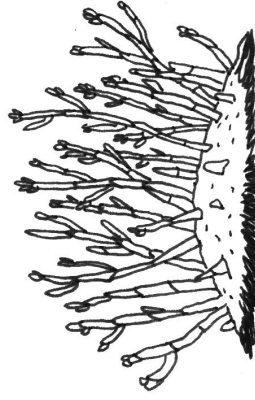


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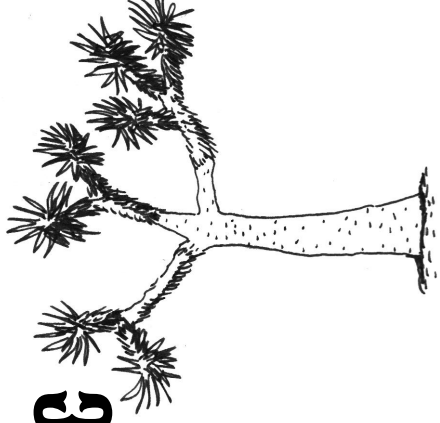
SPOT A: Bristlecone pine trees grow high in the Mystery Mountains. These twisted trees do just fine with very little rain.

B



SPOT B: Pickleweed is the only plant that grows in this dry lake bed. It grows well where water is just below the surface of the soil.

C



SPOT C: Joshua trees grow in these dry desert hills. They have long roots to gather what little water there is.

D



SPOT D: Greasewood fills this sunny valley. This plant has long roots and stays green when other plants wilt.

E



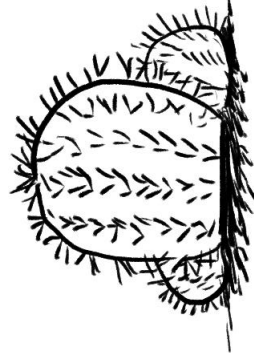
SPOT E: Willow trees flourish in this dry wash. The trees' long roots reach deep underground.

F



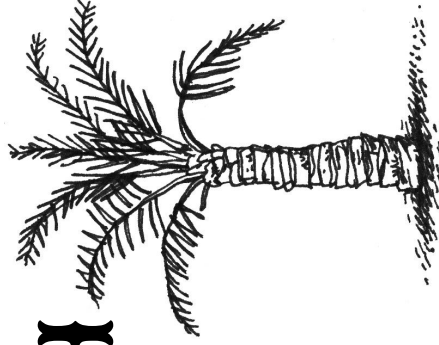
SPOT F: Wildflowers cover this plain. These flowers grow quickly after a rainstorm, but they don't live long.

G



SPOT G: Cactus live where it's dry. Whenever there's rain, they soak up the water and store it in their thick stems.

H



SPOT H: The palm trees in this canyon can be seen from miles away. In the desert, palm trees are often found near water holes.

ROCKS AND SOIL

mystery science

When you turn on the faucet, where does the water come from?

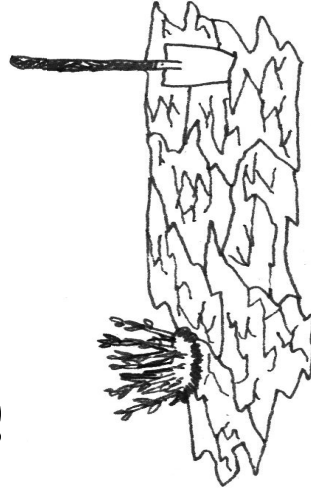


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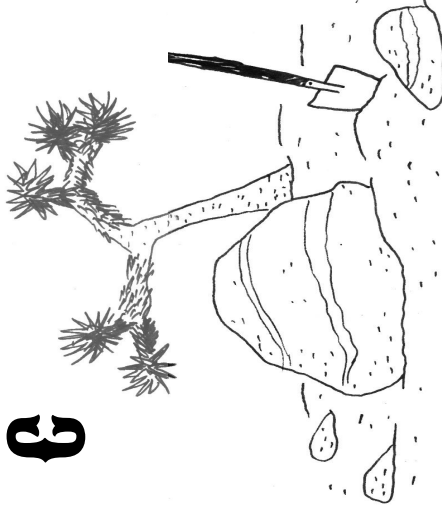
SPOT A: Lots of rocks and very little dirt high in the mountains makes digging a challenge.

B



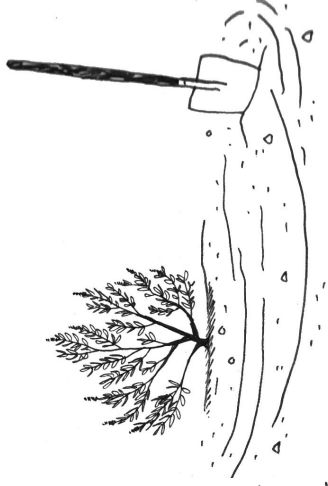
SPOT B: This soil is full of salt that washes down from the mountains. (Pickleweed is one of the few plants that can grow in salty soil.)

C



SPOT C: Sandstone boulders cover the hillsides, making digging difficult.

D



SPOT D: The sandy soil here filled with alkali, a poisonous kind of salt. Greasewood grows here, but not much else can.

E



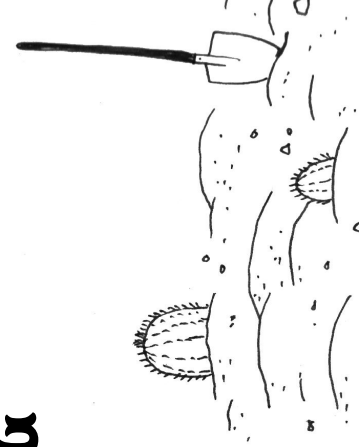
SPOT E: Gravel and soil fill this dry wash. Easy digging here.

F



SPOT F: Loose soil lies on top of a layer of clay that's as hard as brick.

G



SPOT G: Sandy soil with patches of gravel. Easy digging here.

H



SPOT H: Sandy soil makes digging easy in this canyon.

Group members: _____

WANTED: A Well



1. For a well, you need a place where water is **close** to the surface. Look at the map. Remember that water flows downhill. **Cross out** all the spots where your team thinks water will be too far underground.

A B C D E F G H

2. Look at the naturalist's guide to **plants**. Does this information help you choose where to put your well? **Cross out** spots where you think the plants just use water from seasonal rains.

A B C D E F G H

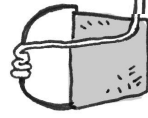
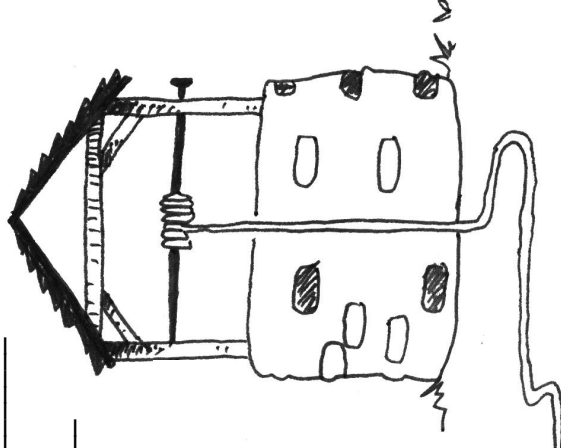
3. Look at the miner's guide to **rocks and soil**. **Cross out** spots where digging will be difficult or the water will be undrinkable.

A B C D E F G H

4. As a team, choose a spot to dig a well and build a town. If you choose wisely, your town will have plenty of water. Write the letter of the spot you chose here: _____

5. Why did you choose that spot? What clues did you use? _____

6. Decide on a name for your town and write it here: _____



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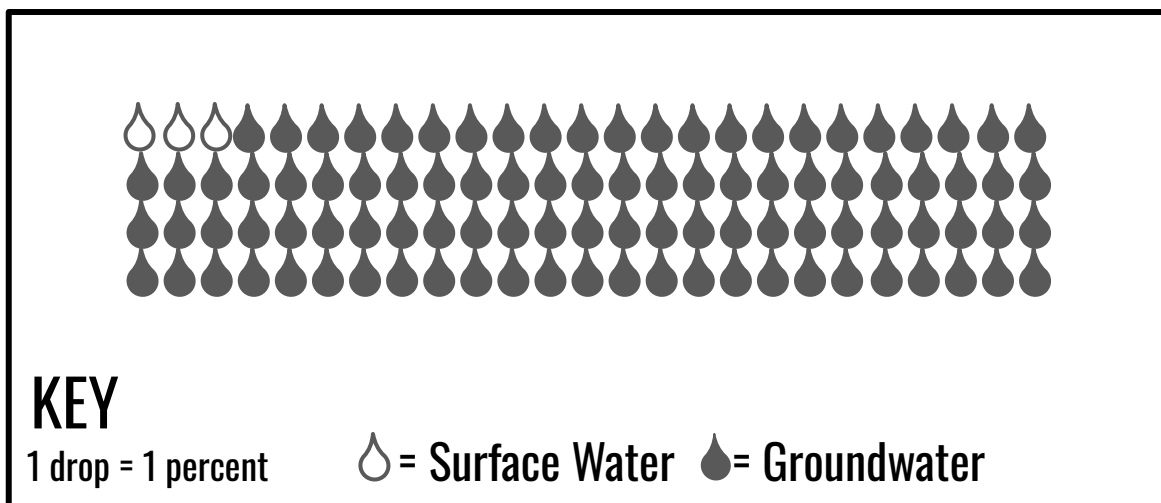
Lesson Assessment

The vast majority of the water on Earth is in the oceans. Unfortunately, all of it is salt water. People can't survive with only salt water, so liquid freshwater is very important to every single person on Earth.

Liquid freshwater is found in two places on Earth: on the surface and underground. Water on the surface of the Earth, such as rivers and lakes, is called surface water. Water underground is called groundwater.

The image below is a type of graph that shows the amount of liquid freshwater on Earth. There are 100 total drops to represent 100% of the liquid freshwater on Earth. Remember: this does not include water in the oceans. **Use this graph to help you answer question 1.**

Total Amount of Liquid Freshwater on Earth



1. **Circle True or False** for each of the following.

True False There is about the same amount of fresh surface water as there is fresh groundwater.

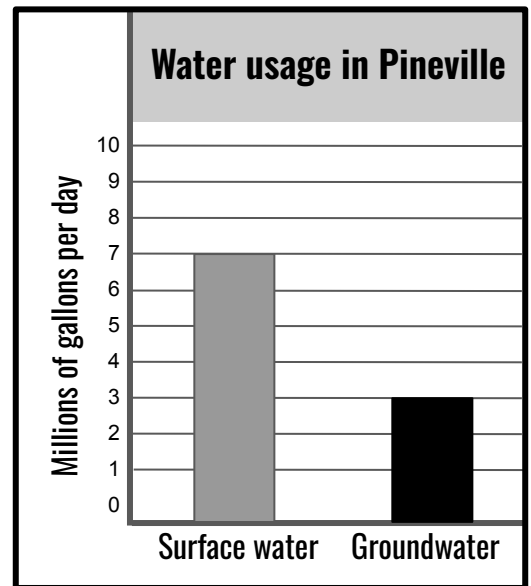
True False The majority of the liquid freshwater on Earth is water that people have to dig to find.

True False 10% of the liquid freshwater on Earth is on the surface of the Earth.

True False Rivers and lakes might look big, but they only hold a few percent of the total freshwater on Earth.

Even though there is less surface water on the Earth than groundwater, that doesn't mean that people *use* less surface water. In some places, it might be easier to use water that is already on the surface. So some people use more surface water, even though there is less of it.

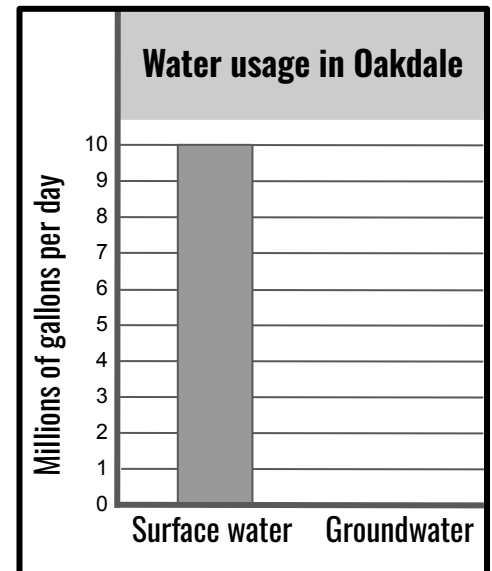
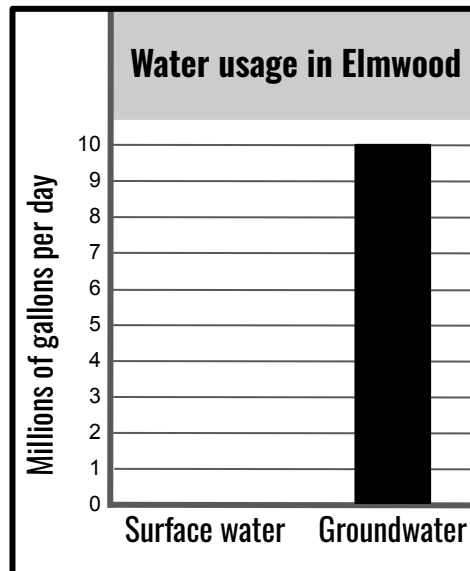
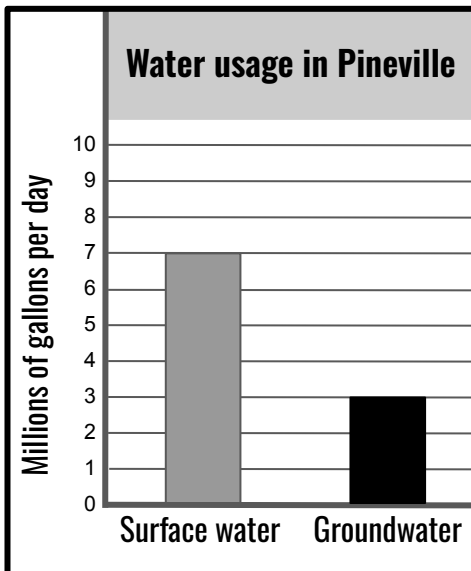
The graph on the right shows water usage in the city of Pineville. **Use it to answer question 2.**



2. What does the graph tell us about water usage in Pineville?

- a. People use more than twice as much surface water as they do groundwater.
- b. People use equal amounts of surface water and groundwater.
- c. People only use water from a lake or a river.
- d. People use slightly more surface water than groundwater.

The following three graphs show water usage in the cities of Pineville, Elmwood, and Oakdale. **Use them to answer question 3.**



3. **Circle True or False** for each of the following.

- | | | |
|------|-------|---|
| True | False | It is possible for a city to only use groundwater and use no surface water at all. |
| True | False | Pineville <u>does not</u> get all ten million gallons of water it needs each day from just surface water and groundwater. They have to use other sources too. |
| True | False | Different cities use different amounts of water, but all cities use at least <i>some</i> surface water and <i>some</i> groundwater. |
| True | False | Most freshwater is groundwater. That's why all cities use groundwater. |

Rainmaker Experiments (Part 1)

Name: _____

Predict: Which experiment will make rain?

A

B

C

D

A

Bottle/Sky

HOT

COLD

1. Do you see fog anywhere? Look at it closely. It's made of drops of water.

2. Use a pencil to lightly shade areas where you see water drops.

Dixie

Cup/Ocean

HOT

COLD

3. Touch the foggy spots. Is the water inside or outside the plastic?

If it's inside, mark the spot with an I.
If it's outside, mark the spot with an O.

4. Draw what you see on the top of the sky cup when you pick up the bottle.

B

Bottle/Sky

HOT

COLD

1. Do you see fog anywhere? Look at it closely. It's made of drops of water.

2. Use a pencil to lightly shade areas where you see water drops.

Dixie

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Rainmaker Experiments (Part 2)

Name: _____

Predict: Which experiment will make rain?

A

B

C

D

C

Bottle/Sky

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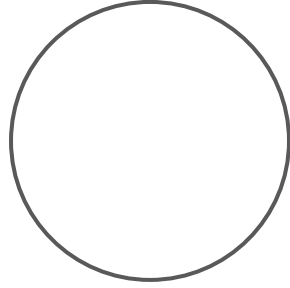
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Bottle/Sky

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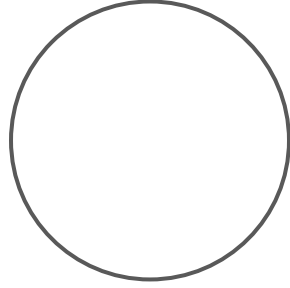
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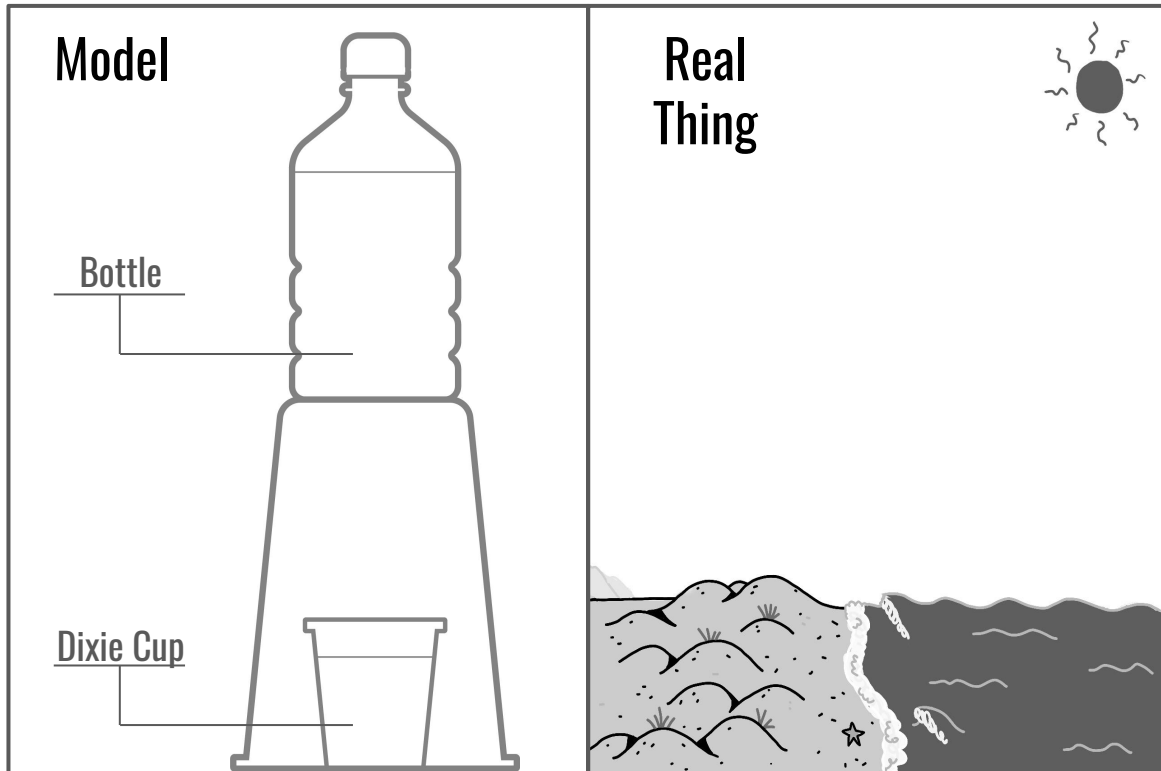
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Lesson Assessment



1. Malia wants to understand how the ocean (hydrosphere) and the sky (atmosphere) interact to make it rain. Malia decides to make a model, shown above. Which of the following sentences are true?

There may be more than 1 correct answer. **Circle all correct answers.**

- a. The Bottle represents the air (atmosphere).
- b. The Dixie Cup represents the ocean (hydrosphere).
- c. The Bottle represents the ocean (hydrosphere).
- d. The Dixie Cup represents the ground (geosphere).

2. What would Malia need to do to create a model of the system to show what happens when a warm ocean and a cold sky interact?

There may be more than 1 correct answer. **Circle all correct answers.**

- a. Add warm water to the Bottle, which represents the air (atmosphere).
- b. Add cool water to the Dixie Cup, which represents the ocean (hydrosphere).
- c. Add cool water to the Bottle, which represents the air (atmosphere).
- d. Add warm water to the Dixie Cup, which represents the ocean (hydrosphere).

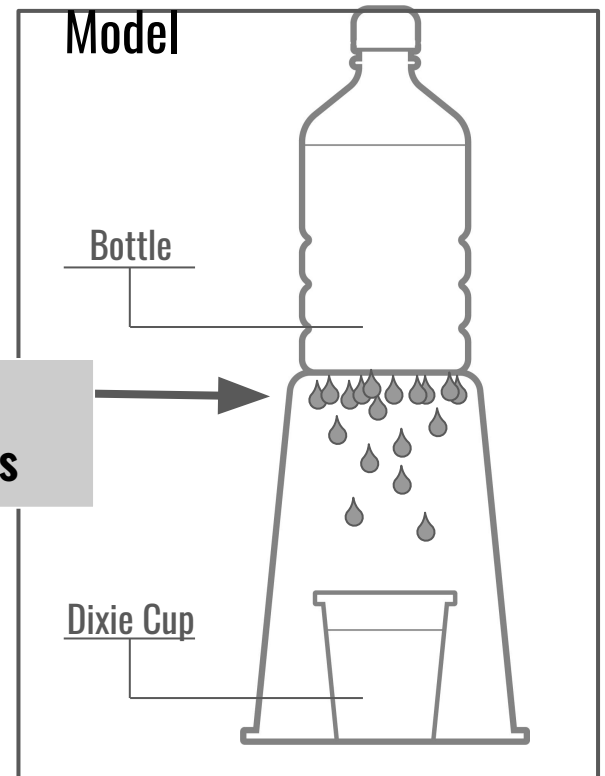
3. Malia notices that water droplets have started to form on the bottom of the Bottle in her model. When she taps the cup, she can make some of these water droplets fall down into the Dixie Cup. What processes is Malia observing in her model?

There may be more than 1 correct answer.

Circle all correct answers.

- a. Warm water in the Dixie Cup is boiling and turning into water vapor.
- b. Water is collecting (condensing) on the bottom of the cold Bottle and creating a model cloud.
- c. Water is falling down from the bottom of the Bottle like rain (precipitation).
- d. Ice is melting and falling down from the bottom of the Bottle.

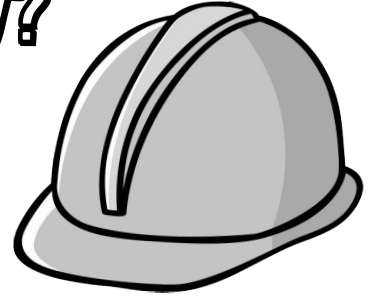
Water Droplets



4. By looking at Malia's model, she notices that more water droplets form when the sky (atmosphere) is cold and the ocean (hydrosphere) is warm. How can Malia's model help us understand why it rains a lot in some places around the world? What about places around the world where it hardly ever rains?

Name: _____

Budget: What Can Beachtown Buy?



#1 Team Name (Company Name): _____

#2 Beachtown's Budget: \$ _____

Table:

	Solution	Cost of Solution	Calculate the Total Cost (You can do the math on the back of the paper)
#3	Seawall Engineer: How many seawalls will they build? # of seawalls _____	Each seawall costs \$300,000 	The number of seawalls times the cost equals the total cost of seawalls. Answer: \$ _____
#4	Environmental Engineer: How many wetlands will they plant? # of wetlands _____	Each wetland costs \$200,000 	The number of wetlands times the cost equals the total cost of wetlands. Answer: \$ _____
#5	Levee Engineer: How many levees will they build? # of levees _____	Each levee costs \$50,000 	The number of levees times the cost equals the total cost of levees. Answer: \$ _____
#6	Structural Engineer: How many buildings will they put on stilts? # of stilts _____	Putting a building on stilts costs \$150,000 	The number of stilts times the cost equals the total cost of stilts. Answer: \$ _____
#7	To get the total cost of flood protection, add up all your totals.		Total cost: \$ _____

#8 If your total cost is bigger than Beachtown's budget, you need to figure out how to lower your costs. Write your cost-saving ideas here.

(Hint: Look on the maps for historic buildings that are protected by more than one solution.)

Environmental Engineer:

(your name here)

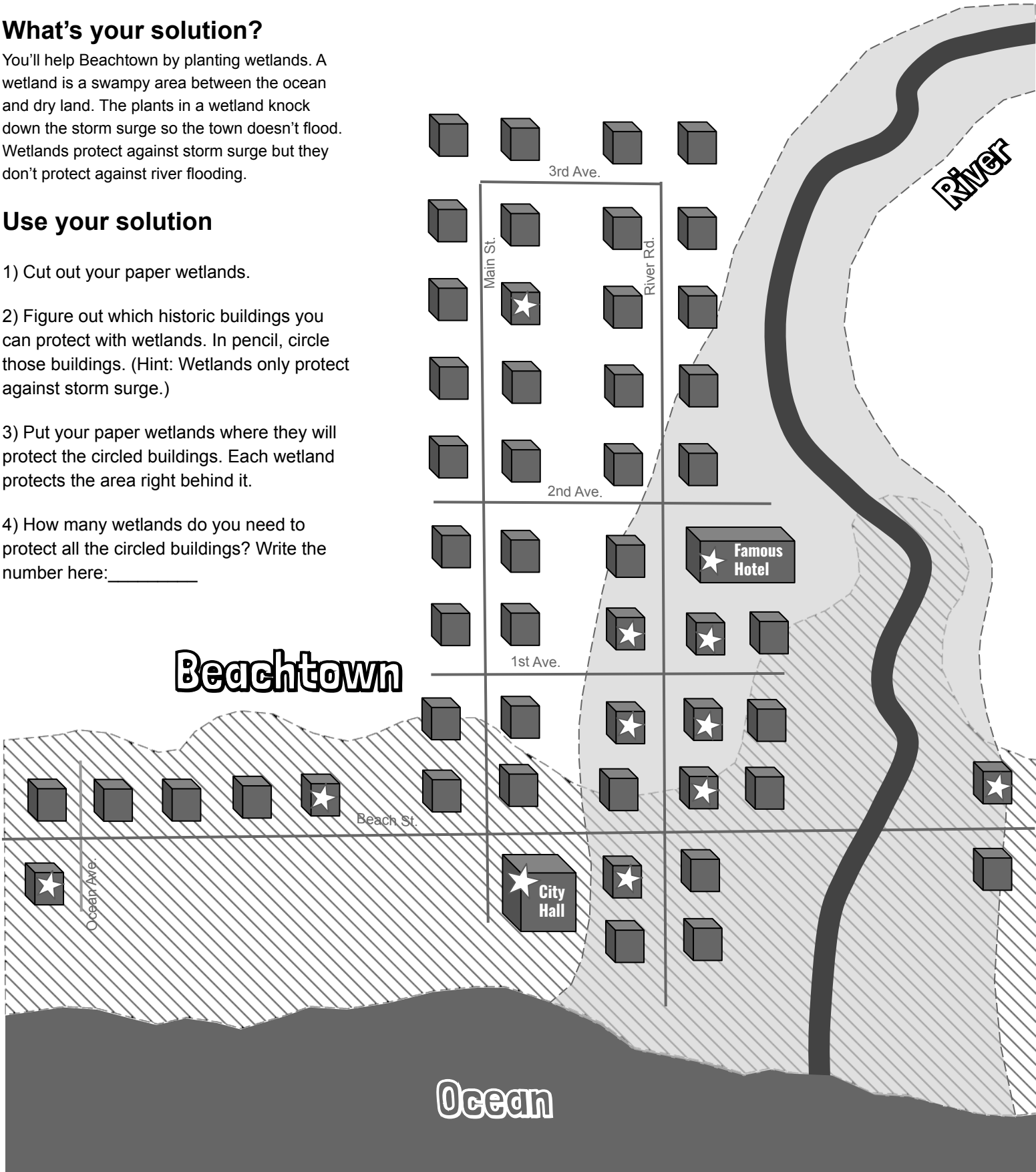


What's your solution?

