

Unit 2: The Forces of Wind and Water

WEEK 2 Day 5

Vocabulary & Language

Answering a Weekly Question

Weekly Questions	Week 1: What are landforms? Week 2: What can we learn about land?
Language Objective	I can use