You'll help Beachtown by planting wetlands. A wetland is a swampy area between the ocean and dry land. The plants in a wetland knock down the storm surge so the town doesn't flood. Wetlands protect against storm surge but they don't protect against river flooding.

Use your solution

- 1) Cut out your paper wetlands.
- 2) Figure out which historic buildings you can protect with wetlands. In pencil, circle those buildings. (Hint: Wetlands only protect against storm surge.)
- 3) Put your paper wetlands where they will protect the circled buildings. Each wetland protects the area right behind it.
- 4) How many wetlands do you need to protect all the circled buildings? Write the number here: _____



Seawall Engineer:

(your name here)

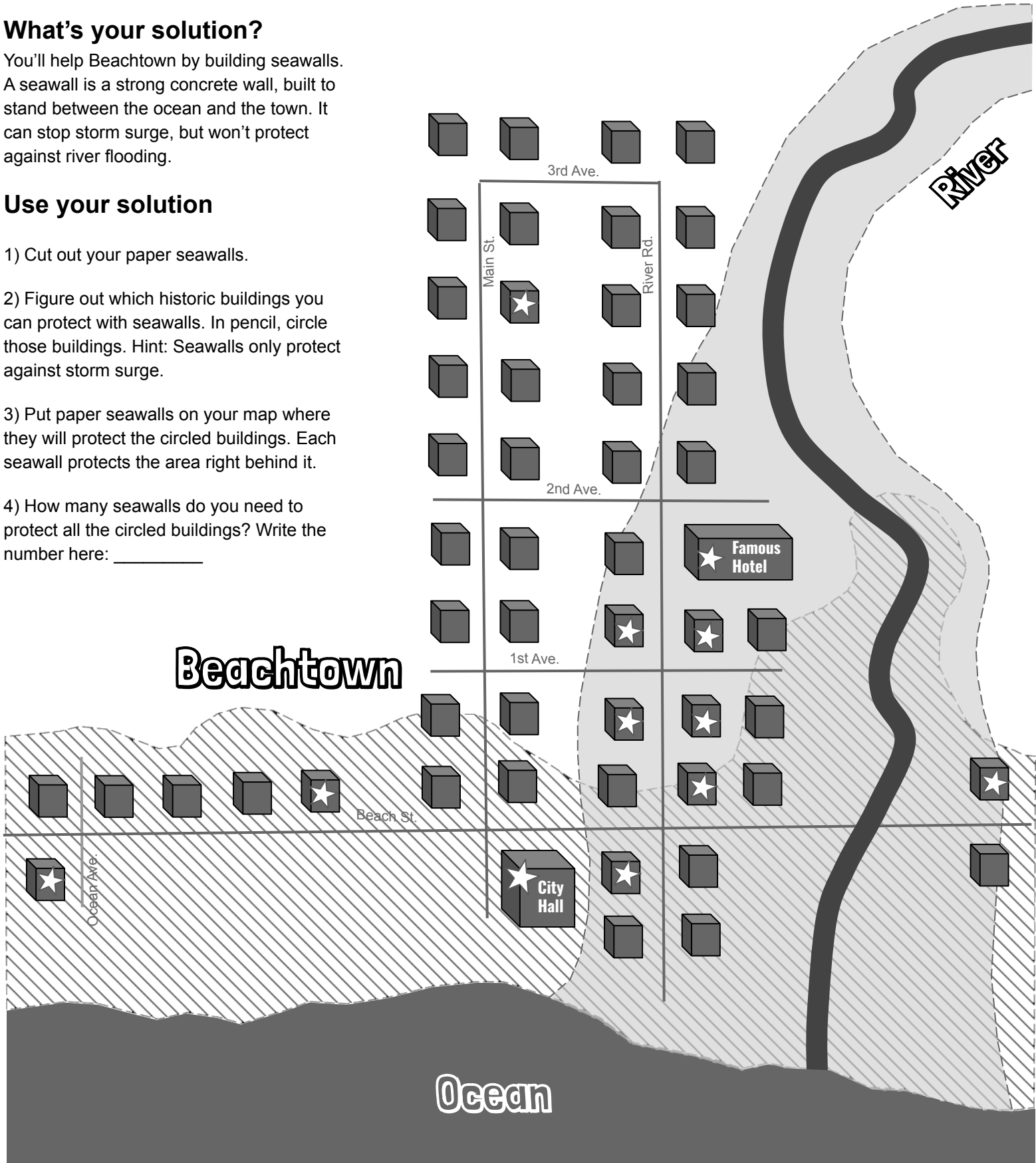


What's your solution?

You'll help Beachtown by building seawalls. A seawall is a strong concrete wall, built to stand between the ocean and the town. It can stop storm surge, but won't protect against river flooding.

Use your solution

- 1) Cut out your paper seawalls.
- 2) Figure out which historic buildings you can protect with seawalls. In pencil, circle those buildings. Hint: Seawalls only protect against storm surge.
- 3) Put paper seawalls on your map where they will protect the circled buildings. Each seawall protects the area right behind it.
- 4) How many seawalls do you need to protect all the circled buildings? Write the number here: _____



Key:



Flooded by the ocean storm surge



Flooded by river overflow (due to rain)



Historic building

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How can you save a town from a hurricane?

Levee Engineer:

(your name here)

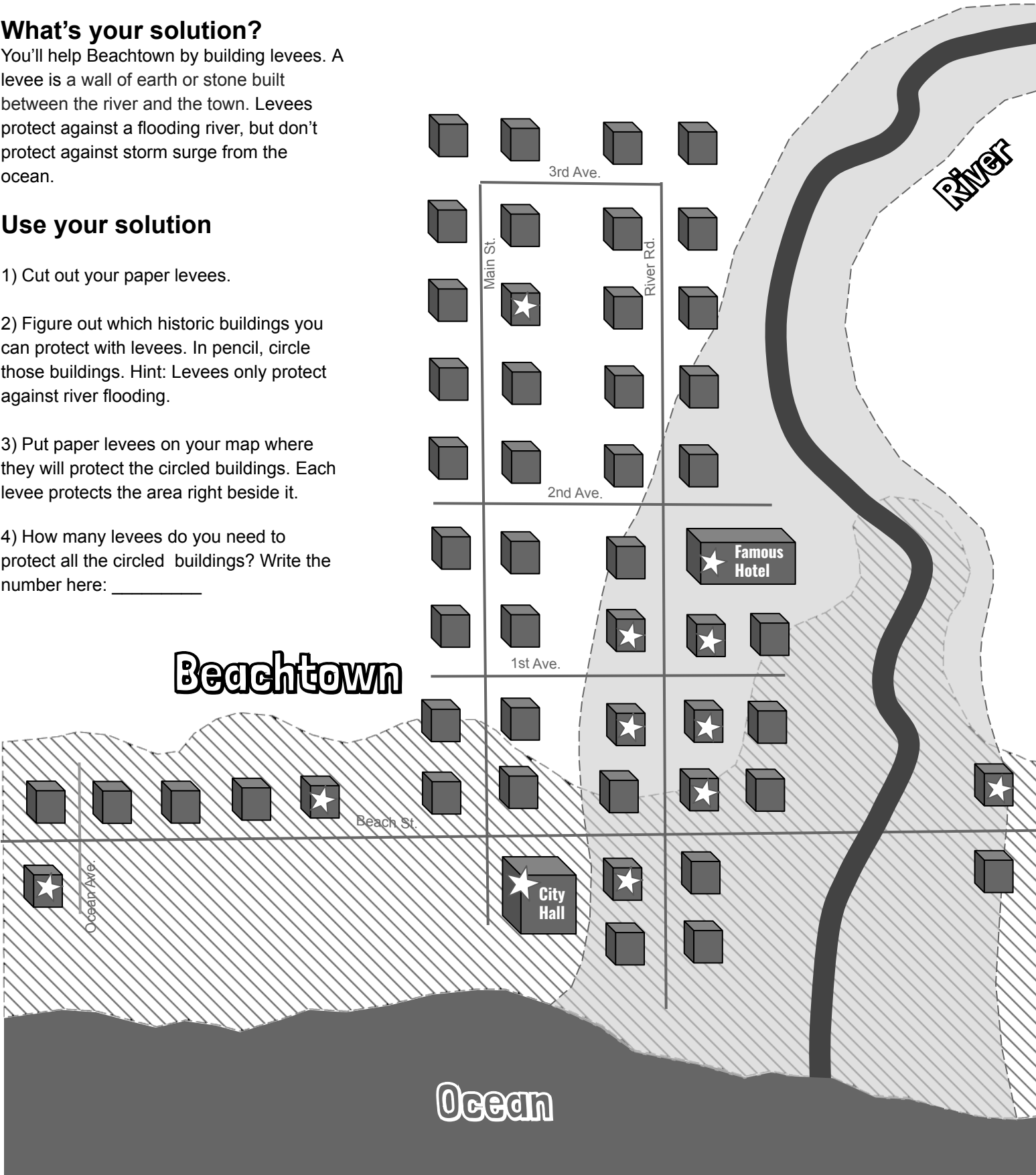


What's your solution?

You'll help Beachtown by building levees. A levee is a wall of earth or stone built between the river and the town. Levees protect against a flooding river, but don't protect against storm surge from the ocean.

Use your solution

- 1) Cut out your paper levees.
- 2) Figure out which historic buildings you can protect with levees. In pencil, circle those buildings. Hint: Levees only protect against river flooding.
- 3) Put paper levees on your map where they will protect the circled buildings. Each levee protects the area right beside it.
- 4) How many levees do you need to protect all the circled buildings? Write the number here: _____



Structural Engineer:

(your name here)

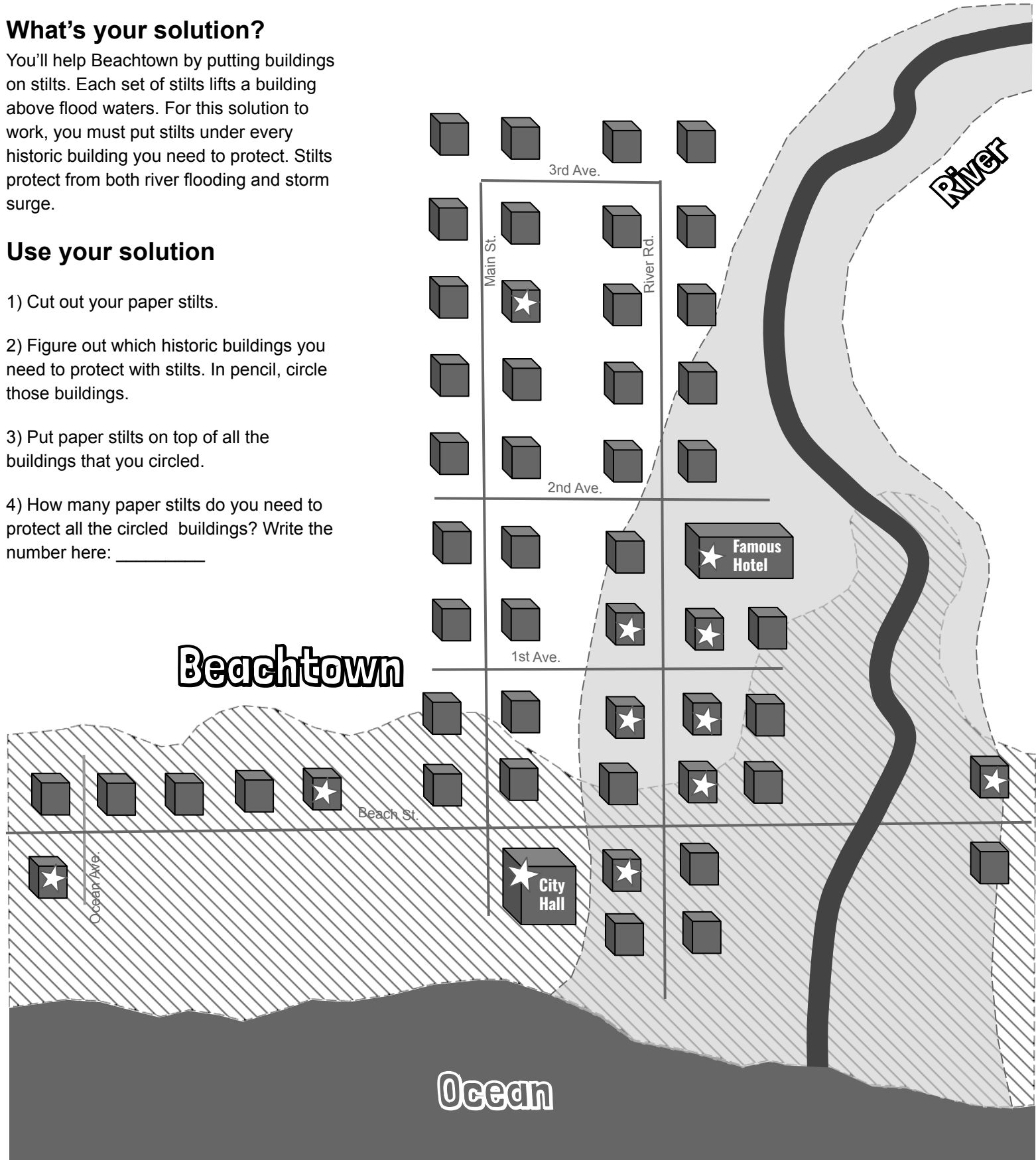


What's your solution?

You'll help Beachtown by putting buildings on stilts. Each set of stilts lifts a building above flood waters. For this solution to work, you must put stilts under every historic building you need to protect. Stilts protect from both river flooding and storm surge.

Use your solution

- 1) Cut out your paper stilts.
- 2) Figure out which historic buildings you need to protect with stilts. In pencil, circle those buildings.
- 3) Put paper stilts on top of all the buildings that you circled.
- 4) How many paper stilts do you need to protect all the circled buildings? Write the number here: _____



Key:



Flooded by the ocean storm surge



Flooded by river overflow (due to rain)



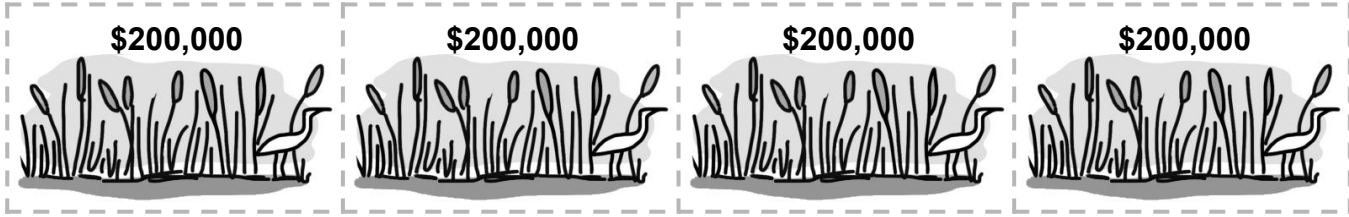
Historic building

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How can you save a town from a hurricane?

Environmental Engineer

Solution: Protect against storm surge by planting wetlands



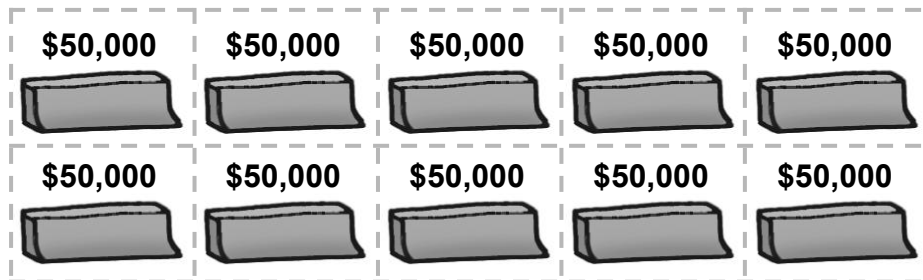
Structural Engineer

Solution: Protect against all kinds of floods by putting buildings on stilts



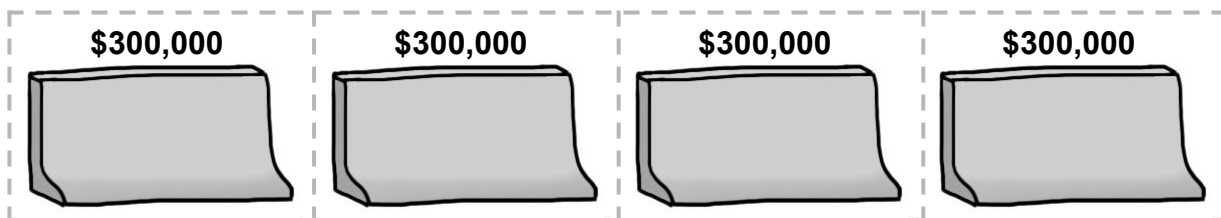
Levee Engineer

Solution: Protect against overflowing rivers by building levees

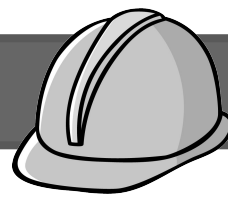


Seawall Engineer

Solution: Protect against storm surge by building seawalls



Final Plan for the Town Council



Team Name: _____

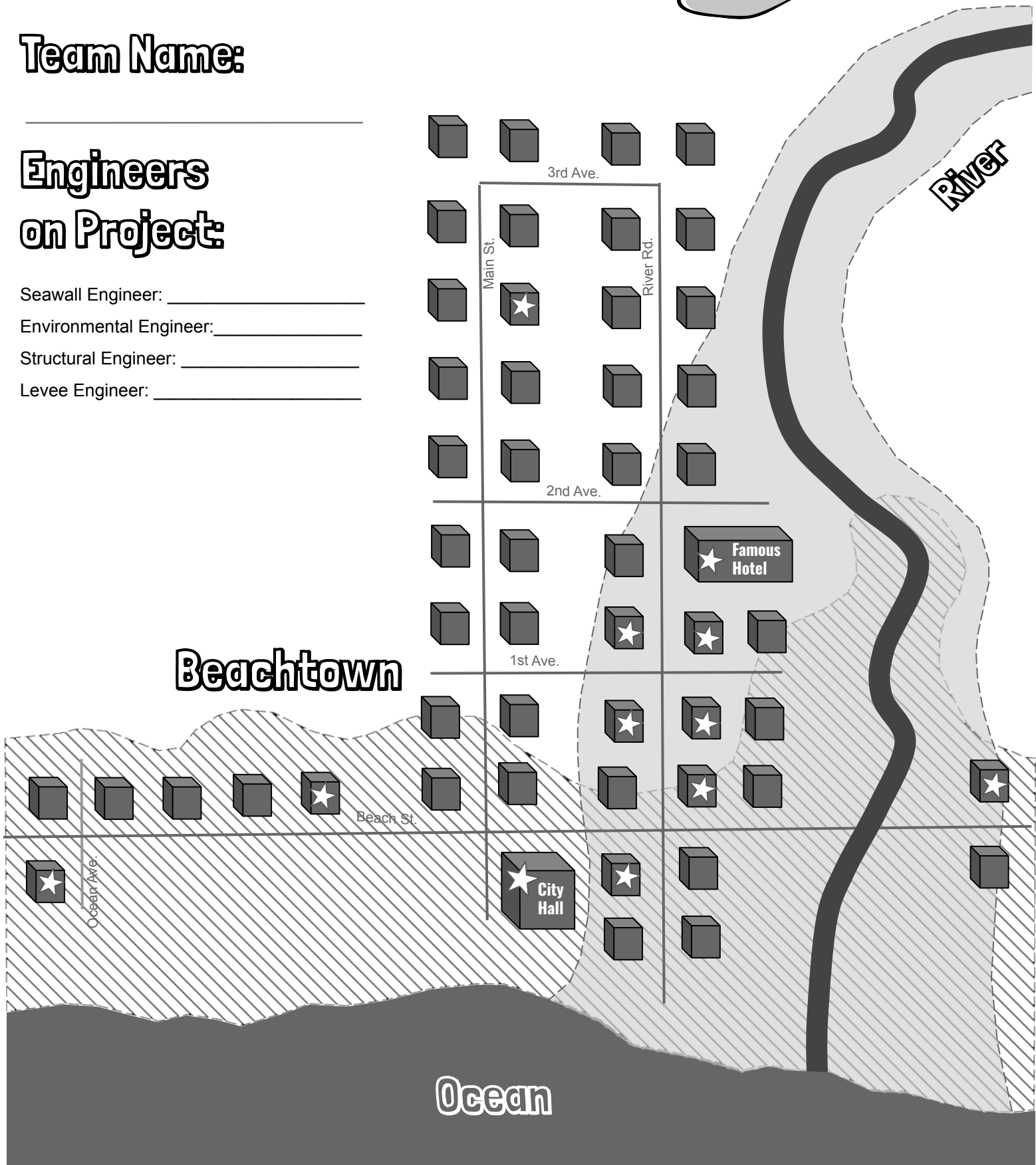
Engineers
on Project:

Seawall Engineer: _____

Environmental Engineer: _____

Structural Engineer: _____

Levee Engineer: _____



Key:



Flooded by the
ocean storm surge



Flooded by river
overflow (due to rain)

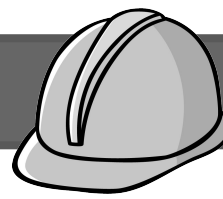


Historic
building

mystery science

How can you save a town
from a hurricane?

Final Plan for the Town Council



Team Name: _____

#1 Cost of Proposed Plan:

**Engineers
on Project:**

Seawall Engineer: _____

Environmental Engineer: _____

Structural Engineer: _____

Levee Engineer: _____

# of Each	Cost (# times cost of each)
#_____ seawalls at \$300,000 each	\$
#_____ wetlands at \$200,000 each	\$
#_____ levees at \$50,000 each	\$
#_____ buildings on stilts at \$150,000 each	\$
TOTAL COST (<i>add them up</i>):	Total: \$

Letter:

Dear Beachtown Town Council,

#2 If another hurricane strikes your town, our plan ensures that #_____ of the 12 historic buildings will be safe.

You gave us a budget of \$1,000,000. Our company's plan costs \$_____.

That's (*circle one*) under budget. / over budget. / exactly on budget.

#3 Our plan is the best because (*come up with at least three reasons*):

- _____

- _____

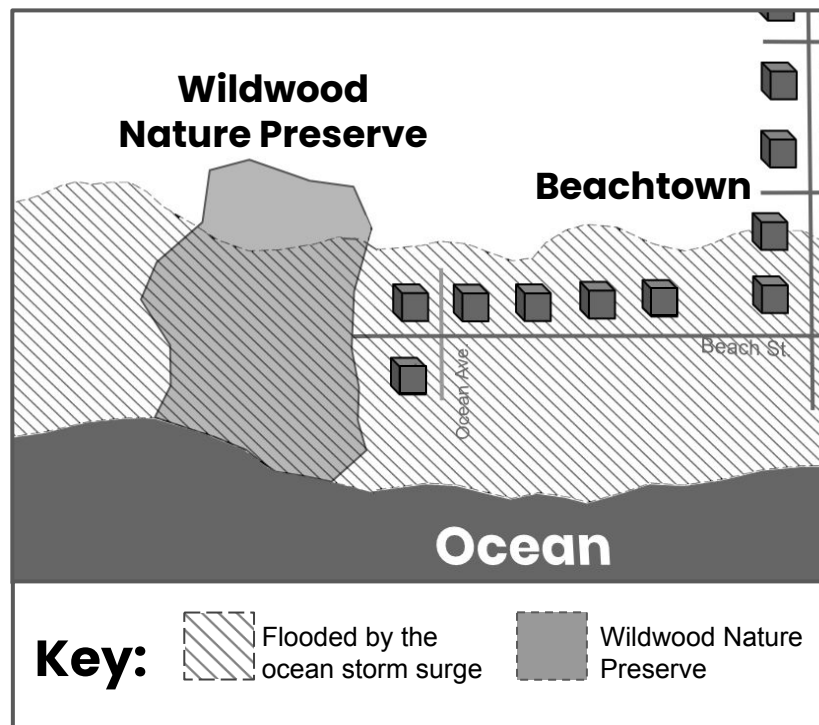
- _____

Act now to keep historic Beachtown safe from flooding. When the storm winds blow and it's raining buckets, you'll be glad you did.

Sincerely, Team _____

Lesson Assessment

The people of Beachtown recently completed a few big construction projects to save their town from flood damage. But the people of Beachtown are also worried about a special area nearby. This area is called Wildwood Nature Preserve. Most people just call it Wildwood. Many different plants and animals live in Wildwood, and the people of Beachtown love visiting those plants and animals. Look at the map below to see where Wildwood Nature Preserve is. Be sure to look at the key as well.



Flooding is dangerous for the plants and animals in Wildwood just like it is dangerous for Beachtown. The people of Beachtown want to do something to protect the plants and animals that live there.

1. On the lines below, **describe the problem** that the people of Beachtown want to solve and why they want to solve it.

The people of Beachtown have decided to do something to protect the plants and animals at Wildwood. There is a budget of \$1,000,000 for this project. It must protect the plants and animals from flooding. The finished design must also protect the natural beauty of Wildwood. The people of Beachtown don't want Wildwood to end up looking like a town—they want Wildwood to stay as close to natural as possible. Use this information to answer question 2.

2. The people of Beachtown have limits on what can be done to protect Wildwood. These limits are called constraints. They will only choose a plan that meets all of their constraints. What are the constraints that they have? **Circle all that are correct.**

- a. The finished design must cost \$1,000,000 or less.
- b. The finished design must look like it came from the same time period as the historic buildings of Beachtown.
- c. The finished design must look natural, so that it fits in with how Wildwood looks.
- d. The finished design must protect animals and plants.
- e. The finished design must be made of wood, because wood is natural.

Two companies have offered to design and build different things that will protect Wildwood. **Read the plan from each company below:**

Cosmic Concrete's Plan



We have a long history of helping Beachtown! Ten years ago, we built all of the sidewalks of Beachtown out of concrete, and the sidewalks still look brand new. At Wildwood, we will build seawalls out of the same kind of strong concrete you see all over Beachtown. They will only cost \$900,000 to build, and they will protect the plants and animals from flooding.

Wetland Wonders' Plan



We love visiting the plants and animals at Wildwood, too. We think that the best way to do this is to create wetlands along the beach. We will have to do extra work to get the beach ready for the wetlands, though. The total cost will be \$925,000 because of the extra work, but the wetlands will look natural and keep the plants and animals at Wildwood safe from flooding.

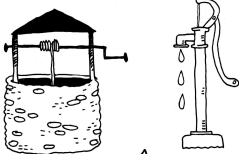
3. **Circle True or False** for each of the following.

- | | | |
|------|-------|--|
| True | False | Both plans meet all of the constraints for this project. |
| True | False | The fact that the concrete will look like the great sidewalks in Beachtown is actually a bad thing. |
| True | False | The plan from Cosmic Concrete is the best option because it is cheaper. |
| True | False | Even though the plan from Wetland Wonders is more expensive, it is the only plan that meets all of the constraints of the project. |

Drought Protection Kits Argument

Name: _____

Directions: Listen to the sales pitch and farmer’s comments about each Drought Protection Kit the general store has for sale. Write the pros and cons for each kit below.

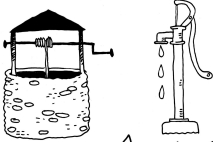
Kits	Pros	Cons
KIT #1 ACME WELL-DIGGER KIT  A WELL AND A FRESHWATER PUMP!		
KIT #2 E-Z GROW-A-LOT KIT  BRAND NEW TRACTOR!		
KIT #3 GRANDMA'S FAVORITE KIT  WHEAT THAT GROWS WITH LESS WATER!		
KIT # 4 WONDERFUL WIND BLOCKER KIT  25 JUJUBE TREES!		

Drought Protection Kits Argument

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Drought Protection Kits For Sale!

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KIT #4 WONDERFUL WIND BLOCKER KIT



25 JUJUBE TREES!

Make a claim:

I'm buying Kit # _____. My kit includes _____.

Support with evidence:

This kit is the best choice to protect my farm against a drought because _____

My Kansas Farm

Name: _____



1. What problems could a drought cause on your farm?

My Kansas Farm

Name: _____

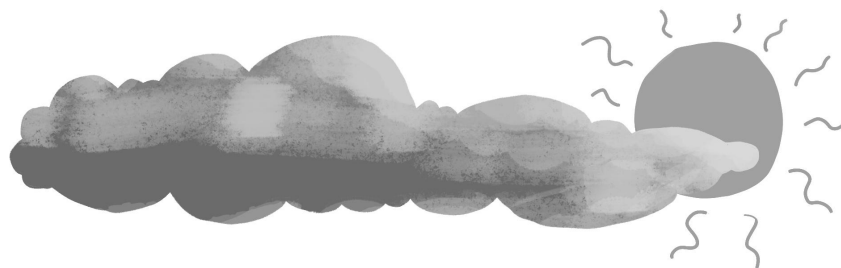
Farm Resources: *Here's what your farm has on it.*

- Water source: Rainfall
- 100 acres of planted corn
- 100 acres of pasture land with native grasses
- A small tractor that's 10 years old
- A milk cow and her calf

2. What resources does your farm have that will protect it from a drought?

3. What changes would you make to your farm to protect it from a drought?

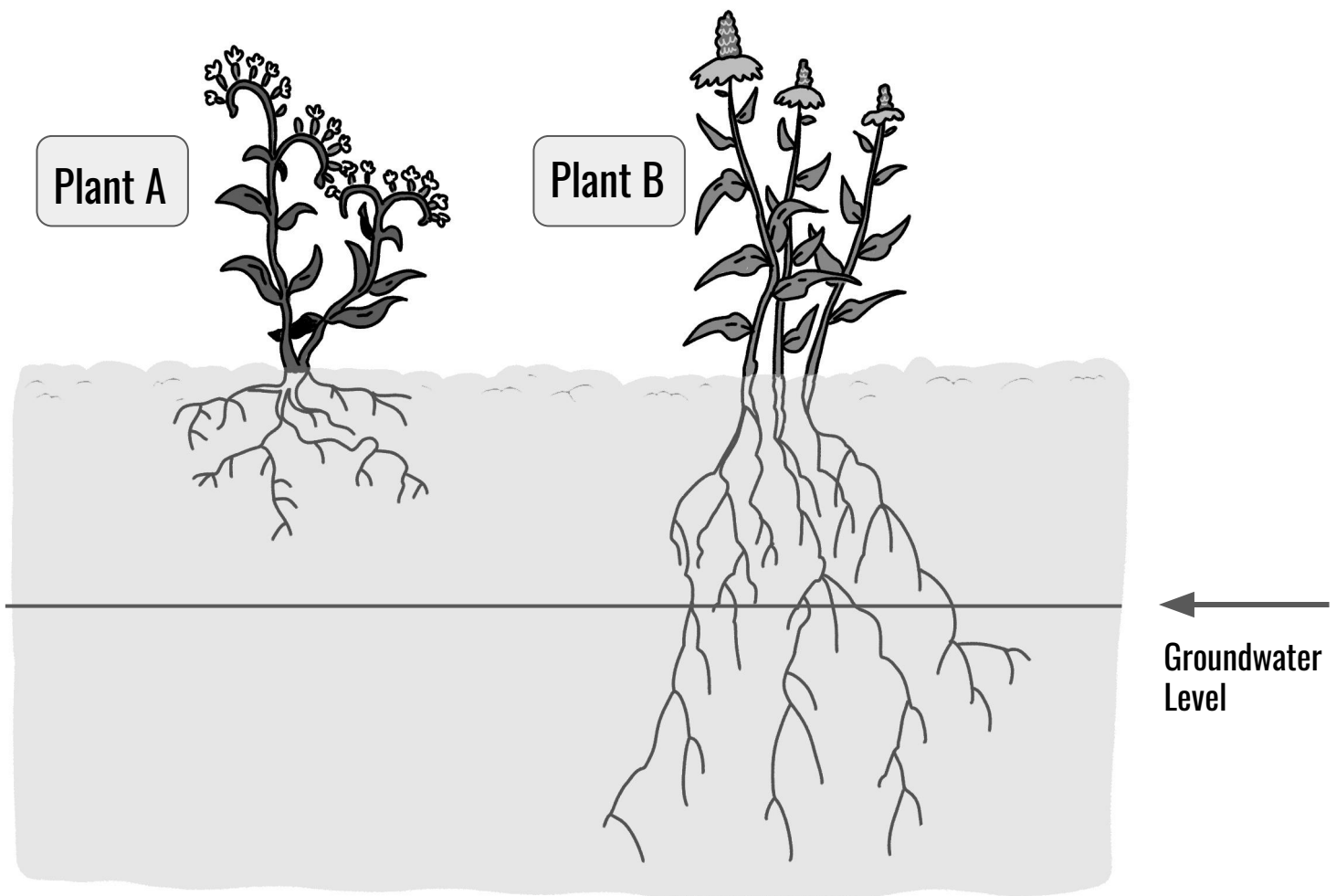
Unit Assessment



It just stopped raining and now the Sun is shining, which is causing the air to warm up. Alisha decides to go outside and jump in the rain puddles on the pavement of the playground. When she comes back to the playground the next day, she notices that the puddles have all disappeared overnight, even though the puddles couldn't have soaked through the playground pavement.

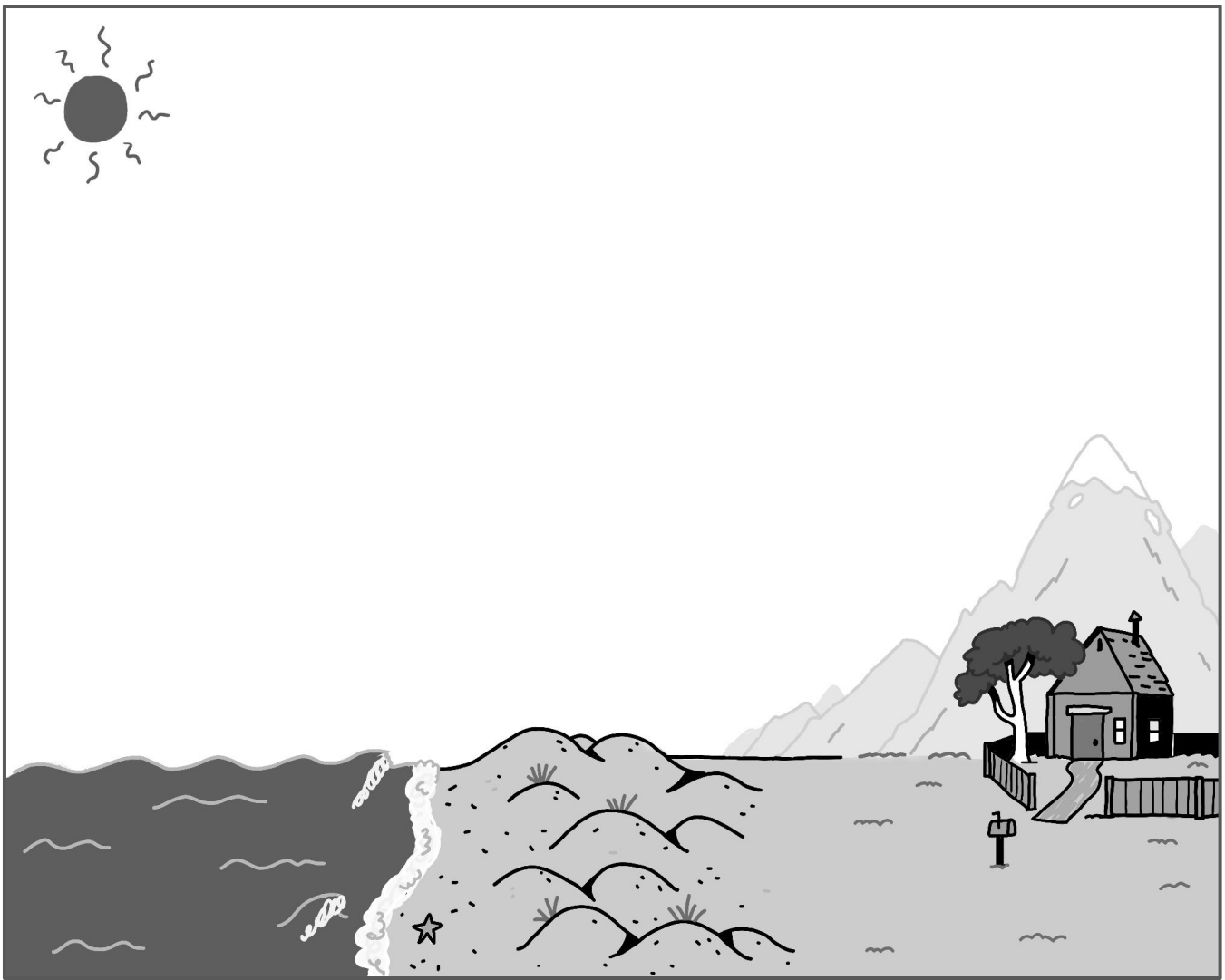
1. Draw arrows and add words on the picture above to show how the puddles disappeared.

2. The Earth can be thought of as four systems (land, air, water, and living things). Two of these systems interacting caused the puddles to disappear from the playground. List which two systems you think they are and then describe how their interaction caused the puddles to disappear.



3. Jayden is trying to grow a flower garden in his town. He wants to grow two types of plants, Plant A and Plant B. Plant A has short, shallow roots and Plant B has long, deep roots. It hasn't rained in a very long time in Jayden's town. There is groundwater below the line shown in the picture above. Draw arrows and add words to the picture above to show how each plant does or does not interact with the groundwater.

4. Jayden wants to plant more flowers in his garden, but he also wants to conserve water. He wants to choose plants that won't need to be watered with a hose. Which plant, Plant A or Plant B, is a better option for Jayden's garden? Why? Use evidence from the model above to support your answer.



5. Sara lives in a house near the ocean. Both the air near her house and the ocean are very warm. Draw arrows on the picture above to show how the ocean (hydrosphere) can interact with the air (atmosphere) to eventually bring rain to Sara's yard. Add labels that include these words:

Condensation

Evaporation

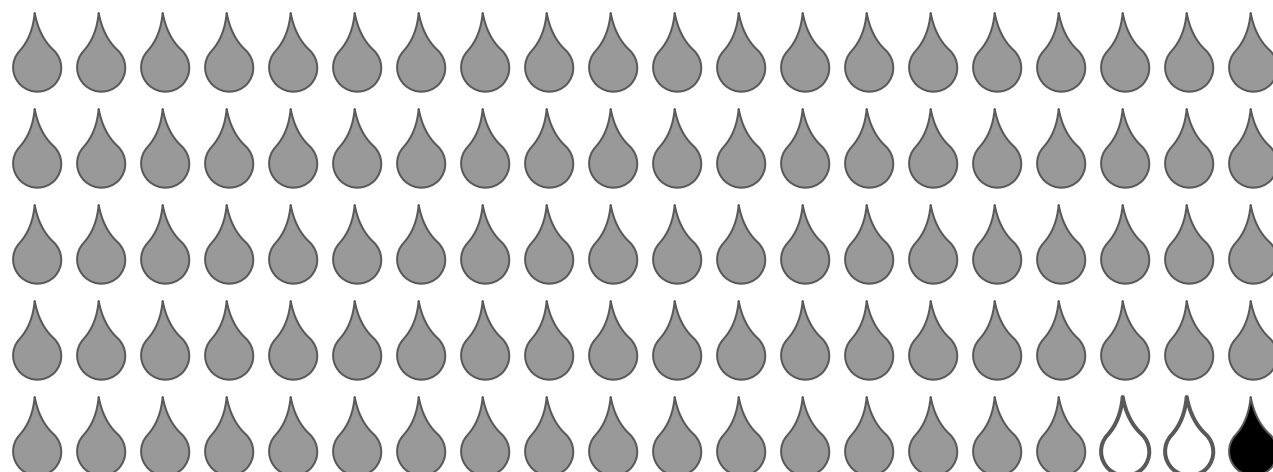
Clouds

Rain

6. If the ocean stays the same temperature, but the air above the ocean changes to become very cold, what do you predict will most likely happen?

- a. It would probably rain less in Sara's yard because there will be less evaporation.
- b. It would probably rain less in Sara's yard because there will be less condensation.
- c. It would probably rain more in Sara's yard because there will be more evaporation.
- d. It would probably rain more in Sara's yard because there will be more condensation.

The Amount of Water on Earth



KEY

1 drop = 1 percent



= Salt Water



= Frozen Water



= Fresh Water

The picture above is a type of graph that shows information about the amount of water on Earth. There are 100 drops to represent 100% of the water on Earth. Use this graph to help you answer Questions 7, 8, and 9.

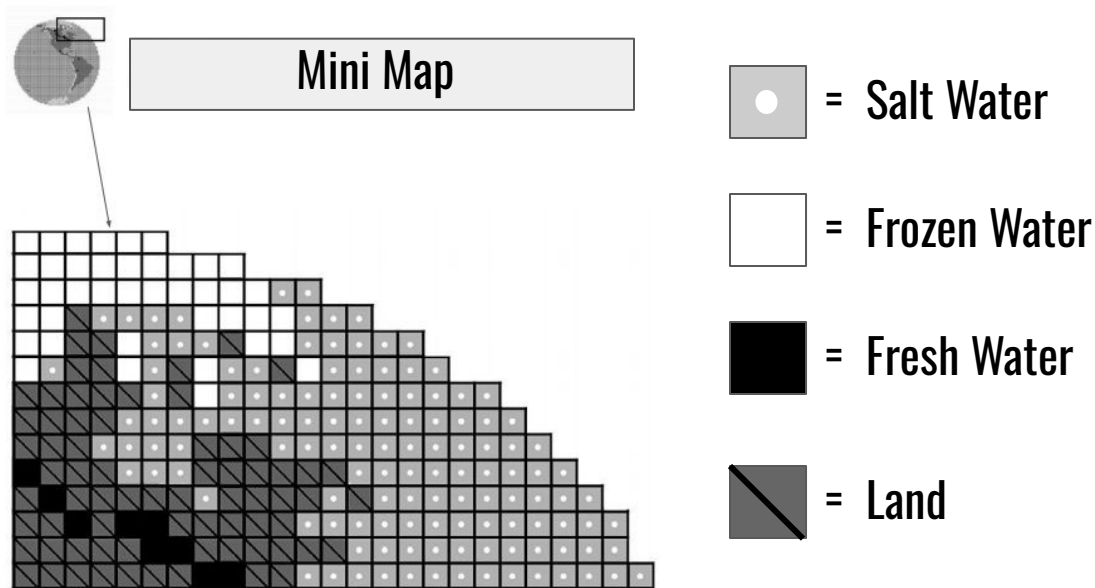
7. How would you describe the Earth's water?

- Most of Earth's water is salt water. The little bit of fresh water on Earth is mostly frozen.
- Most of Earth's water is fresh water. The little bit of salt water on Earth is mostly frozen.
- Most of Earth's water is salt water. The little bit of fresh water on Earth is not frozen.
- Most of Earth's water is fresh water. Most of the salt water is frozen.

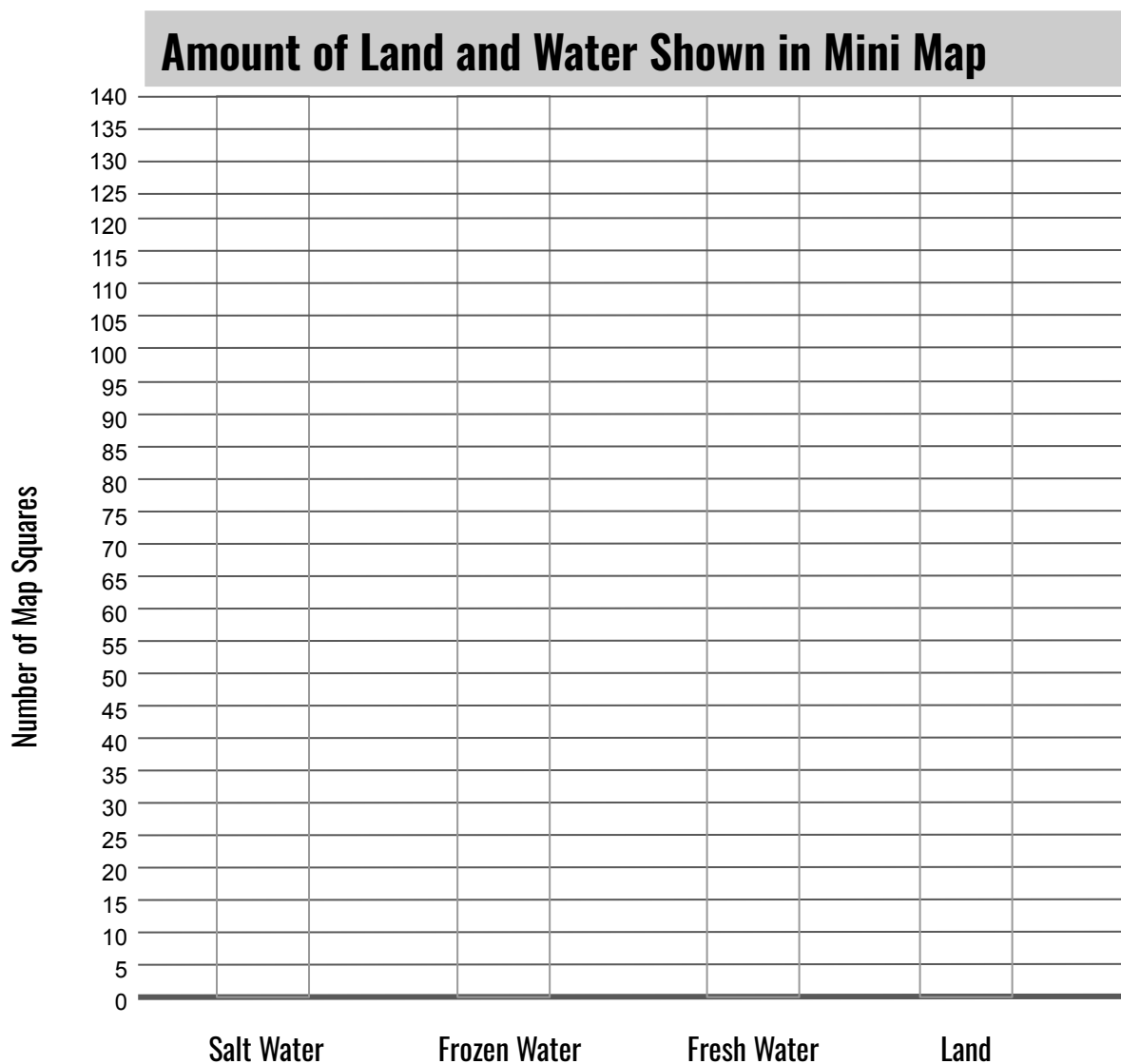
8. What percentage of Earth's water is NOT salt water?

- 1%
- 2%
- 3%
- 97%

9. Describe why it's important to protect the Earth's freshwater resources. Use the graph above and any other information that you know about Earth's water to support your reasoning.

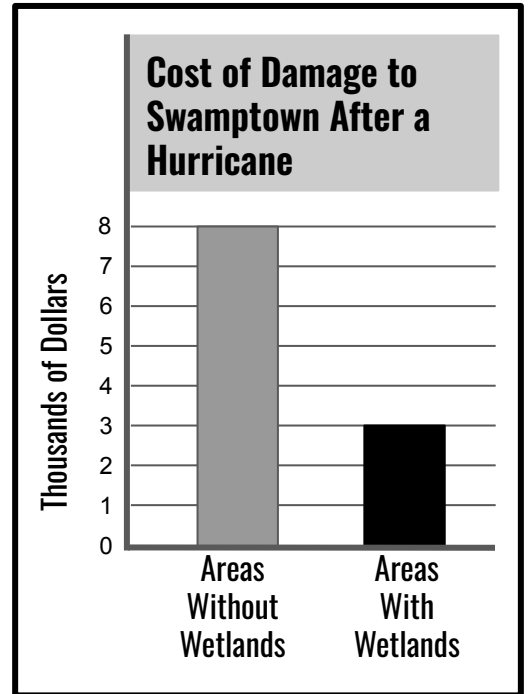
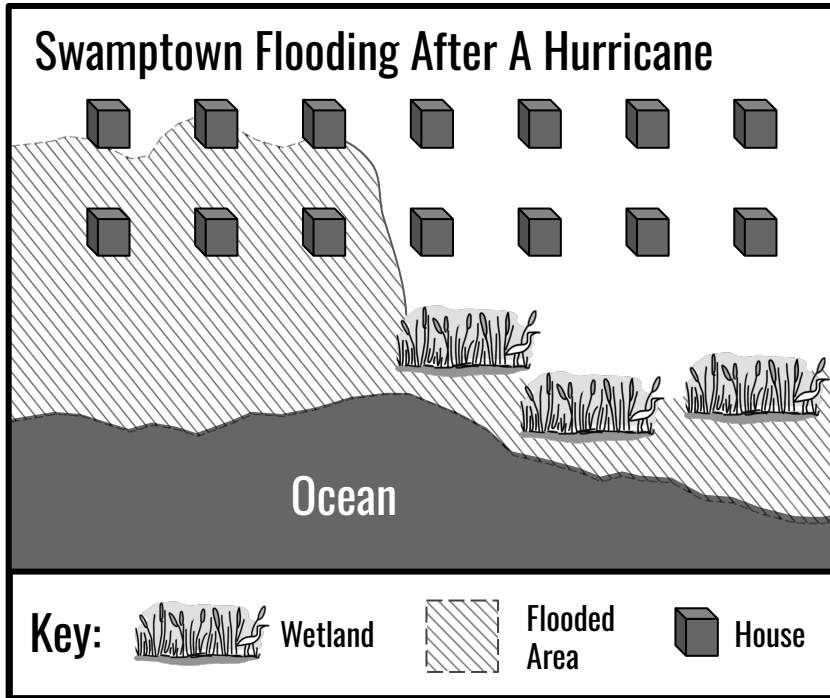


10. The Mini Map above shows the land and types of water in a small part of the world. There are 130 squares of salt water, 41 squares of frozen water, 9 squares of fresh water, and 72 squares of land. Use this information to complete the bar graph below, adding gray bars to compare the types of water and the land in this area.



11. Swamptown is a city in Florida located near the ocean. The city becomes flooded almost every year after hurricanes pass through. Half of the city is protected by wetlands -- swampy areas between the ocean and dry land. The wetlands are home to many plants and animals that can't live anywhere else.

Daniel from the Acme Construction company wants to remove the wetlands and replace them with houses. Naomi, a conservation biologist, argues that Daniel shouldn't do this. Naomi thinks the people in Swamptown should protect the wetlands. You go to the library and find the following map and graph that shows what happens to Swamptown after a hurricane.

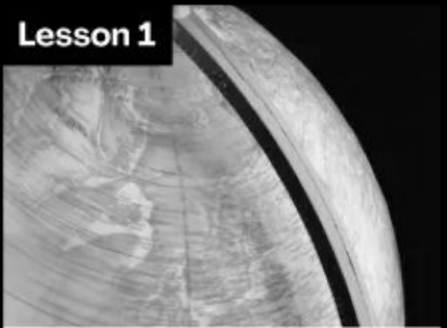


Based on the information you found, what do you think Swamptown should do? Should the city protect the wetlands? Support your answer with evidence.

Earth & Space Patterns

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Lesson 1



How fast does the Earth spin?

Lesson 2



Who set the first clock?

Lesson 3



How can the Sun tell you the season?

Lesson 4



Why do the stars change with the seasons?

Lesson 5



Why does the Moon change shape?

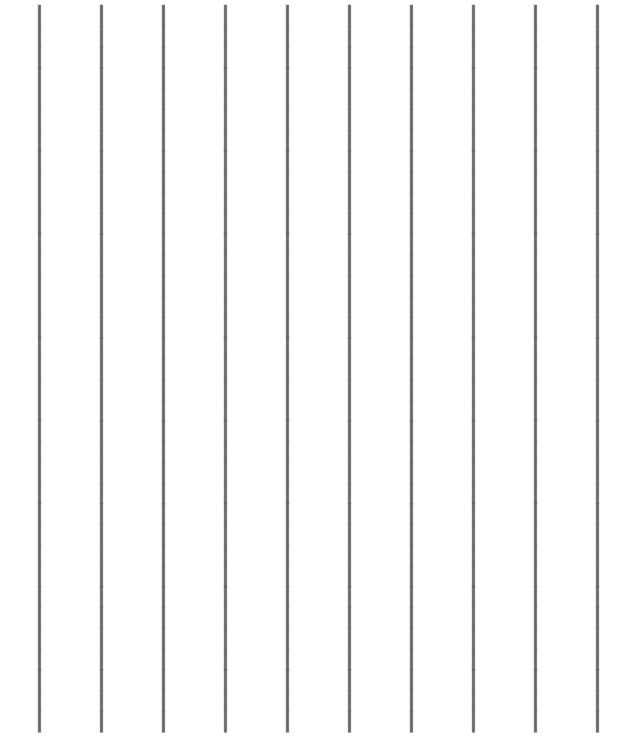
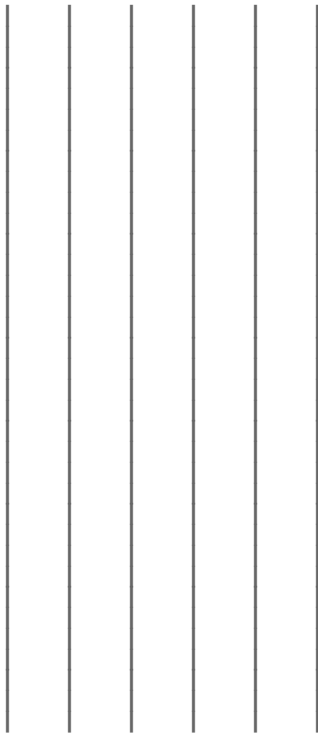
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mystery science
Earth & Space Patterns
Anchor Phenomenon

Date: _____ Your Ideas-Version #: _____

Directions: Use these images and writing space to record your observations of the night sky. Draw what you notice. Make notes of what you think about the patterns that you see. You'll add new information after each Mystery.

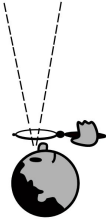
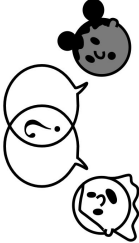
If you need more space for drawings or notes, use the back of this page.



See-Think-Wonder Chart

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Name: _____

See What did you observe? 	Think How can you explain what is happening? 	Wonder What questions do you have? 

A

B



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How fast does the Earth spin?

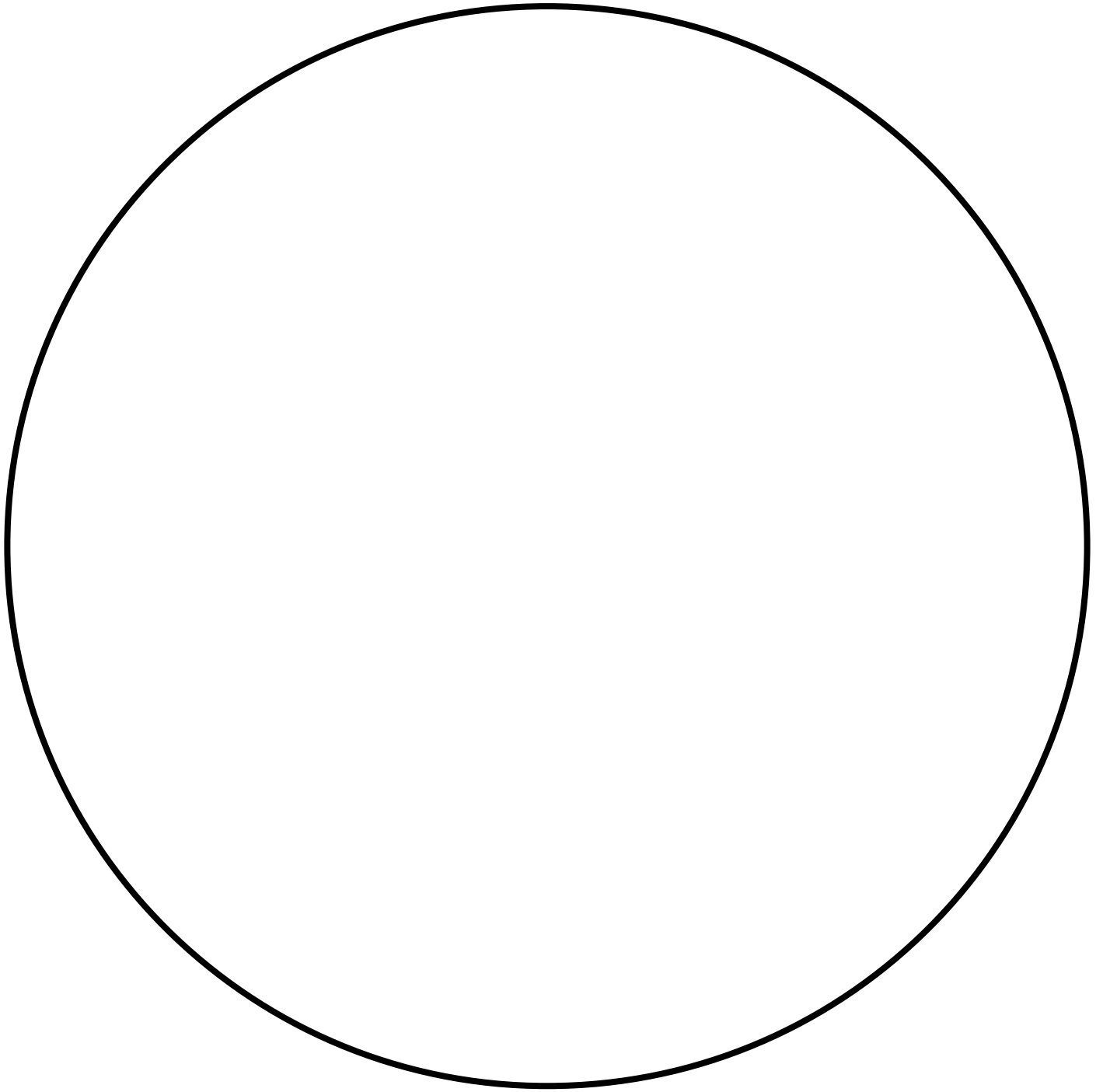
B

A



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How fast does the Earth spin?



The Sun

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How fast does the Earth spin?

Lesson Assessment

1. Two friends, Dante and Kim, talk on the phone every day. The images on the right show what it looks like outside whenever Dante and Kim talk on the phone. Using information from the images, which of the following sentences are true? **Circle True or False** for each sentence.

True False When it's daytime for Dante, it's nighttime for Kim.

True False When it's daytime for Kim, it's daytime for Dante.

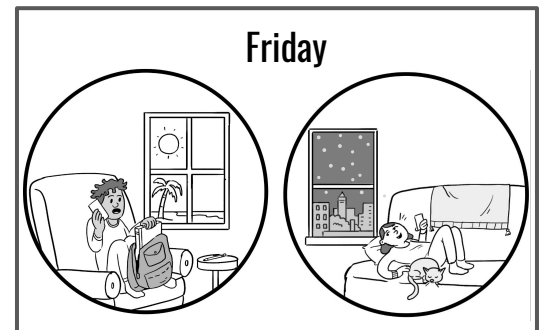
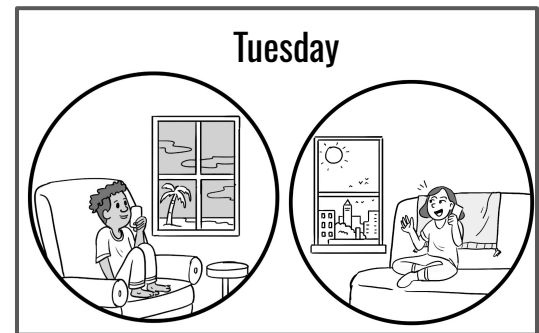
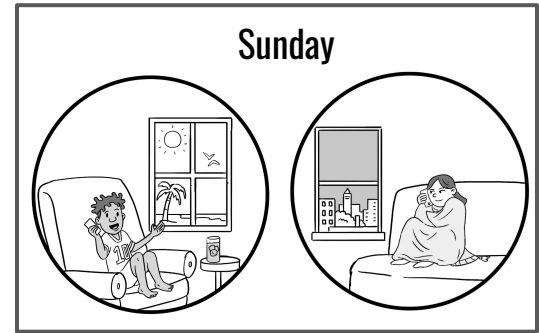
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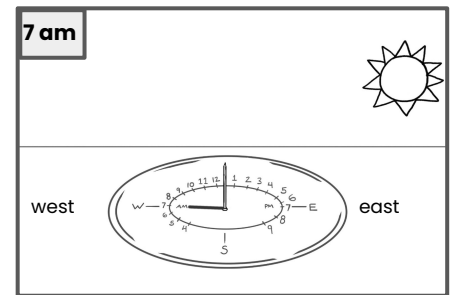
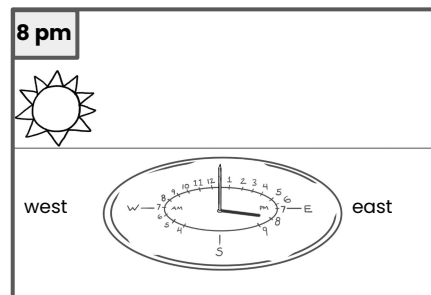
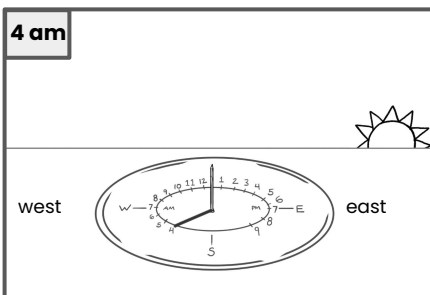
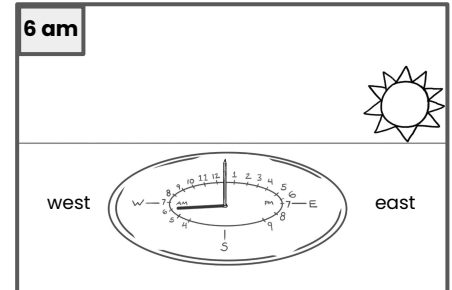
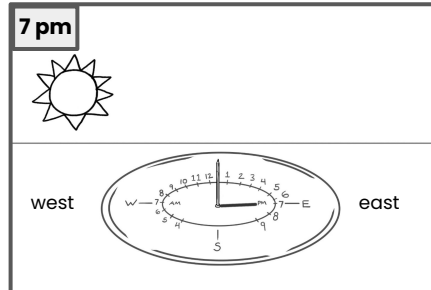
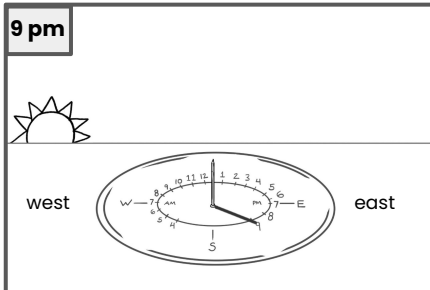
2. **Looking at the pattern of day and night** in the images above, what can you say about where Dante and Kim live?

- Dante and Kim must live on the same side of the Earth.
- Dante and Kim must live on opposite sides of the Earth.
- Dante lives at the North Pole and Kim lives at the South Pole.
- Dante lives at the South Pole and Kim lives at the North Pole.

3. **Compare the images** of Dante and Kim on Sunday and Tuesday. What caused the change that you see in the sky? (Hint: Think about the rotation of the Earth.)



Lesson Assessment



1. Joe made a shadow clock and then made observations throughout the day. Above are six images that show the time of day and the location of the Sun in the sky at each of those times. Using the images above, complete the table on the right with the correct location of the Sun at each time. **Circle if the Sun is closer to the west or east** for each time.

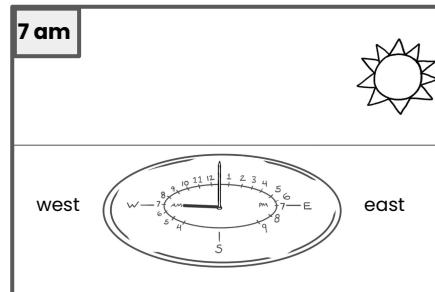
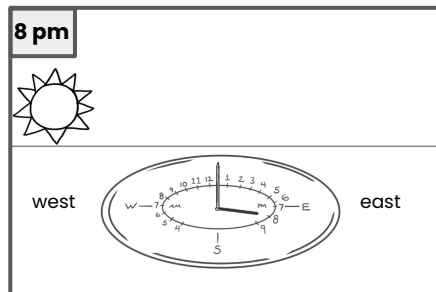
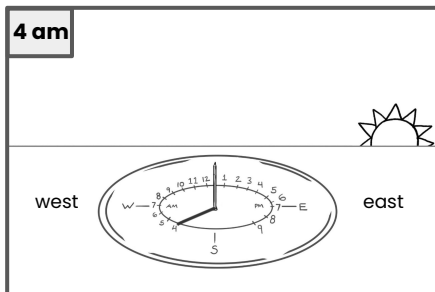
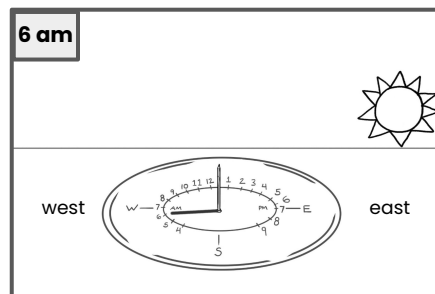
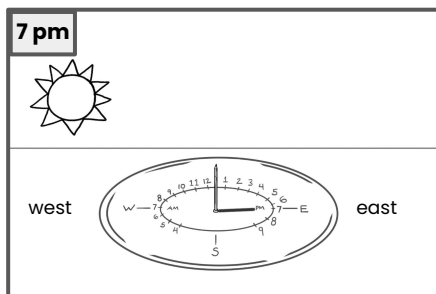
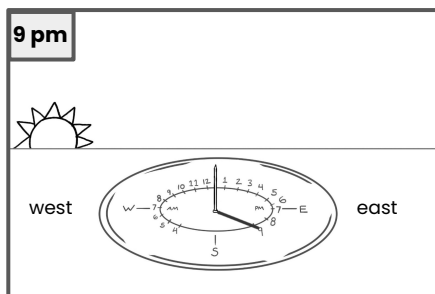
2. Using information from the table on the right, which of the following sentences are true? **Circle True or False** for each sentence.

Time	Location of the Sun	
4am	west	east
6am	west	east
7am	west	east
7pm	west	east
8pm	west	east
9pm	west	east

True False The location of the Sun is always in the **west** in the morning.

True False The location of the Sun is always in the **west** in the evening.

True False The Sun rises in the **east** at the start of the day and sets in the **west** at the end of the day.



After taking another look at his shadow clock, Joe makes another observation. He notices that the Sun's position changes throughout the day, but he also notices that the length of the shadow that the clock makes changes too. Joe decides to measure the length of the shadow at different times throughout the day. Joe records the length of the shadow in the table on the right.

3. Using information from the table on the right, which of the following patterns do you notice?

Circle True or False for each sentence.

Time	Length of Shadow
4am	7 cm
6am	5 cm
7am	4 cm
7pm	4 cm
8pm	5 cm
9pm	7 cm

True False Shadows change throughout the day and there is no pattern.

True False Shadows are longer in the early morning and late evening.

True False Shadows are longest in the morning and decrease in length throughout the day.

4. Looking at the length of shadows, what would you expect the shadow at 5:00pm to look like?

- At 5:00pm, the shadow will likely be shorter than the shadow at 7:00pm.
- At 5:00pm, the shadow will likely be the same as the shadow length at 7:00pm.
- At 5:00pm, the shadow will likely be longer than the shadow at 7:00pm.
- At 5:00pm, there won't be a shadow because it's evening.

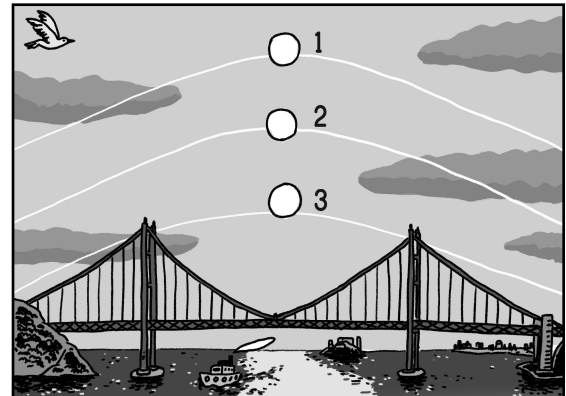
Lesson Assessment

The image on the right shows the path of the Sun across the sky during different seasons when viewed from the Earth. Each path number represents the following season:

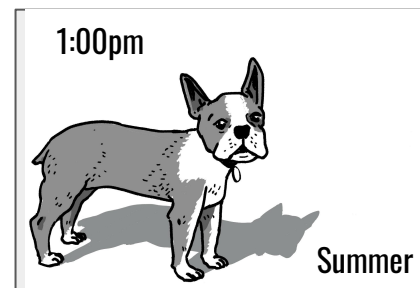
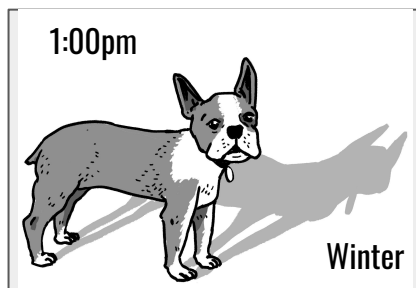
1 = Summer

2 = Spring and Fall

3 = Winter



Keisha takes her dog out for a walk every day across the bridge shown in the image above. Keisha notices that her dog's shadow doesn't always look the same throughout the year, even though she always takes him for a walk at the exact same time of day. Below are two photos of Keisha's dog. One photo was taken during the winter and one photo was taken during the summer.



1. Using information from the images above, which of the following patterns do you notice?

Circle all correct answers. There may be more than one correct answer.

- a. Shadows are longer in winter when the Sun's path is lower in the sky.
- b. Shadows are longer in winter when the Sun's path is higher in the sky.
- c. Shadows are shorter in the summer when the Sun's path is higher in the sky.
- d. Shadows are shorter in the summer when the Sun's path is lower in the sky.

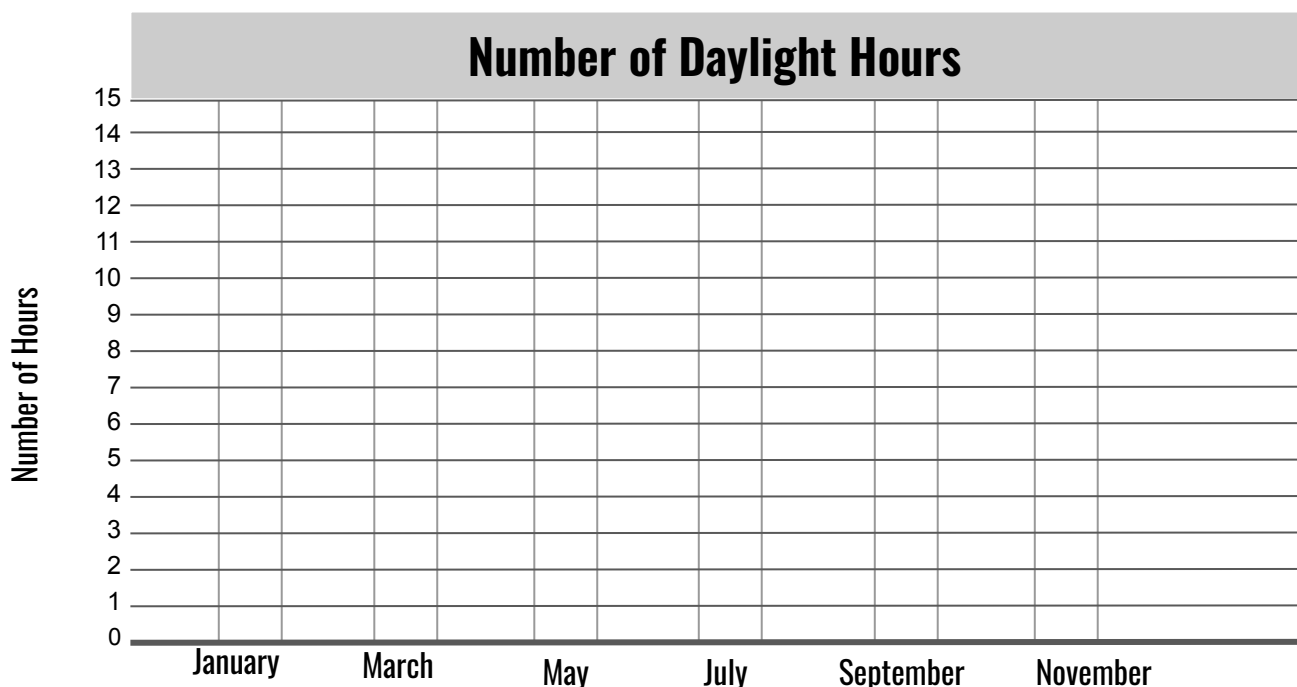
2. The Earth rotates on its axis once a day. The Moon orbits around the Earth once a month. The Earth orbits around the Sun once a year. In the image with the bridge, you can observe that the path of the Sun across the sky changes. What most likely causes that path to take as long as it does to change?

- a. The Earth's rotation is most likely the cause because the pattern changes daily.
- b. The orbit of the Moon around the Earth is most likely the cause because the pattern changes monthly.
- c. The orbit of the Earth around the Sun is most likely the cause because the pattern changes yearly.

3. Keisha loves taking her dog for long walks. But she only likes to walk him during daylight. Keisha wants to figure out if she can take her dog out for longer walks in any particular season throughout the year.

The table on the right shows the time of sunrise and sunset for different months of the year where Keisha lives. **Complete the table** with the total number of daylight hours shown for each month. Then, use those numbers to **complete the graph** below.

Month	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight Hours
January	7:30am	5:30pm	
March	7:00am	7:00pm	
May	6:30am	7:30pm	
July	6:30am	8:30pm	
September	7:00am	7:00pm	
November	7:30am	6:30pm	

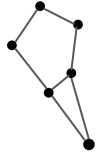


4. The number of daylight hours in the table above follows a pattern. First, **describe the pattern** that you notice. Then, look back at the images on Page 1. How do the images help to explain the pattern?

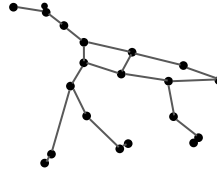
Constellation Guide

Some constellations that you can see in the sky each season:

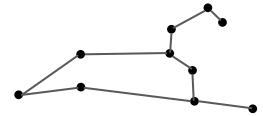
spring



Bootes,
the Ice Cream Cone



Ursa Major,
the Big Bear



Leo,
the Lion

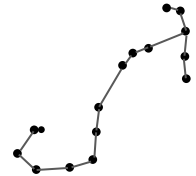
summer



Lyra,
the Harp

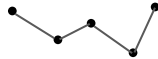


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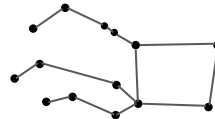


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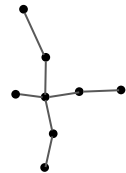
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Cassiopeia,
the Crown



Pegasus,
the Horse
(head and front legs)

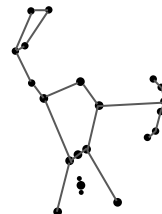


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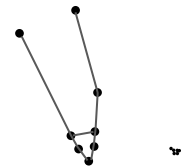
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Canis Major,
the Big Dog



Orion,
the Hunter



Taurus,
the Bull's horns

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Why do the stars change with the seasons?



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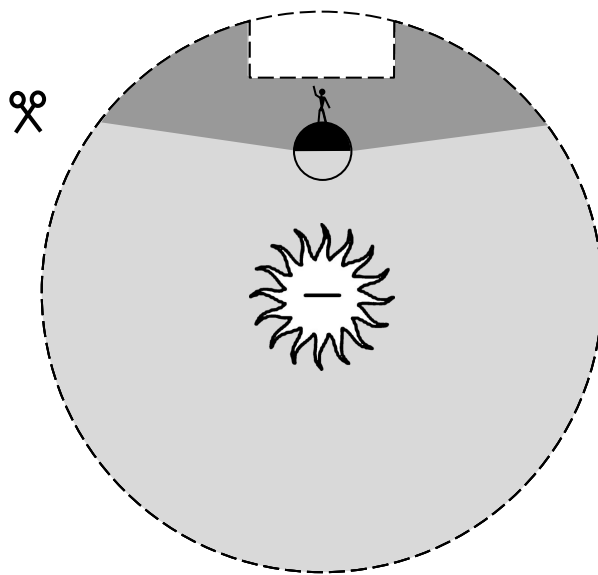
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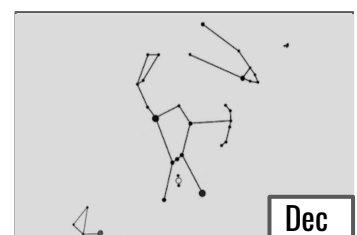
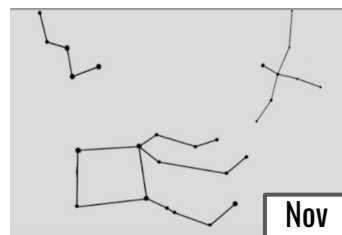
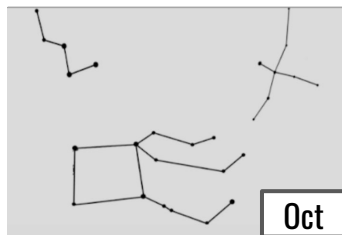
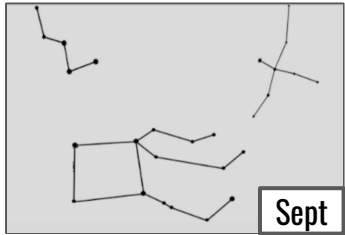
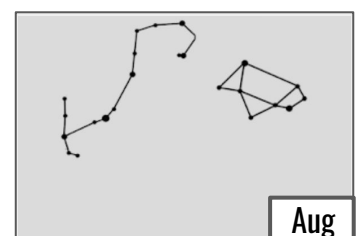
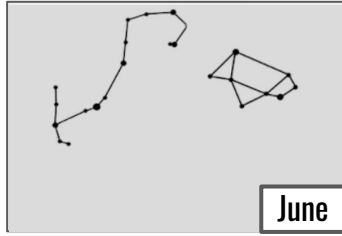
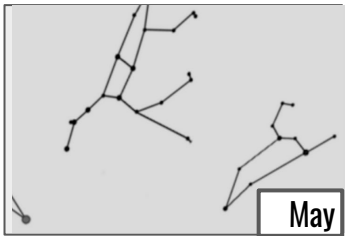
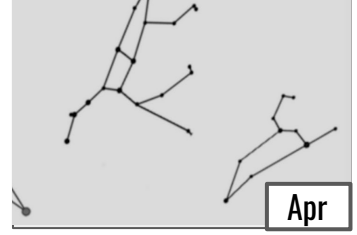
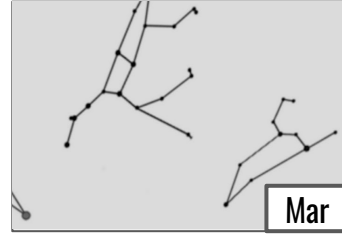
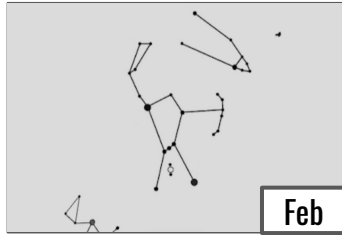
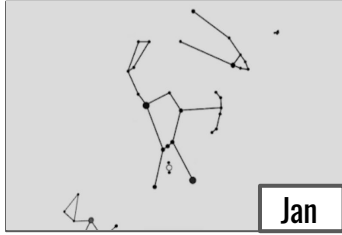
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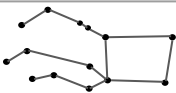
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Lesson Assessment



1. Darion has a telescope and he loves looking up at the constellations. Above are pictures that he drew of his favorite constellations he could see in the night sky each month throughout the year. Using the chart below, add an "X" in the first row for each month that you see the constellation "Pegasus" in the sky. In the second row, add an "X" for every month that you see the constellation "Leo" in the sky. In the third row, add an "X" for every month that you see the constellation "Sagittarius" in the sky.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Pegasus												
 Leo												
 Sagittarius												

2. Using information from the table you created for Question #1, which of the following patterns do you notice? Circle **True** or **False** for each sentence.

True False All constellations can be seen at every month throughout the year.

True False The constellation Pegasus can only be seen in the fall/autumn months (Sept/Oct/Nov).

True False The constellation Leo can only be seen in the spring months (Mar/Apr/May).

True False The constellation Sagittarius can only be seen in the winter months (Dec/Jan/Feb).

3. The Earth rotates on its axis. The Earth completes one rotation each day. The Earth also revolves around the Sun. The Earth completes this revolution (also called an orbit) around the Sun once every year. Do you think it's the Earth's rotation **OR** the Earth's revolution that is the reason for the pattern you see in the constellations? Why do you think that?

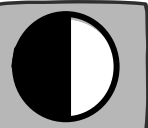
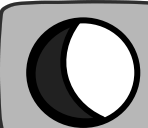
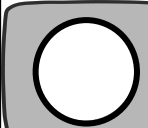
[Hint: Look at the table in Question #1 for a clue.]

Lesson Assessment

1. Jin notices that the Moon doesn't always look the same every night. Jin wants to figure out if there is a pattern in how the appearance of the Moon changes. He has a telescope and decides to take a photo of the Moon each night for two weeks. The table below shows some of the photos that Jin took of the Moon. Even though some of Jin's photos are missing, what pattern do you notice? **Circle all correct answers.** There may be more than 1 correct answer.

- The bright part of the Moon that he can see gets larger between night 1 and night 14.
- The bright part of the Moon that he can see gets smaller between night 1 and night 14.
- The dark part of the Moon that he can see gets larger between night 1 and night 14.
- The dark part of the Moon that he can see gets smaller between night 1 and night 14.

Night	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Moon's Appearance							

Night	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Moon's Appearance							

2. Jin is missing photos of the Moon from night 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, and 13. Look for the pattern of the Moon's appearance changing. **Complete the table** by drawing what you would expect the Moon to look like on those nights.

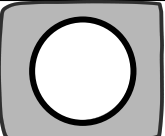
3. Jin knows that the Moon orbits the Earth. He also knows that it takes the Moon about 28 days, or one month, to complete its orbit. That's why we call it a *month* – similar to Moon-th!

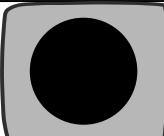
Jin noticed a pattern with the changing appearance of the Moon over the first 14 days of the month. Look back at Page 1 to see the pattern.

If Jin continues taking photos of the Moon every night for another two weeks, what pattern will he notice? **Circle all correct answers.** There may be more than 1 correct answer.

- a. The bright part of the Moon that he can see will get larger between night 15 and night 28.
- b. The bright part of the Moon that he can see will get smaller between night 15 and night 28.
- c. The dark part of the Moon that he can see will get larger between night 15 and night 28.
- d. The dark part of the Moon that he can see will get smaller between night 15 and night 28.

4. **Complete the table** below with a drawing of what the Moon will look like each night.

Night	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Moon's Appearance							

Night	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Moon's Appearance							

5. Jin took all the photos of the Moon during the month of February. February is a month with 28 days. What do you expect the Moon to look like on the 1st day of March? **Explain your reasoning** using the pattern of the Moon's appearance from Jin's observations.

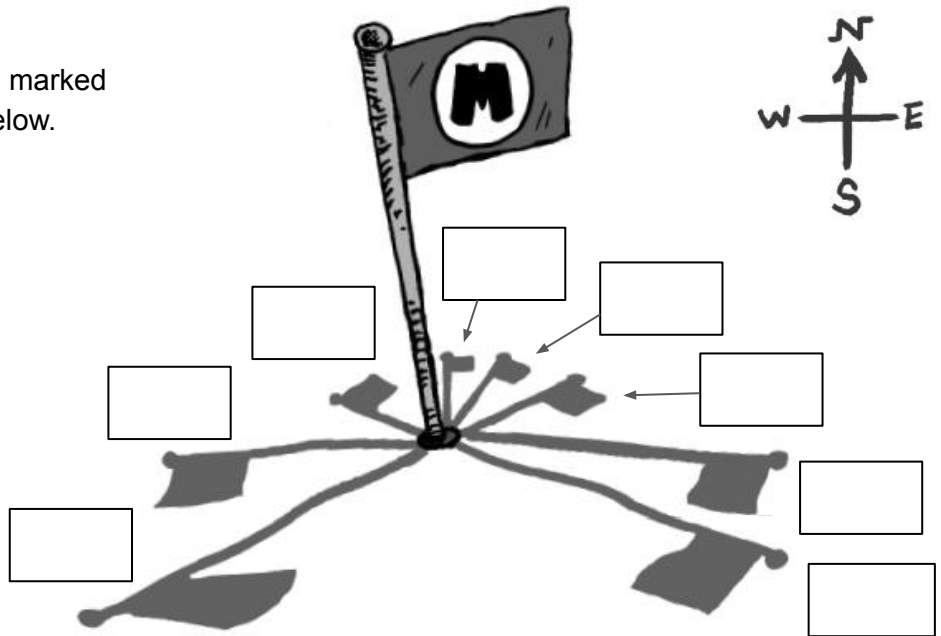
Name: _____

Daytime Clock

One day, a fifth grade class in Minnesota marked a flagpole's shadow at the times listed below. They made this diagram of their results.

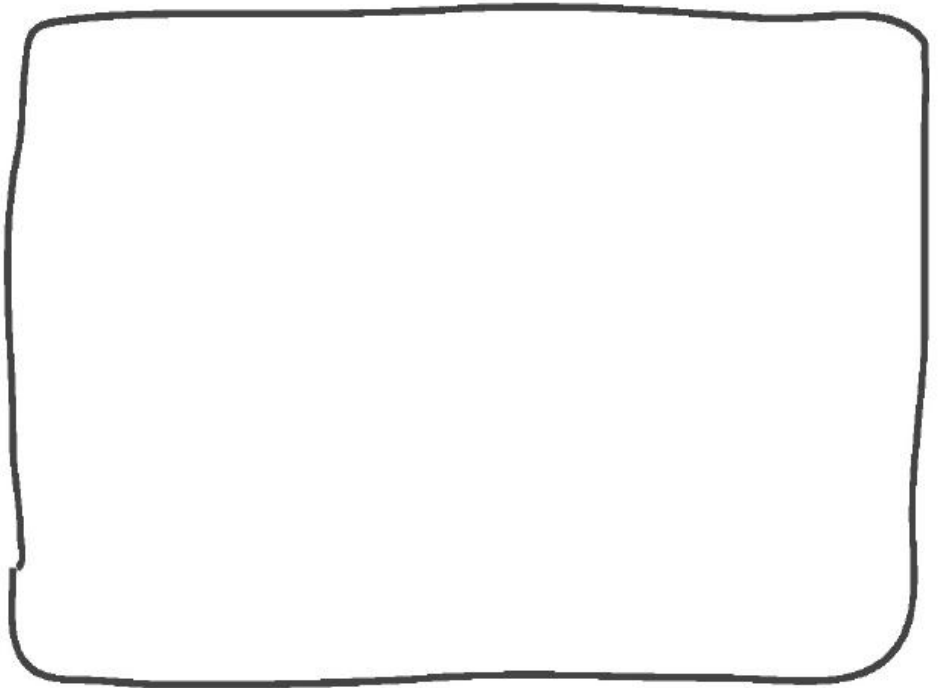
1. Figure out which time each shadow was made and write the time in the box beside each shadow.

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| • 5 AM
(sunrise) | • 2 PM |
| • 8 AM | • 4 PM |
| • 10 AM | • 6 PM |
| • 12 PM (noon) | • 7 PM
(sunset) |



Invent a Night-Sky Clock

2. What do you notice changing in the night sky? Describe and/or draw the changes you see. If you need more room, use the back of the paper.

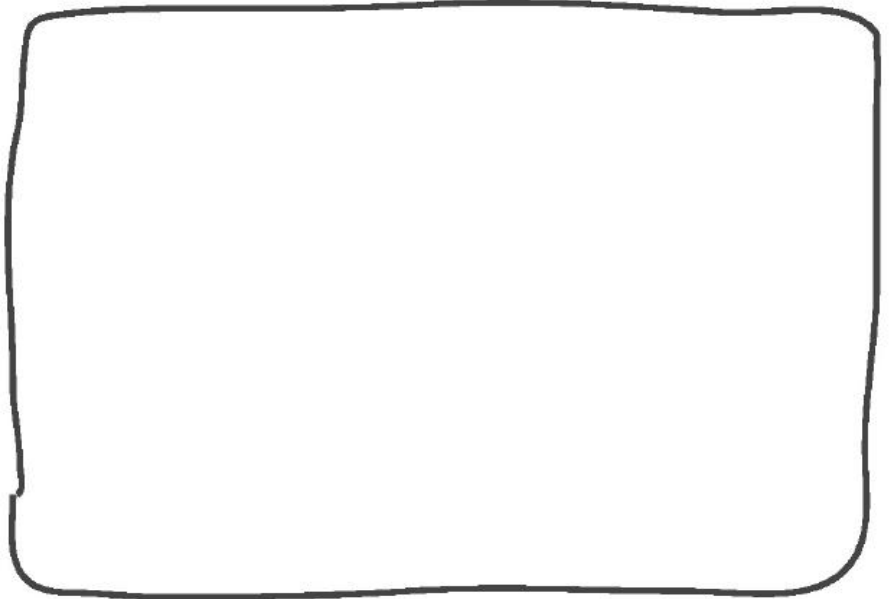


3. Look at what you wrote or drew in question #2. Circle the changes that you think will repeat the next night in the same way. Those are patterns that are useful for telling time.

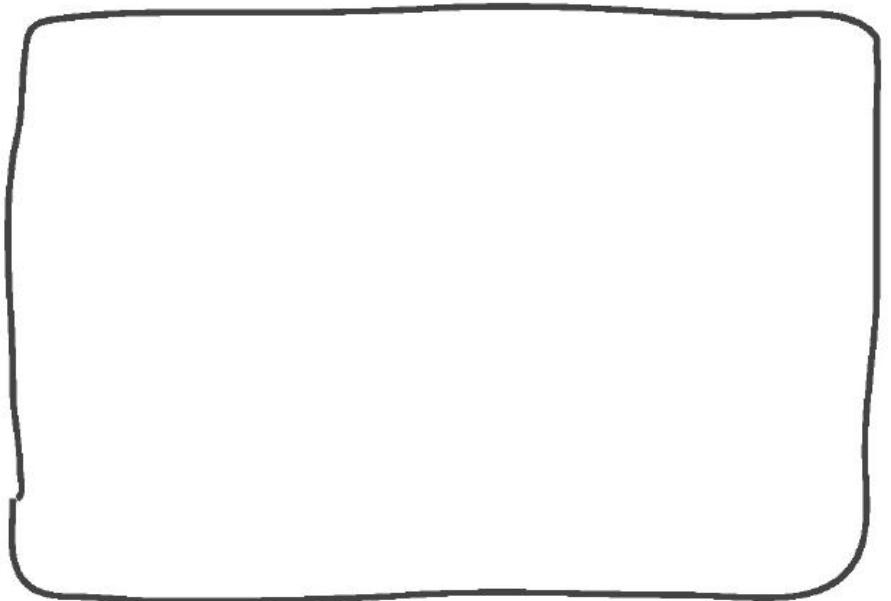
Name: _____

4. Look at the changes you circled in question #2. Which one will you use to make your Night-Sky Clock? Write your choice here:

5. Write or draw your ideas about how you could record the changes in that pattern. How will you record the time that you see each change?



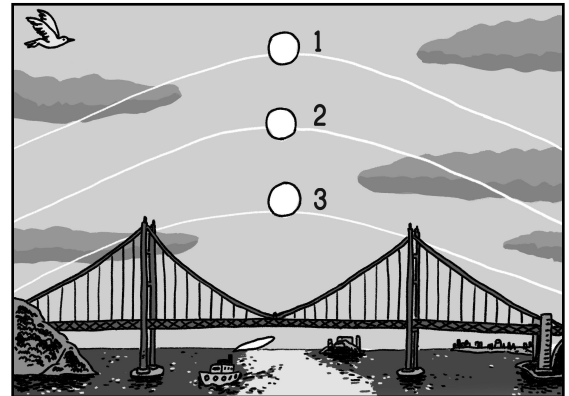
6. Write a description of how you'll tell time with your Night-Sky Clock. Or, if you'd prefer, draw a picture of your Night-Sky Clock, showing how you would use it to tell time.



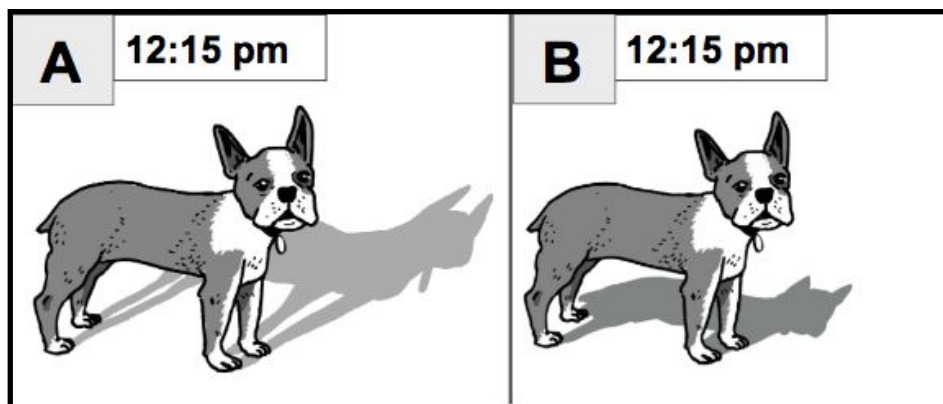
Unit Assessment

1. The image on the right shows the path of the Sun across the sky during different seasons when viewed from the Earth. Which season does each path represent?

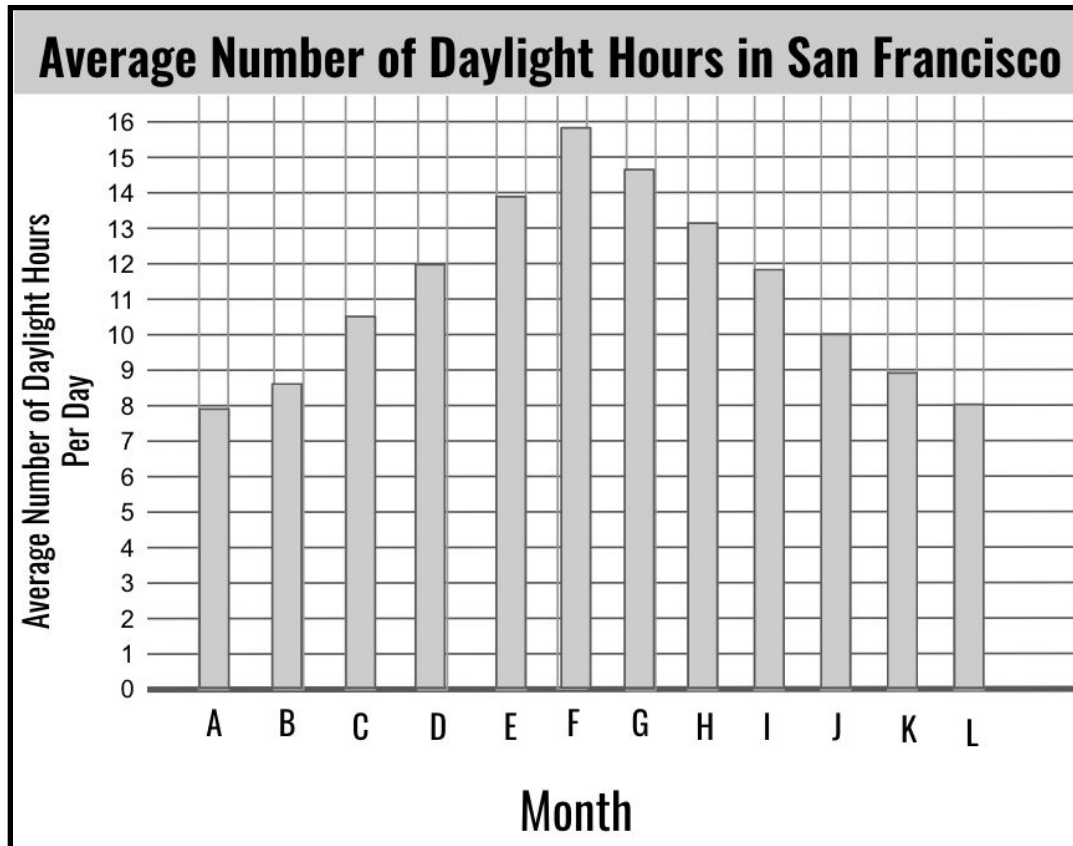
- a. 1 = summer, 2 = winter, 3 = spring and fall
- b. 1 = summer, 2 = spring and fall, 3 = winter
- c. 1 = winter, 2 = summer, 3 = spring and fall
- d. 1 = winter, 2 = spring and fall, 3 = summer



2. These two photographs of the same dog were taken in two different seasons. Which photograph, A or B, was taken during winter? Why do you think this? Support your answer with reasoning.



Use this Graph to help you answer Question 3 and Question 4.

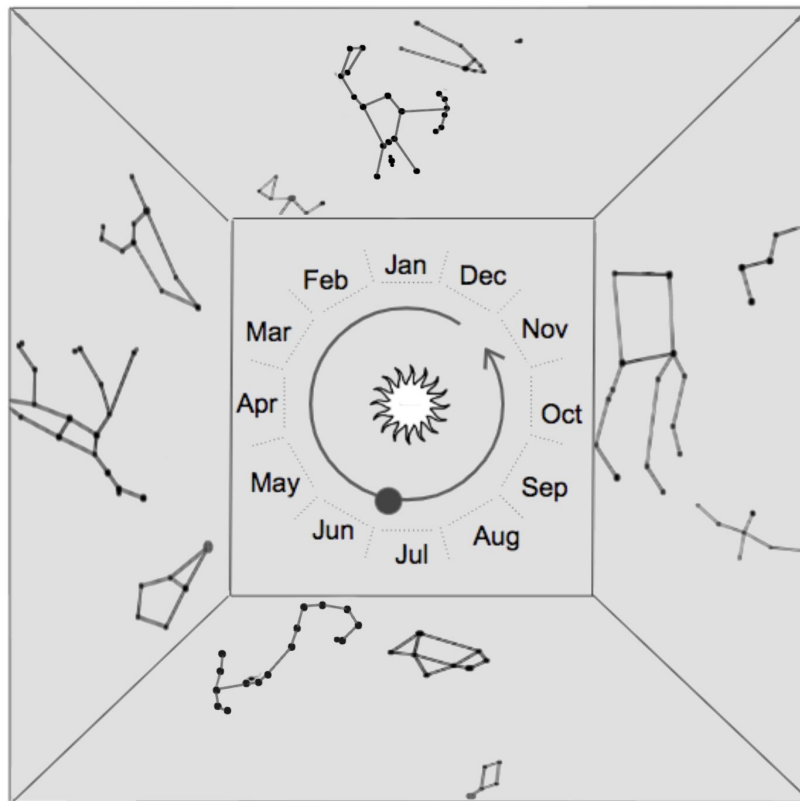


3. This graph shows the average number of daylight hours during each month of the year in San Francisco, California. (San Francisco is in the Northern Hemisphere.) Which months in the graph are the summer months?

- a. Months B, C, and D
- b. Months E, F, and G
- c. Months H, I, and J
- d. Months K, L, and A

4. Why do you think these are the summer months? Support your answer to Question 3 with reasoning.

Use this Universe-in-a-Box to help you answer Question 5 and Question 6.



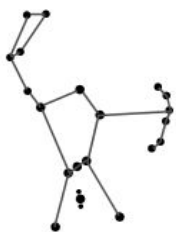
Universe-in-a-Box



Scorpius,
the Scorpion

5. You look up at the night sky and see the constellation Scorpius. What season is it?

- a. Spring
- b. Summer
- c. Fall
- d. Winter



Orion,
the Hunter

6. Why can't you see the constellation Orion during the summer? Support your answer with reasoning.

Stars & Planets

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Lesson 1



How can the Sun help
us explore other
planets?

Lesson 2



Why is gravity different
on other planets?

Lesson 3



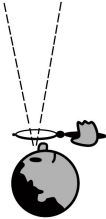
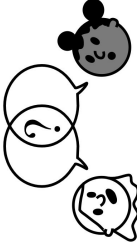
Could there be life on
other planets?

I am also curious about...

See-Think-Wonder Chart

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Name: _____

See What did you observe? 	Think How can you explain what is happening? 	Wonder What questions do you have? 

Name: _____

Solar System Notebook

In this unit, you will learn about some of the incredible places in our solar system. You will update this notebook with the things that you learn from each lesson in the unit.

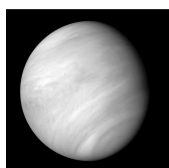
At the end of this unit, you will use these notes in a performance task. The more notes you have, the better! You can write on the back of each page if you need more space.

Planets in the Solar System Notebook are not shown to scale.

Mercury



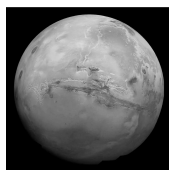
Venus



Earth



Mars



Solar System Notebook

Name: _____

Jupiter



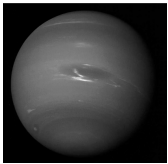
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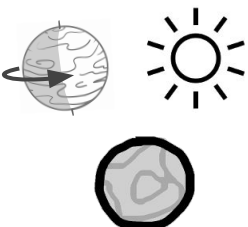
Uranus



Neptune



Other



Name: _____

Wandering Stars

The night sky is filled with many stars. Ancient people noticed that some things that *looked* like stars appeared to wander in the sky. The ancient Greeks had a name for these wandering stars: planētēs.

On this page, you'll record your explanation for the wandering stars today. Then, at the end of this unit, you'll look back at this so that you can see all of the things that you learn.

The ancient Greeks called the wandering stars _____.

Ancient people noticed that the wandering stars were different from the other stars because they

_____.

Why do you think that the wandering stars appear to move, but the stars *don't* appear to move? You can draw in the space below, and write what you think on the lines.

Today, we know that the wandering stars are planets. What else do you know about the planets? You can continue onto the back of the page if you need more space.

Brightness Test

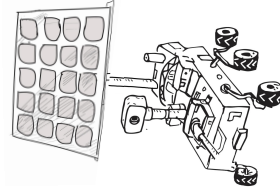
Names: _____
Rover name: _____

How bright does the Sun look from each planet?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Mercury	Venus	Earth	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune
	Very Bright	Very Bright	Very Bright	Very Bright	Very Bright	Very Bright	Very Bright	Very Bright
	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright
	Dim	Dim	Dim	Dim	Dim	Dim	Dim	Dim
More data:	Very Dim	Very Dim	Very Dim	Very Dim	Very Dim	Very Dim	Very Dim	Very Dim
	Barely Visible	Barely Visible	Barely Visible	Barely Visible	Barely Visible	Barely Visible	Barely Visible	Barely Visible

1. Which planet are you going to send your solar-powered rover to? _____

2. Why did you choose that planet? Use evidence to support your argument. _____





Sun

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3



4





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A

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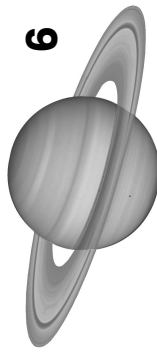
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How can the Sun help us
explore other planets?

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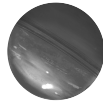
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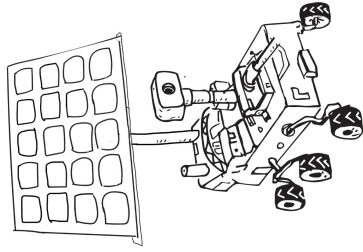


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K

Rover name: _____



Lesson Assessment

1. You go on a camping trip with two friends, Imani and Charlie. You give each of them a flashlight so they don't get lost in the dark. Both flashlights are the exact same size and are equally bright.



Imani



Charlie

But as you sit in the dark, you see two lights. Imani's flashlight appears much, much brighter than Charlie's flashlight. You know that their flashlights are exactly the same. What could explain this?



- a. Imani is closer to you than Charlie is. Light appears dimmer the farther away you are from it, so because Imani's flashlight appears brighter, it must be closer.
- b. Charlie is closer to you than Imani is. Light appears brighter the farther away you are from it, so because Imani's flashlight appears brighter, it must be the farther away.
- c. Imani and Charlie are equally far away from you. Distance has no effect on how bright a light appears, so there must be some other explanation.

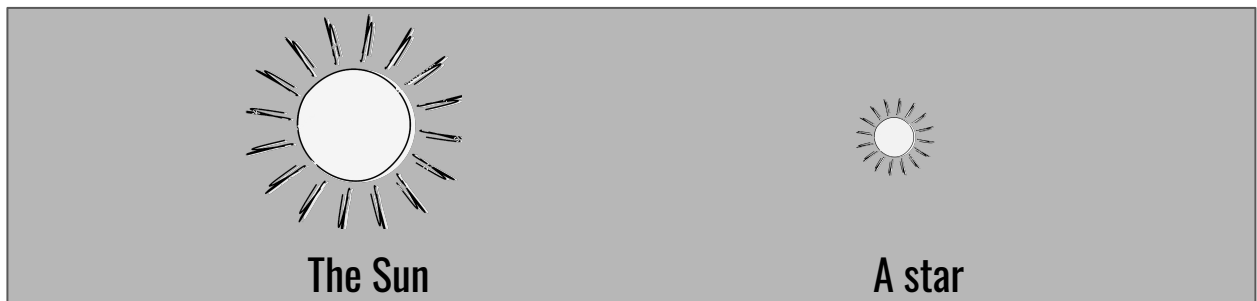


Model Not
To Scale

2. The image above is a model that shows relative distances between the Sun and the planets in our solar system. The model doesn't show the size of the planets, but it helps to show how far away the planets are from the Sun. Use this model to help you think about the brightness of the Sun. **Circle True or False** for each sentence.

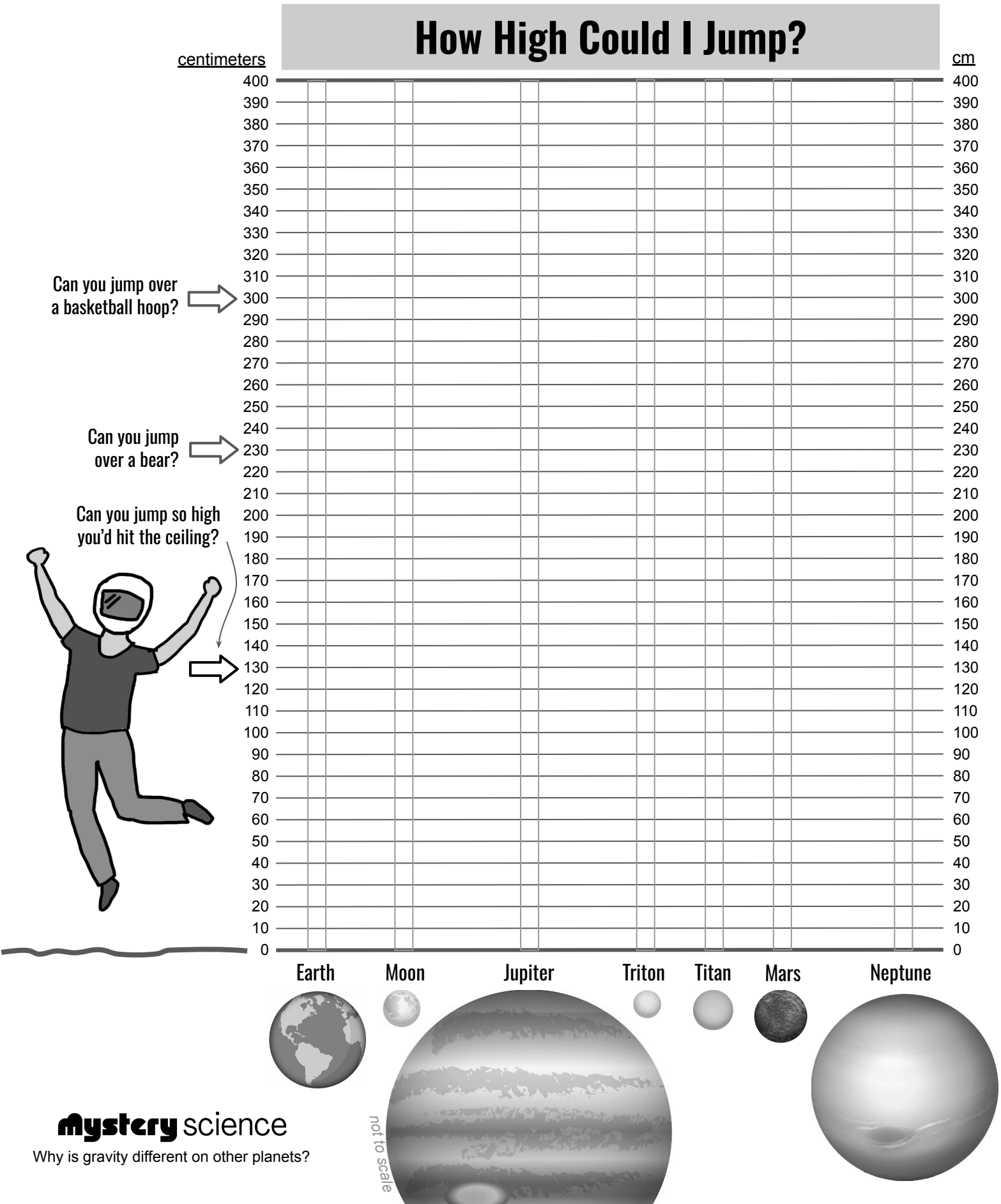
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| True | False | The Sun will appear brighter when viewed from Earth than when viewed from Saturn because Earth is closer to the Sun. |
| True | False | The Sun will appear equally bright when viewed from Jupiter and when viewed from Neptune because distance does not affect brightness. |
| True | False | The Sun will appear like a small, dim star when viewed from Neptune because it is so far away. |
| True | False | The Sun will always appear the same because distance does not change how bright the Sun appears. |

3. Imagine someone says to you, "The Sun is just a star, even though it looks way bigger and brighter than all the other stars!" Do you agree or disagree? **Support your answer with reasoning.** You can use evidence from the other questions to support your answer!



Gravity Graph

Name: _____



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Why is gravity different on other planets?

Gravity Jump Data



Name: _____

1. Measure how many centimeters you can jump.

Location	Height of Jump 1	Height of Jump 2
Earth	_____ cm	_____ cm

2. Find the average of how high you can jump.

Add your jumps together.	Divide your answer by 2.	Round to the nearest whole number.
		_____ cm This is your average Earth jump. (A)

3. Figure out how high you could jump on different planets and moons.

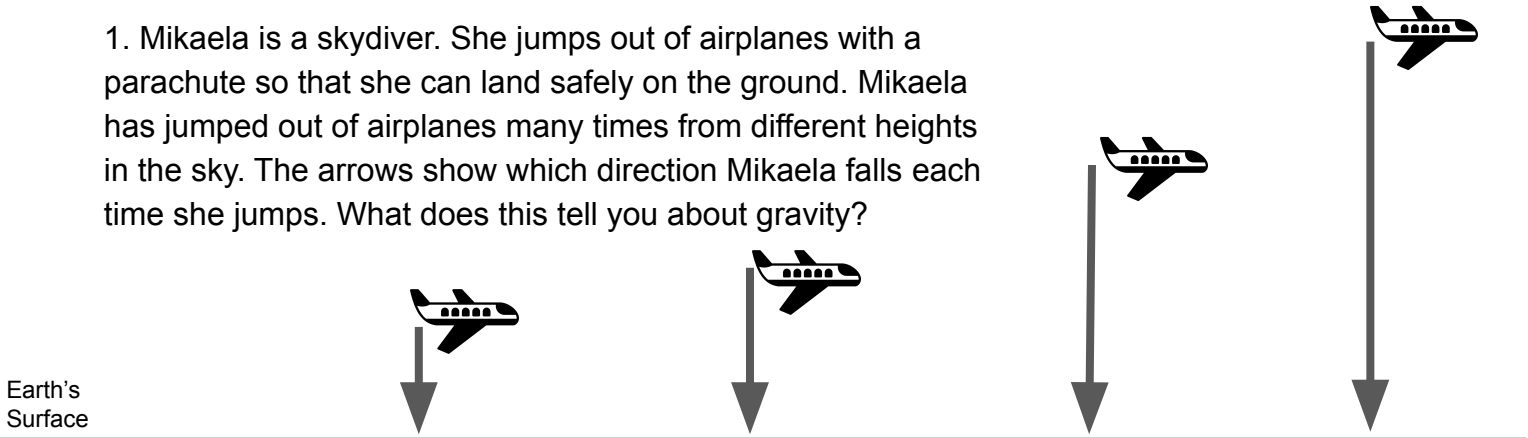
Location	(B) Compared to Earth, this place has...	(C) How many times more or less gravity does it have than Earth?	(D) In this place, my jump would be:	(E) To figure out my jump on this place, I need to:	Calculate how high you can jump on each planet or moon using the equation below.
Moon	more gravity less gravity		higher lower	multiply divide	(A) (E) (C) _____ x or ÷ _____ =
Jupiter	more gravity less gravity		higher lower	multiply divide	(A) (E) (C) _____ x or ÷ _____ =
Triton	more gravity less gravity		higher lower	multiply divide	(A) (E) (C) _____ x or ÷ _____ =
Titan	more gravity less gravity		higher lower	multiply divide	(A) (E) (C) _____ x or ÷ _____ =
Mars	more gravity less gravity		higher lower	multiply divide	(A) (E) (C) _____ x or ÷ _____ =
Neptune	more gravity less gravity		higher lower	multiply divide	(A) (E) (C) _____ x or ÷ _____ =

4. What pattern do you notice between how massive a planet or moon is and the amount of gravity that it has? Hint: Look at your graph.

I notice that _____

Lesson Assessment

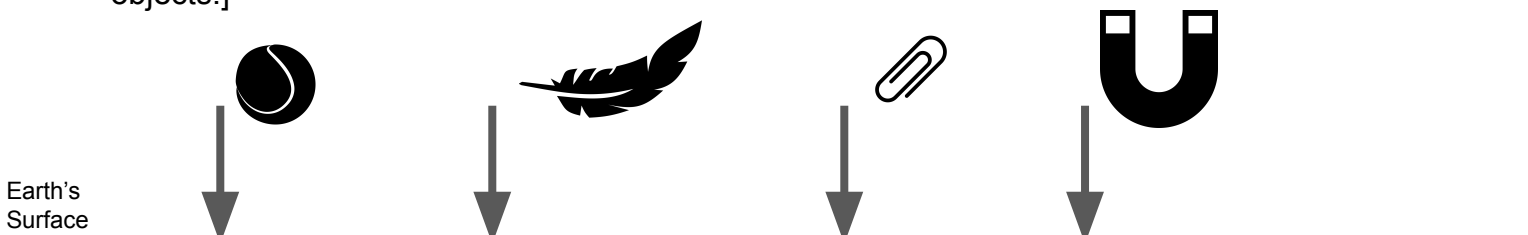
1. Mikaela is a skydiver. She jumps out of airplanes with a parachute so that she can land safely on the ground. Mikaela has jumped out of airplanes many times from different heights in the sky. The arrows show which direction Mikaela falls each time she jumps. What does this tell you about gravity?



- When Mikaela jumps from a distance that is farther away from the surface of the Earth, the direction of gravity changes.
- When Mikaela jumps from a distance that is farther away from the surface of the Earth, the direction of gravity never changes.
- When Mikaela jumps from a distance that is farther away from the surface of the Earth, the strength of gravity increases and she falls faster.
- When Mikaela jumps from a distance that is farther away from the surface of the Earth, the strength of gravity decreases and she falls slower.

2. Mikaela decides to do an experiment. As she flies in the airplane, she drops different objects to see what happens. She drops a tennis ball, a feather, a paper clip, and a magnet. She watches what happens to each object. The arrows show which direction each object falls after it is dropped from the airplane. What does this tell you about gravity?

[Don't worry! She makes sure there aren't any people around so nobody gets hurt by falling objects!]



- Gravity only pulls heavy objects down toward the surface of the Earth.
- Gravity only pulls light objects down toward the surface of the Earth.
- Gravity only pulls magnetic objects made of metal toward the surface of the Earth.
- Gravity pulls all objects down toward the surface of the Earth.

3. Mikaela has jumped out of airplanes all over the world. Below is a drawing that shows the different locations where she has jumped out of an airplane. The arrows show which direction Mikaela fell after she jumped out of each airplane. What does this tell you about gravity? **Choose all correct answers.**

- a. Gravity has no pattern. The direction it pulls objects is always different.
- b. Gravity has a pattern. The direction it pulls objects is always “down” when down means toward the center of the Earth.
- c. Gravity only pulls objects “down” toward the surface of the Earth in certain locations.
- d. Gravity always pulls objects “down” toward the surface of the Earth, no matter the location.

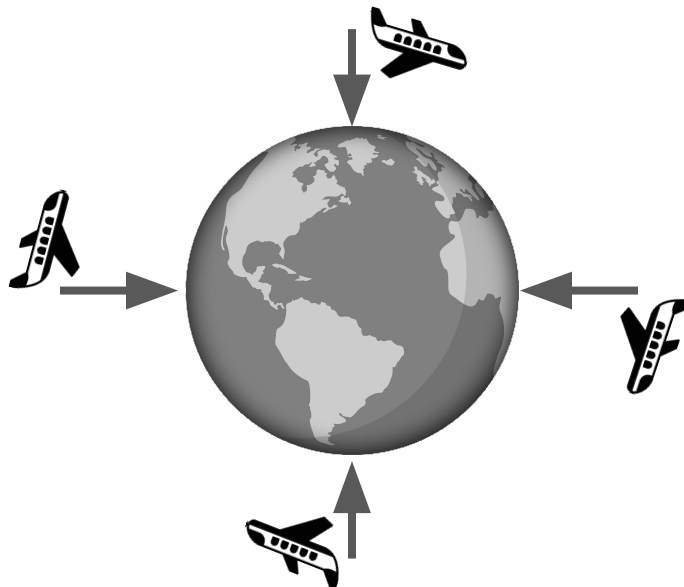


Image Not To Scale

4. Andres is a new skydiver. He does his first jump out of an airplane and safely falls to the ground below. He’s very excited and says, “Did you see me jump and fall? That’s evidence of gravity as a force that pulls any object toward the surface of the Earth.” Do you think that the one jump Andres made is enough evidence to support his claim? If you think Andres needs more evidence, what kinds of evidence would help him make a much stronger argument about gravity?

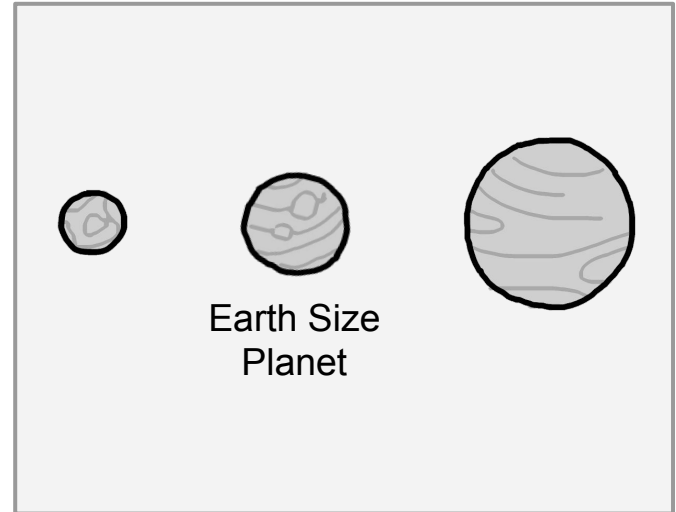
Gravity Guru

(Physicist)

Gravity is the invisible force that pulls us towards the Earth. All other planets also have gravity.

The more massive a planet is, the more gravity it will have. So planets that are larger than the Earth will usually have more gravity.

If there is too much gravity, it may be extremely difficult to move and walk around on the surface of the planet. More gravity will also make it more challenging for plants to grow.

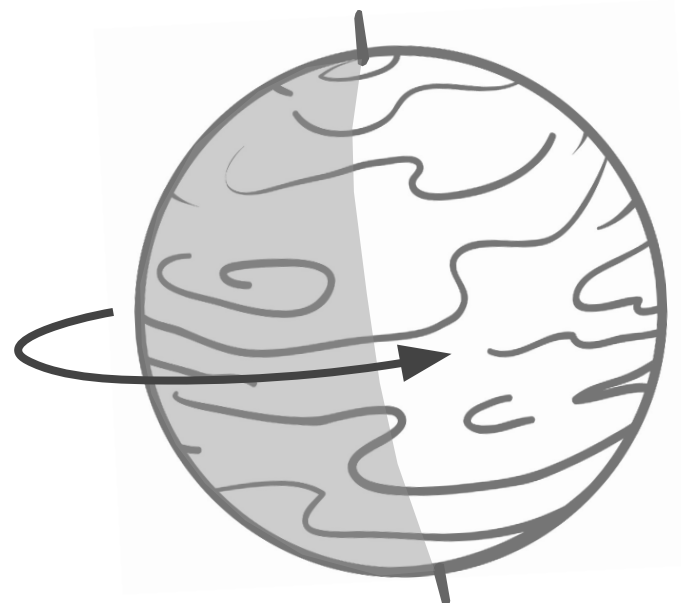


Spinning Specialist

(Astronomer)

The Earth completes one spin, or rotation, around its axis once every 24 hours. The Earth's spin is the reason we have day and night. Other planets also rotate. But other planets may rotate slower or faster than the Earth does.

Planets that are close to their star usually rotate very, very slowly. This means that one day on these planets will be extremely long. This may create problems for plants that need light because they will spend too much time in the dark.



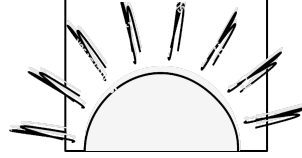
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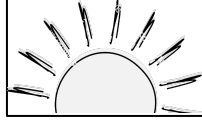
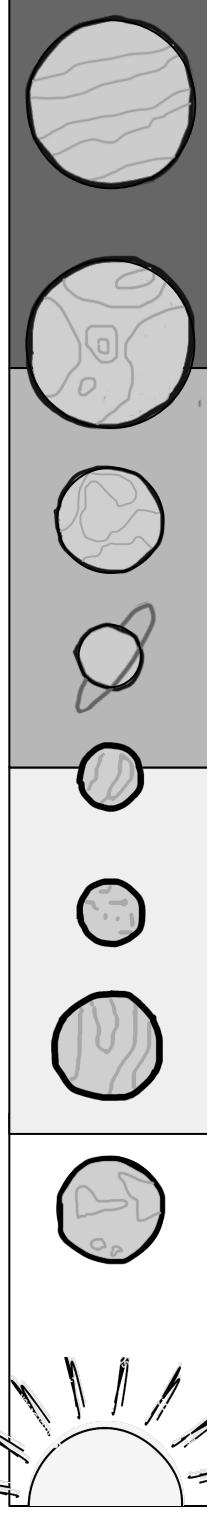
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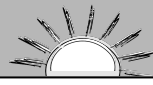
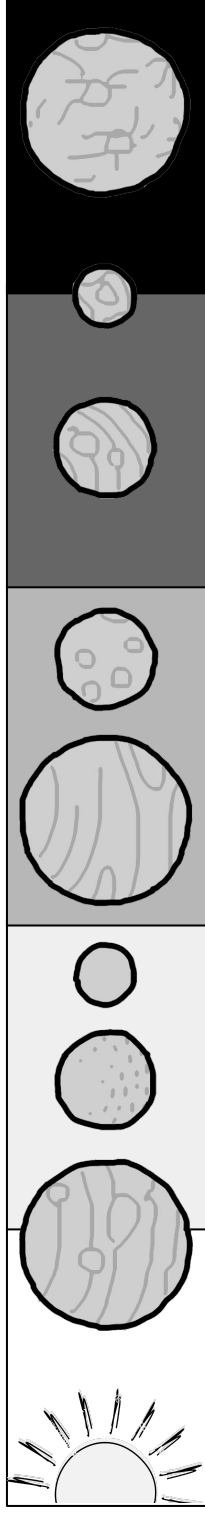
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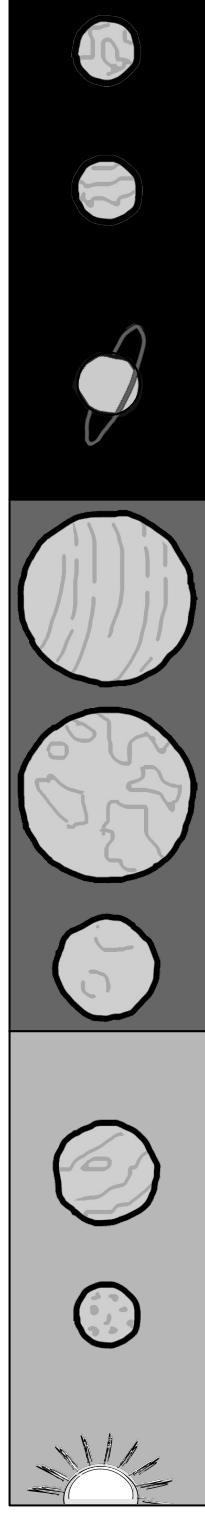
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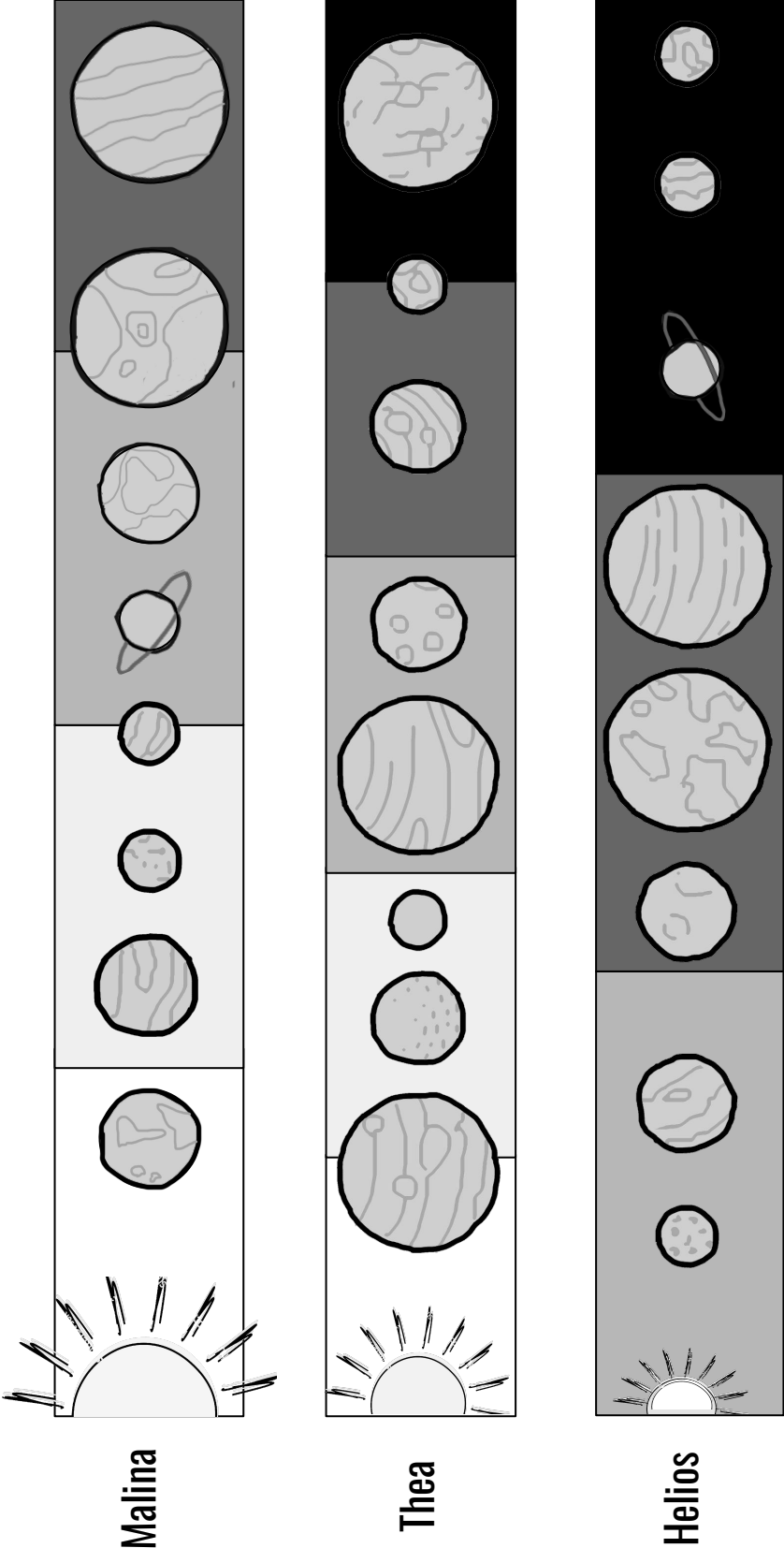
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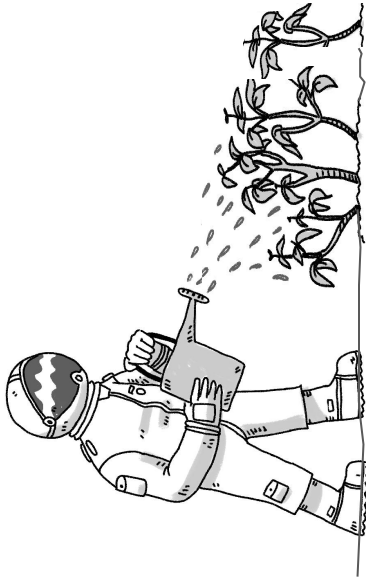
Plant Pro (Botanist)

If we want to live on another planet, we will need to bring some plants from Earth with us. Plants need water and light to survive. But plants don't just need light, they need a certain amount of light. So you'll want to find planets that receive a similar amount of light from their star to what the Earth gets from the Sun.

If a planet gets less than 60% of the light we get here on Earth, plants will not be able to grow. But if a planet gets too much light, that's a problem too. Plants won't be able to survive on planets that get more than 120% of the light we get here on Earth.



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Could there be life on other planets?



Starlight Guide

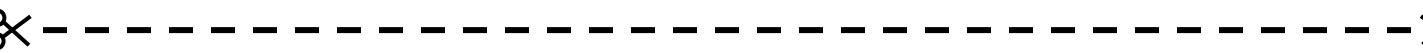
Name: _____

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I notice that _____

2) What differences do you notice between the stars Malina, Thea, and Helios? Does that help explain what you noticed? I notice that _____

3) If you went on your Space Mission, you would spend several years traveling in space to get to your planet. When you land on the planet and look up at the sky, what would Earth's Sun look like from there?



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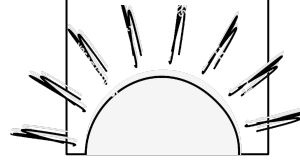
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Water Wizard (Hydrologist)

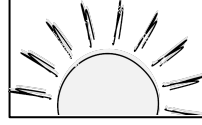
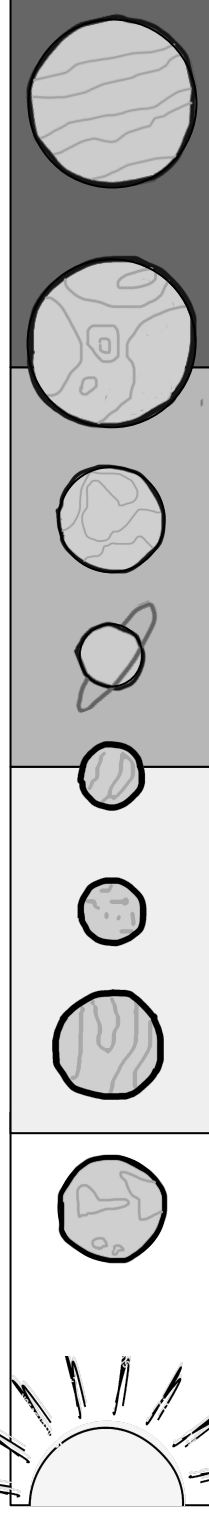
Humans and all other forms of life on Earth need water to survive. If we want to live on another planet, it must have liquid water available.

Water starts to boil at 100°C. Planets that experience temperatures this high will have most of their water boil away and turn into water vapor.

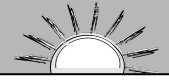
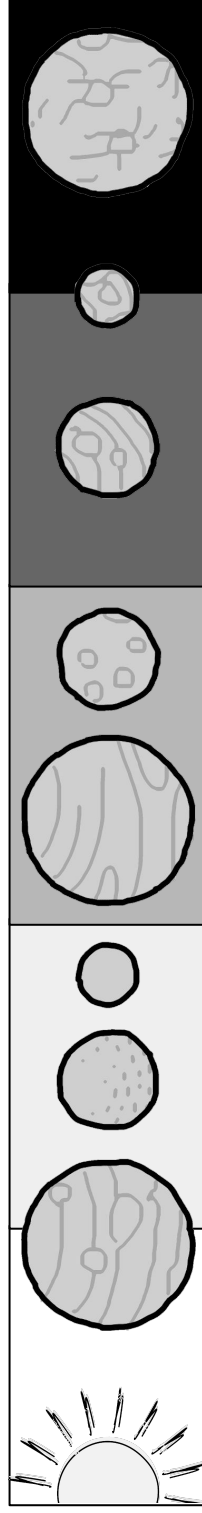
Liquid water starts to form ice at 0°C. This means the planets below this temperature would be covered in permanent ice and snow. We can survive in cold places, but it will be more difficult to get liquid water for drinking.



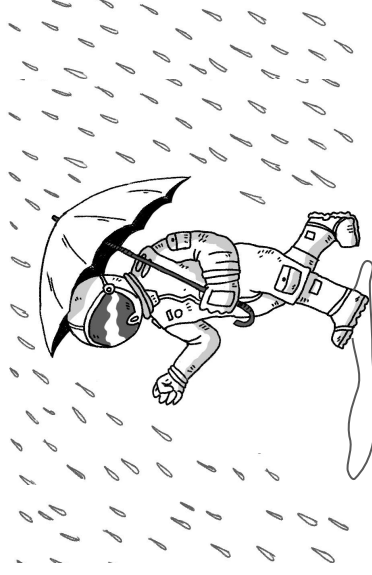
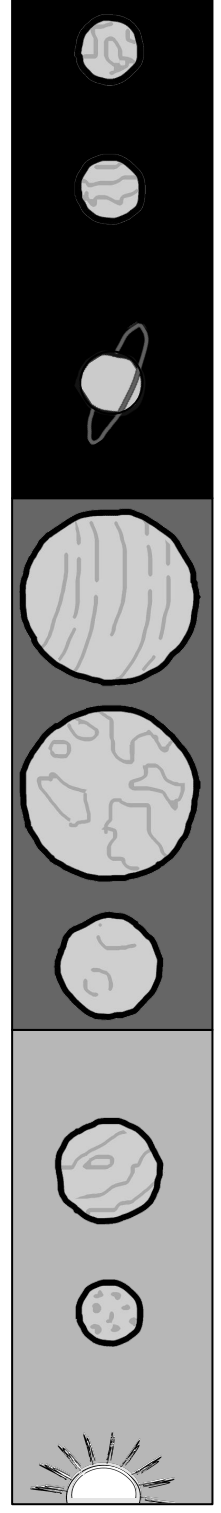
Malina



Thea



Helios



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Temperature Decoder



Lesson Assessment



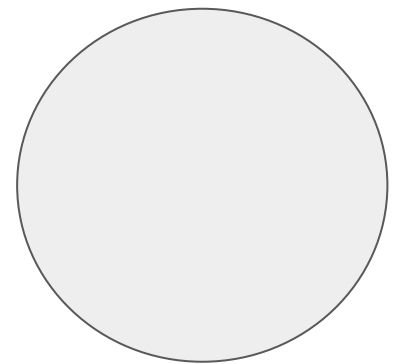
1. Astronomers have discovered two different stars, Star A and Star B. They have figured out that both stars give off light that is equally bright. This means Star A and Star B are the exact same brightness level. But when you look at them from Earth, they look like the drawings above. Star A appears much dimmer than Star B. What could explain this?

- Light appears brighter the closer you are to it, so Star A must be closer to Earth than Star B.
- Light appears brighter the closer you are to it, so Star B must be closer to Earth than Star A.
- Distance has no effect on how bright stars appear. So there must be another explanation for why Star B appears brighter than Star A.

2. Star A looks like a dim tiny star in the night sky when viewed from the surface of Earth. But astronomers have discovered that Star A is actually much, much bigger than planet Earth! Then why does Star A look so tiny in the night sky? What could explain this?



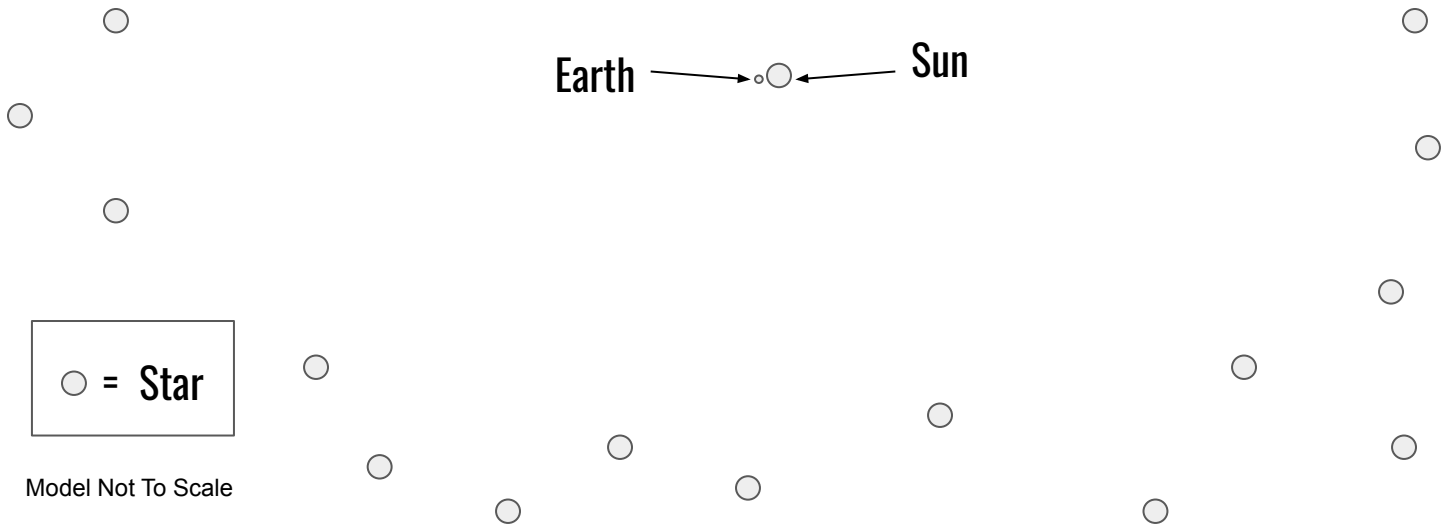
Earth



Star A

Not To Scale

- Star A is being blocked by the Moon so we can't see how big it actually is.
- Star A is very, very far away from Earth so it looks small and dim even though it is large and bright.
- Star A must actually be very small and the scientists didn't measure it correctly.



3. The image above is a model that shows relative distances of the Sun, Earth, and some of the closest stars to Earth. The model doesn't show all of the stars. But it helps to show how far away our closest stars are. How does this model help to explain why we can only see stars in the night sky? **Circle all the correct answers.**

- a. The Sun is so big that it blocks most of the stars. That's why we can't see them during the day.
- b. The Sun is so close to Earth. Because it is so close, it appears very bright to us on Earth. That's why we can't see the stars during the day.
- c. The closest stars are very far away from Earth. Even if those stars are as bright as the Sun, we can only see them at night. They will appear dim because of the distance between them and the Earth.
- d. The closest stars are not very far away from Earth. Stars are so bright that even large distances won't affect how bright they appear.

4. Imagine someone says to you, "The Sun is not a star! It's out in the daytime, and besides, stars are really tiny and dim. The Sun is big and bright." What would you say to convince them that the Sun is actually a star? **Support your answer with reasoning.** You can use evidence from the other questions to support your answer.

Name: _____

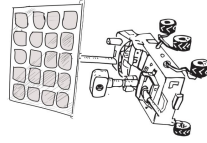
Solar System Trip Planner

Imagine you are planning a trip for yourself or for a friend or family member. But this isn't any ordinary trip: this is a trip to somewhere else in the solar system!

To plan a trip for yourself or someone else, you need to know important facts about the planet or moon they will be visiting. You also need to know facts about the person who will be going on the trip. That way, you can pick a destination that is a good match for that person.

1. Draft a brief introduction. Say who the traveler is, and state your **claim** about which planet or moon is the best for this traveler to visit. Add one or two reasons why they should be excited. You don't need to be detailed—this is just the introduction.

2. Think back to the first lesson.



- Is the destination brighter or dimmer than Earth? _____
- Explain why the destination is brighter or dimmer than Earth. _____
- State your **reasoning** for why the traveler will like that it's brighter or dimmer than the Earth is. _____

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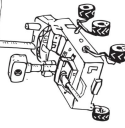
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3. Pick another fact about the destination to include.



- State your **reasoning** for why the above fact(s) make this a good destination for the traveler.

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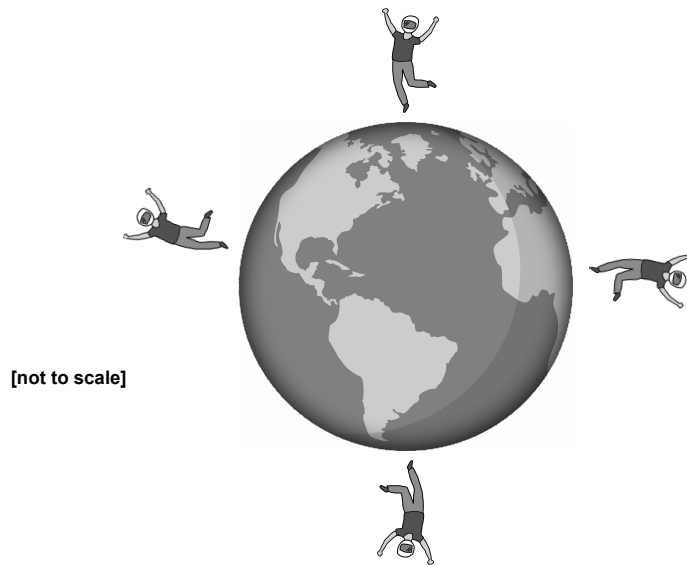


- State your **reasoning** for why the above fact(s) make this a good destination for the traveler.

5. Draft a summary paragraph. Restate what you taught the traveler, and why they should be excited for the trip! _____

Unit Assessment

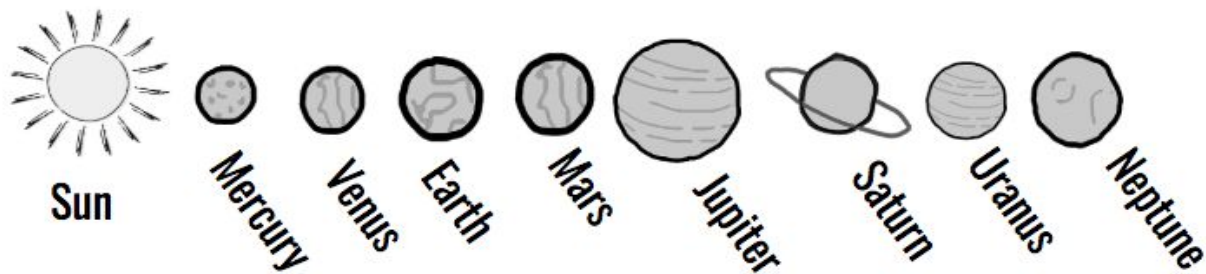
1. Four people are shown at different locations around the Earth. Draw an arrow next to each person. Make sure the arrow is pointing toward the direction that gravity will pull each person.



2. The picture on the right shows the same person jumping as high as they can on two imaginary planets, Creon and Grumpia. Which planet has more gravity? Support your answer with reasoning.



Below is a model of our solar system with the Sun and the planets. The Sun is shown on the left in the model, but actually, all of the planets orbit around the Sun. The model also doesn't show the very large amount of space between each of the planets.



3. If a spacecraft starts from Earth and travels toward Neptune, where will the Sun look the **brightest**?

- a. Earth
- b. Mars
- c. Jupiter
- d. Saturn

4. If a spacecraft starts from Earth and travels toward Neptune, where will the Sun look the **dimkest**?

- a. Earth
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5. If the spacecraft keeps traveling through outer space and it goes past Neptune, it will eventually leave our solar system. If the spacecraft keeps going and going, farther and farther away, do you think the Sun will look like a star? Why or why not? Support your answer with reasoning.

Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter

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Lesson 1



Can you identify a mysterious ingredient?

Lesson 2



Why can you smell things you can't see?

Lesson 3



How can you tell if acids are hiding in your fridge?

Lesson 4



Why do some things explode?

Lesson 5



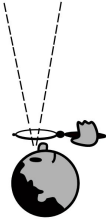
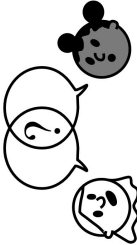
What do fireworks, rubber, and Silly Putty have in common?

I am also curious about...

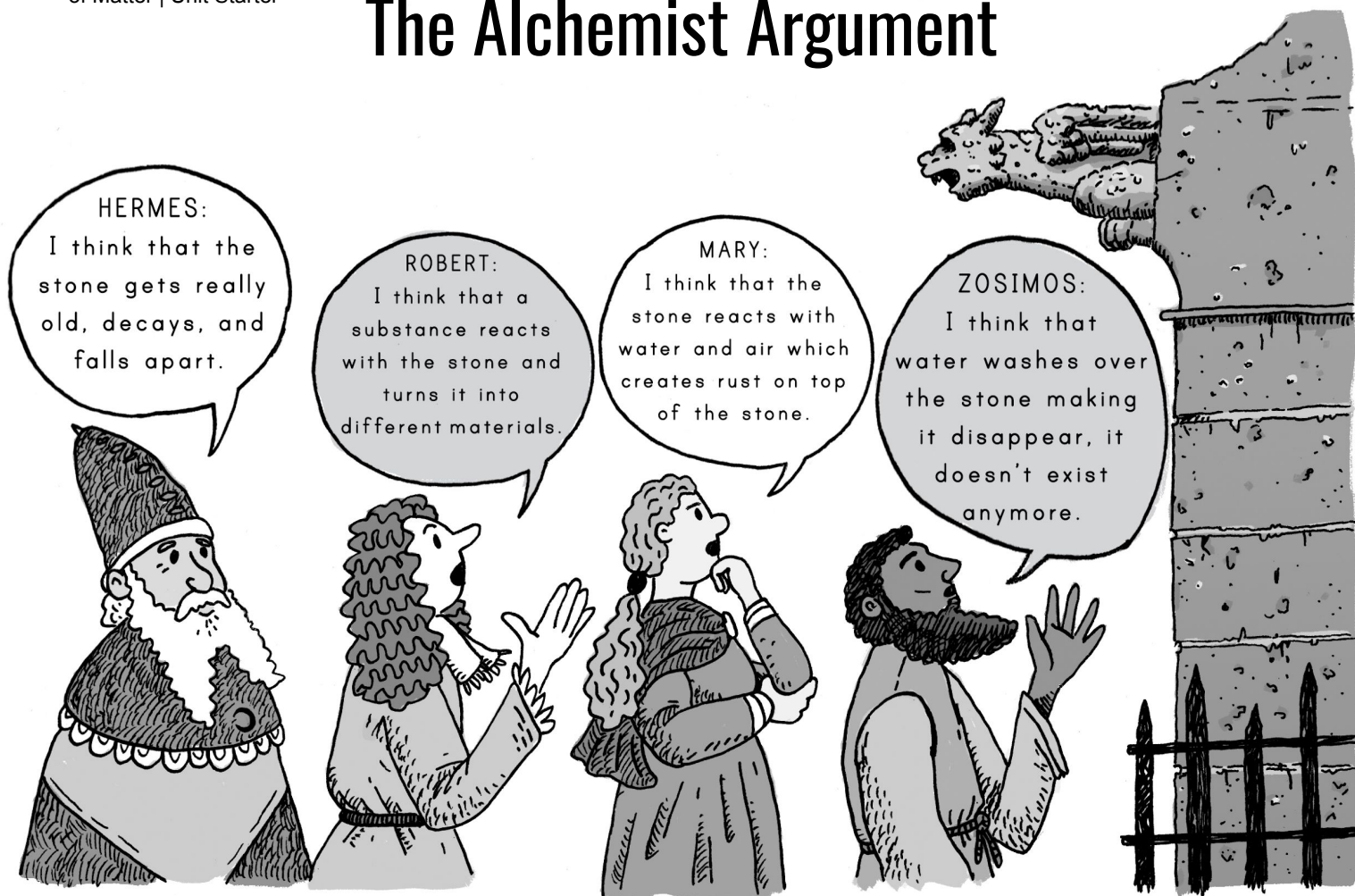
See-Think-Wonder Chart

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Name: _____

See What did you observe? 	Think How can you explain what is happening? 	Wonder What questions do you have? 

The Alchemist Argument



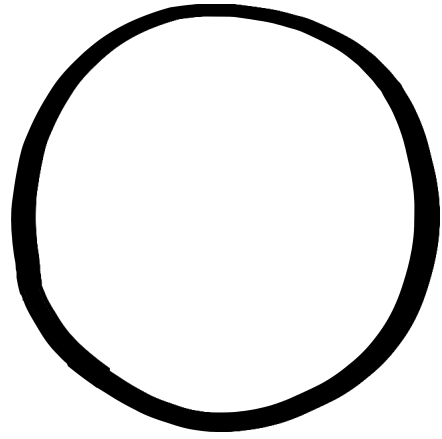
Make a claim:

I agree with _____. I think that _____

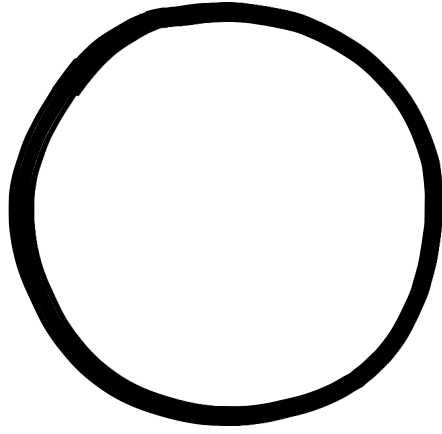
Support with evidence:

I think this because _____

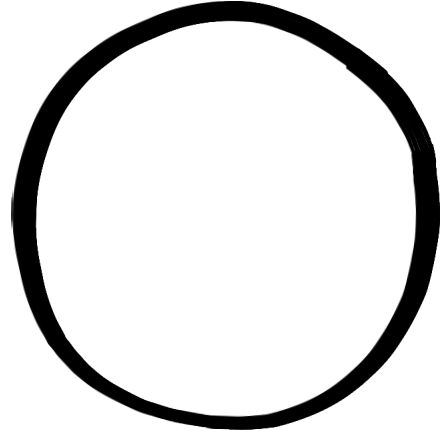
	Hermes: "I think that the stone gets really old, decays, and falls apart."	Robert: "I think that a substance reacts with the stone and turns it into different materials."	Mary: "I think that the stone reacts with water and air which creates rust on top of the stone."	Zosimos: "I think that water washes over the stone, making it disappear, it doesn't exist anymore."
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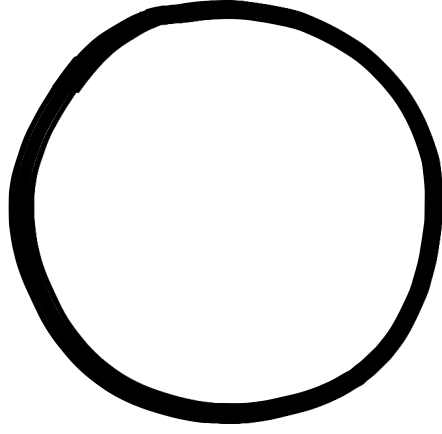
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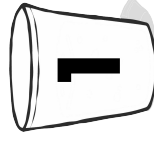
Cup Organizer

Mystery Ingredient Observations

Name: _____

mystery science

Can you identify a mysterious ingredient?



Observations:



Observations:



Observations:



Observations:

**Water
Test**



Observations:



Observations:



Observations:



Observations:

**Vinegar
Test**



Observations:



Observations:



Observations:



Observations:

**Heat
Test**

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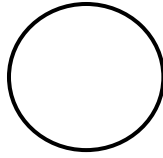
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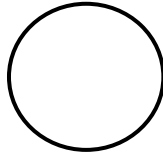
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Vinegar Test

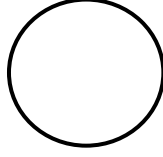
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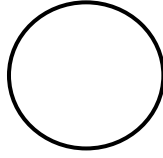
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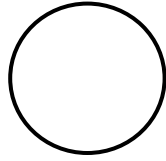
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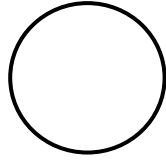
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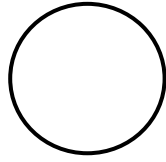
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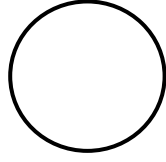
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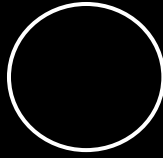


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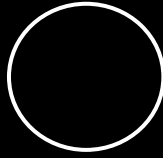


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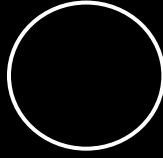
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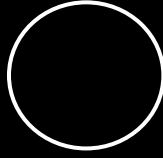
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PUT STICKER

An analog clock face with a circle divided into four quadrants by a vertical and a horizontal line. The hands are positioned to show 1:50: the hour hand is between 1 and 2, closer to 2, and the minute hand is pointing at 10.

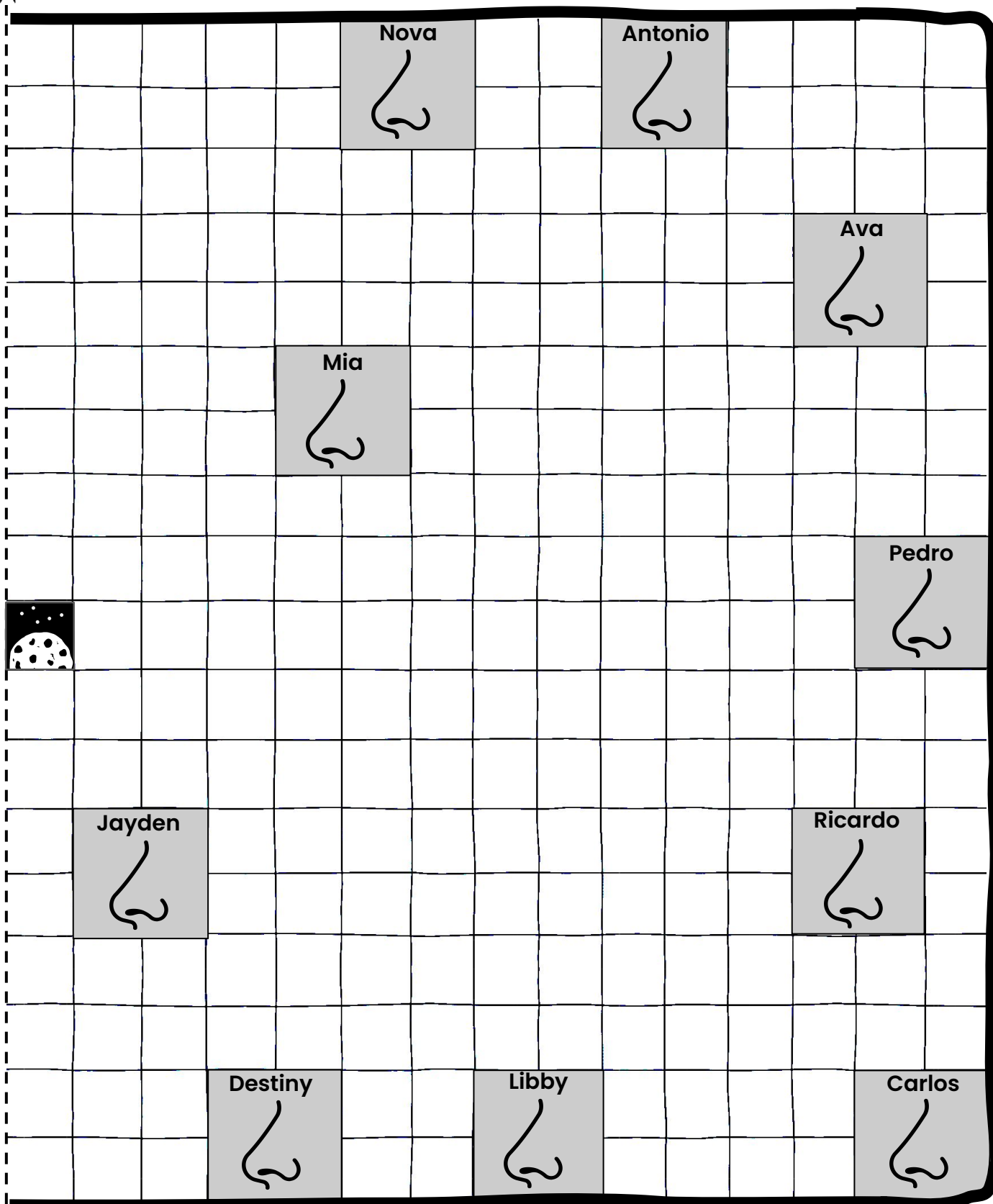


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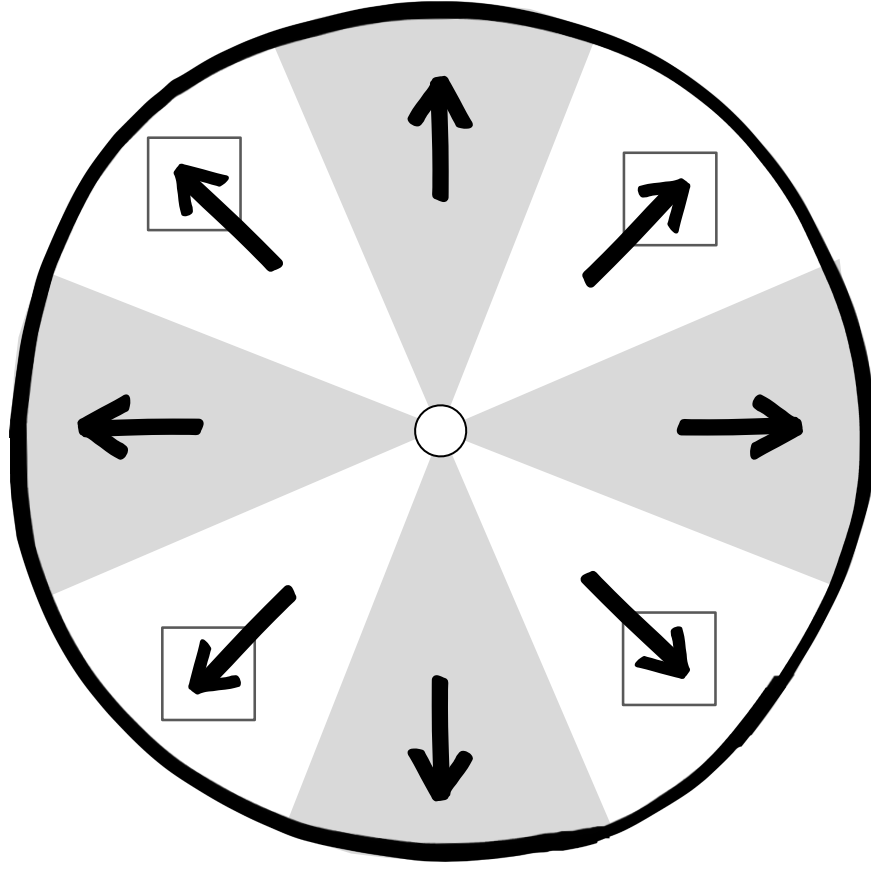
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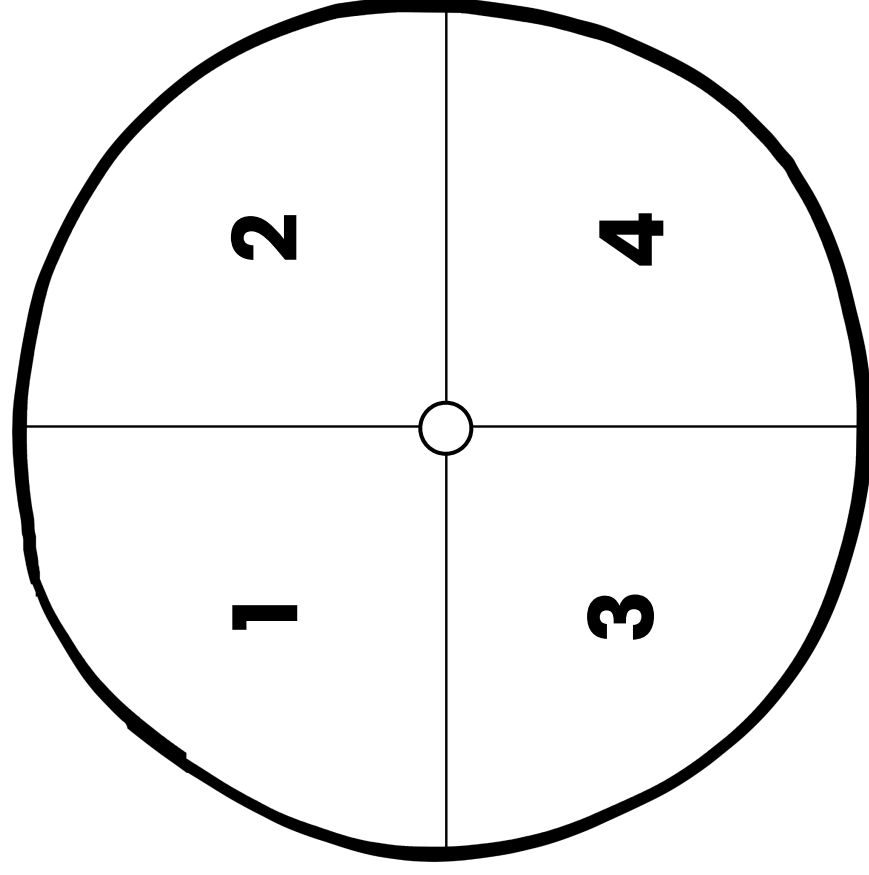
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Direction Spinner



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Why can you smell things you can't see?

Number Spinner



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Why can you smell things you can't see?

Identify the Acids

Name: _____



water
+

baking soda



1. What happened
when you mixed
these together?

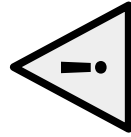


vinegar
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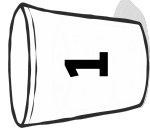
baking soda



2. What happened
when you mixed
these together?



3. When you mix your acid detector
(baking soda) with an acid, what
will you notice?



Substance 1 is:

+

baking soda



What happened
when you mixed
these together?



Substance 2 is:

+

baking soda



What happened
when you mixed
these together?



Substance 3 is:

+

baking soda



What happened
when you mixed
these together?



4. Which of these substances (1, 2, or 3) are acids?
Why do you think that? What's your evidence?

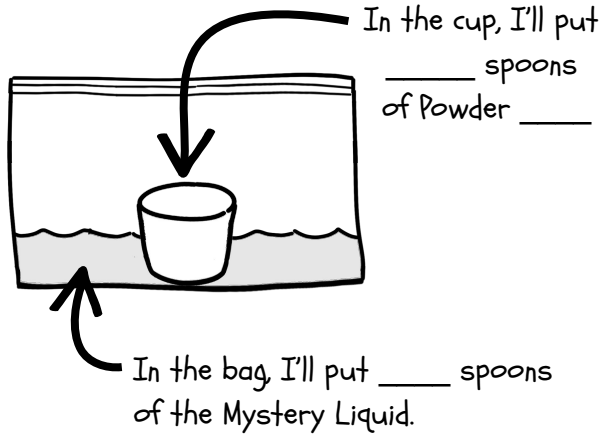


Explosion Investigation

Name: _____

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Why do some things explode?

Setup
A



Results

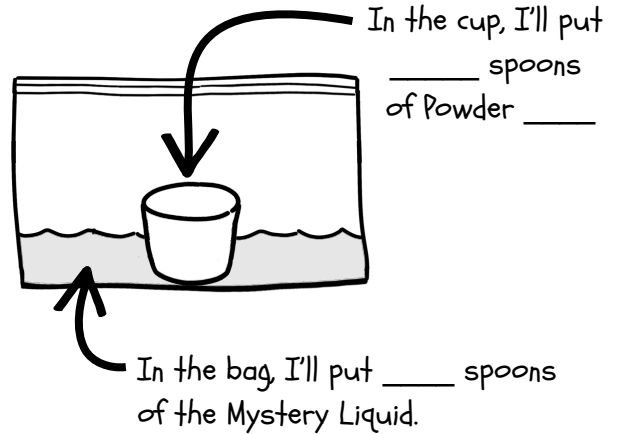
Observations about the bag: _____

Observations about the mixture: _____

Other things I noticed: _____

Draw a sketch of what happened.
Add labels to explain what you saw.

Setup
B



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What do fireworks, rubber, and Silly Putty have in common?

practice space

practice space

practice space

practice space

practice space

MIX THESE
TWO THINGS:

MILK →
Mix milk with everything

BAKING SODA →
Mix baking soda with everything but milk (you already mixed baking soda and milk!)

BORAX →
Mix borax with everything but milk and baking soda (you already mixed those!)

GLUE →
Mix glue with everything but milk, baking soda, and borax (you already mixed those!)

BAKING SODA →

BORAX →

GLUE →

VINEGAR →



Takes notes on what happened in each box.
Was there a reaction? If so, did it make goo?

Name: _____
Name: _____

	BAKING SODA	BORAX	GLUE	VINEGAR
MILK				
BAKING SODA				
BORAX				
GLUE				

Lesson Assessment

1. Imagine you need white glue and regular milk for a science activity.

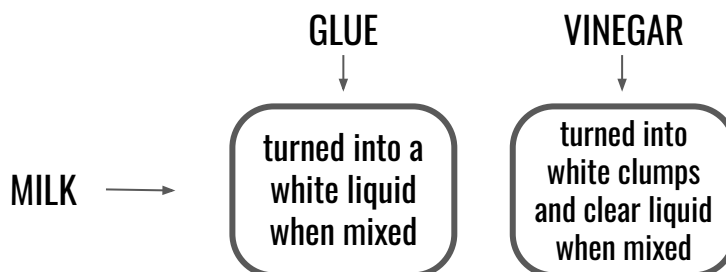
Your teacher leaves these two glass containers for you.

Unfortunately, they aren't labeled, so you don't know which liquid is in which container. Which properties might help you identify each liquid? **Circle all of the correct answers.**



- a. Glue is very thick and hard to pour. Milk is very runny and easy to pour. You can use the property of how easily they pour to help figure out which one is milk and which one is glue.
- b. Both liquids are white. Because they are both the same color, you **can't** use the property of their color to tell them apart.
- c. White school glue comes in plastic bottles. These liquids are not in plastic bottles. That means you can use the property of which container they are in to know that *neither* are glue.
- d. Milk should only be in a refrigerator. These containers are not in a refrigerator, so neither of them are milk. You can use the property of their location to know *neither* of them are milk.

2. When you mixed white glue with borax, you made goo. You could tell that the goo was a new substance because it had new properties. The following data table shows the results of mixing milk with glue and milk with vinegar. The milk and glue both started as white liquids. The vinegar started as a clear liquid. **Read the results:**



Circle True or False for each option.

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|------|-------|--|
| True | False | The mixture of milk and glue is a new substance because it is a liquid, and being a liquid is a new property. |
| True | False | Both mixtures are new substances, because new substances always form whenever two things are mixed. |
| True | False | The milk and vinegar mixture is a new substance, because it has totally different properties than the milk and vinegar had separately. |
| True | False | The milk and glue mixture doesn't have new properties, so it probably isn't a new substance. |

3. Imagine you have two new liquids: Liquid A and Liquid B. Both liquids are cloudy and gray. When mixed together, they form a green liquid that is not cloudy. **Fill in the table** below with the correct properties in the correct places.

	Liquid A	Liquid B	Mixture of A and B
Properties			

4. Did mixing liquids A and B create a new substance? **Circle one:** **Yes** **No**

How do you know? **Explain your evidence** on the lines below.

I know this because _____

5. Omar has 10 grams of liquid X, and 10 grams of liquid Y. When he mixes them, everything about them looks exactly the same, except the new mixture has a total mass of 20 grams. He says, "I think this means the mixture is a new substance. Each substance before only had a mass of 10 grams. The new mixture is 20 grams, so it has new properties. That means it's a new substance."

Do you agree or disagree with Omar? Is the mass different before and after the liquids are mixed? And is the mixture a new substance? **Explain** on the lines below.



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Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter | Performance Task



Directions: Make a particle model to show what happens to the stone over time. Use labels and symbols to make your model clear.

Large empty rounded rectangle for drawing a particle model.

Make a claim:

I think that _____

_____.

Support with evidence:

I think this because _____

Chemical Reactions & Properties of Matter

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Unit Assessment



1. Mia, Kayla, and Eli have all set up lemonade stands in their neighborhood. Each person started with the same amount of lemon juice and then added different amounts of sugar, as shown in the table below. Fill in the table with the total weight of each person's lemonade.

	Lemon Juice	Sugar	Total Weight of Lemonade
Mia	200 grams	10 grams	
Kayla	200 grams	20 grams	
Eli	200 grams	30 grams	



2. Sadly, Mia, Kayla, and Eli didn't sell any lemonade. So they all decide that they will turn their lemonade into popsicles. All they do is take the lemonade they made the day before and freeze it. Circle **True** or **False** for each sentence.

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|------|-------|---|
| True | False | Eli's popsicles will taste sweeter than Mia's popsicles or Kayla's popsicles because there is more sugar in them. |
| True | False | Eli's popsicles will weigh slightly more than Mia's popsicles or Kayla's popsicles because there is more sugar in them. |
| True | False | Eli's, Mia's, and Kayla's popsicles will all be exactly the same. |

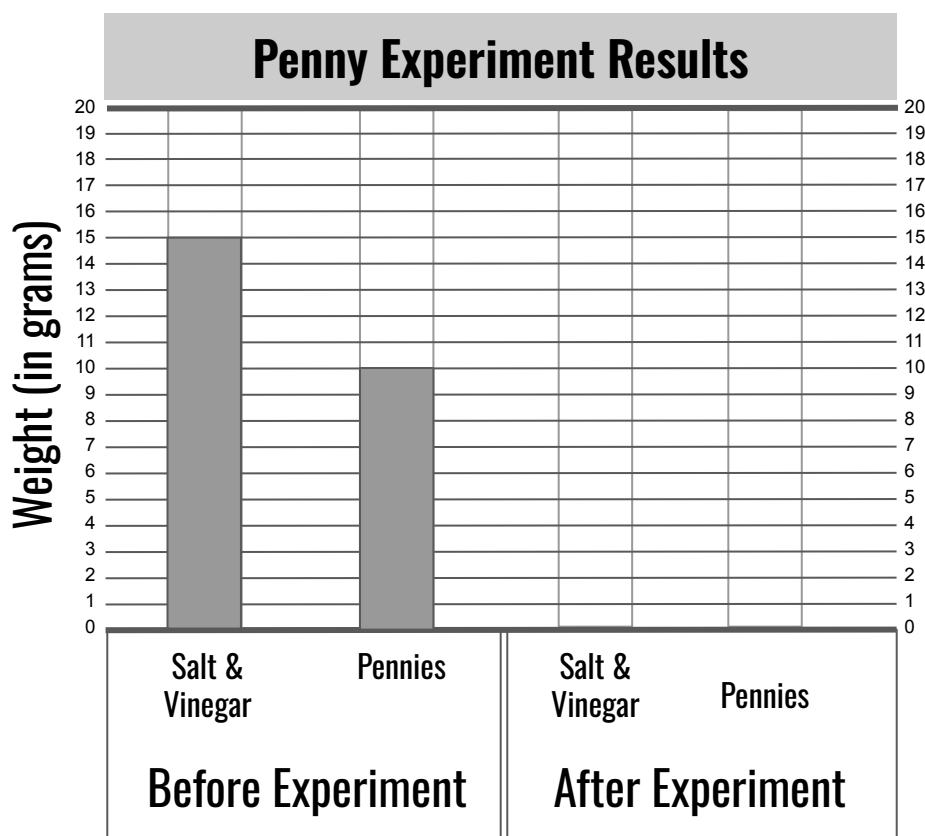
Laila empties her piggy bank and finds ten dull, brown pennies. Laila wants her pennies to look shiny, so she performs an experiment. First, she pours salt and vinegar into a container. Then, she adds the ten pennies and waits a few minutes. When she takes the pennies out of the salt and vinegar solution, they look shiny and new!

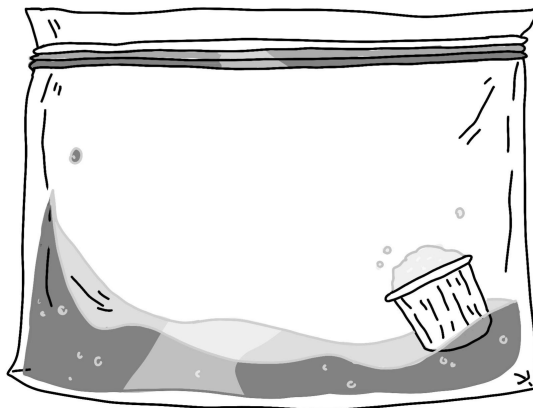


3. If Laila weighs the salt and vinegar solution and the pennies **after** the experiment, what do you think she will find?

- The solution will weigh more and the pennies will weigh less after the experiment.
- The solution will weigh less and the pennies will weigh more after the experiment.
- The solution will weigh the same and the pennies will weigh the same after the experiment.
- The solution will weigh the same and the pennies will weigh less after the experiment.

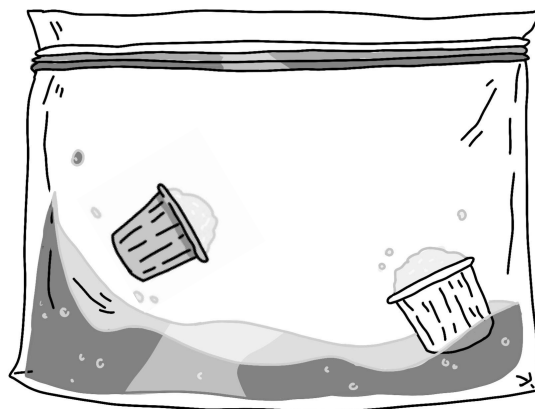
4. The graph to the right shows how much the salt and vinegar solution weighed before the experiment. It also shows how much the pennies weighed before the experiment. Laila weighs the pennies after the experiment and finds that they weigh 8 grams. Complete the bar graph to show how much the pennies weighed and how much the salt & vinegar solution weighed **after** the experiment.





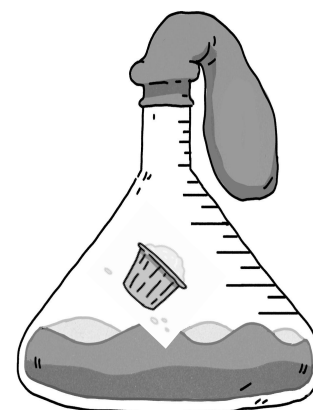
5. The picture above shows a sealed plastic bag filled with vinegar at the bottom. A cup of baking soda is about to mix with the vinegar. When the baking soda mixes with the vinegar, bubbles will form and the plastic bag will start to expand. Why does the bag expand? In the picture above, draw what happens inside the bag. Use arrows and words to explain your drawing.

6. If two cups of baking soda are added to the vinegar in the bag, describe how that would change your model from Question 5.



7. Emi drops a cup of baking soda into a glass container that has vinegar at the bottom of it. Then, she quickly puts a balloon on top of the container. What do you predict will happen to the balloon?

- The balloon will get bigger because it will become filled with solid (baking soda) particles that are too small to be seen.
- The balloon will get bigger because it will become filled with liquid (vinegar) particles that are too small to be seen.
- The balloon will get bigger because it will become filled with gas particles that are too small to be seen.
- The balloon will stay the same because it will not become filled with anything.



Priya needs some baking **soda** to bake a cake. She has three white powders (salt, baking **soda**, and baking **powder**) in her kitchen, but they don't have labels. She knows that baking **soda** will bubble and fizz if mixed with vinegar, but not with water. Baking **powder** will bubble and fizz if mixed with vinegar. It also bubbles when mixed with water. Salt does not bubble with vinegar or water. Priya conducts the following two experiments in her kitchen.

Vinegar Experiment

 Powder A	+	 Vinegar	=	
 Powder B	+	 Vinegar	=	
 Powder C	+	 Vinegar	=	

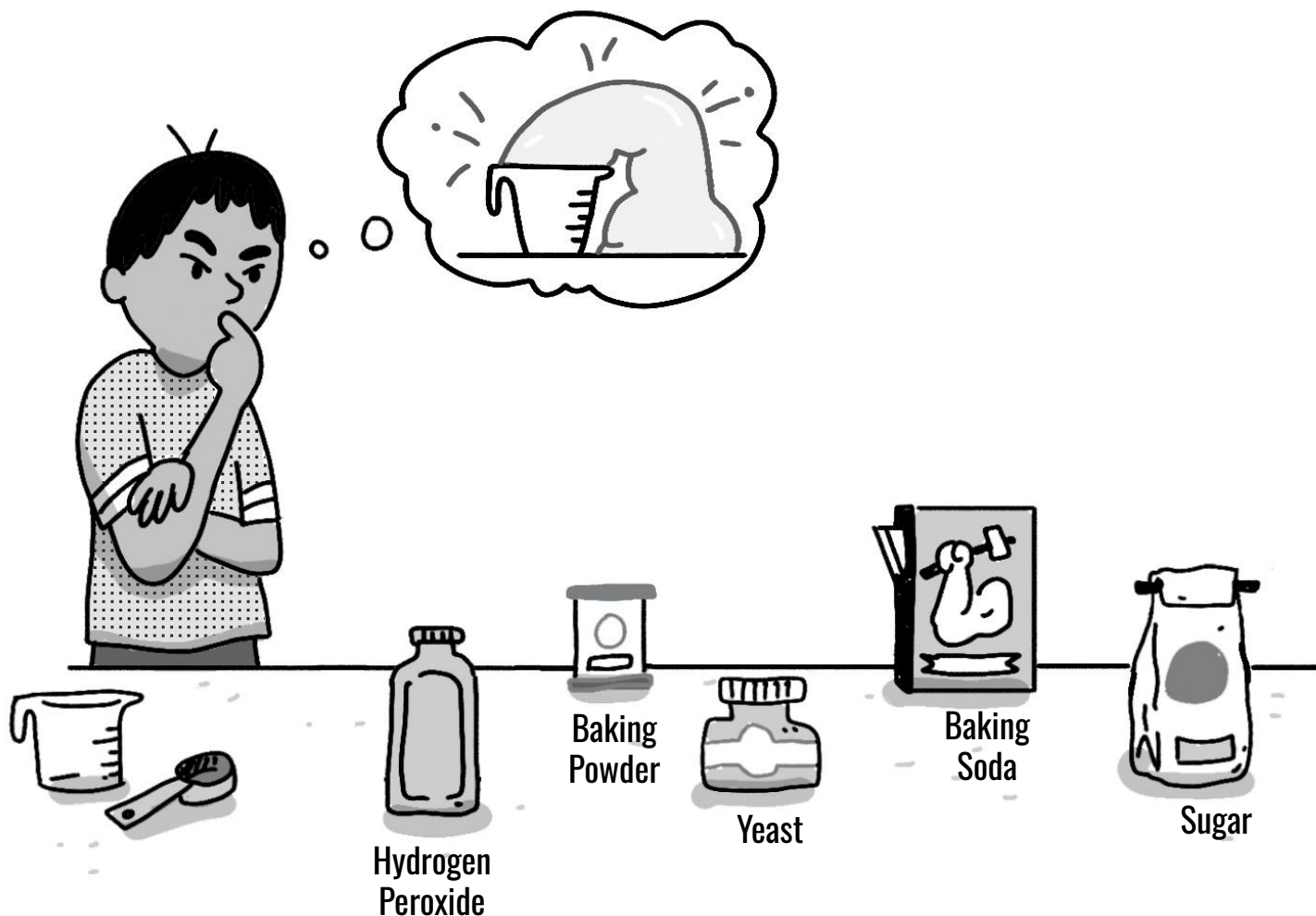
Water Experiment

 Powder A	+	 Water	=	
 Powder B	+	 Water	=	
 Powder C	+	 Water	=	

8. If Priya only looks at the results of the Vinegar Experiment, what can she figure out?

- a. Either B or C is the baking soda. A must be the salt.
- b. Either A or B is the baking soda. C must be the salt.
- c. Either A or C is the baking soda. B must be the salt.
- d. Priya can't figure anything out if she only looks at the Vinegar Experiment.

9. Which of the three powders (Powder A, Powder B, or Powder C) do you think is the baking **soda**? Why do you think that? Support your answer with evidence from the experiments.



10. Samuel wants to make something called “elephant toothpaste.” It’s a chemical reaction that creates lots of white foam that looks like toothpaste for an elephant! Samuel knows that the reaction happens when two ingredients are mixed together. He also knows that one of the ingredients is hydrogen peroxide. Samuel doesn’t know what the other ingredient is. Using the ingredients shown in the picture above, describe the steps of an experiment that Samuel could perform to figure out what he needs to make “elephant toothpaste.”
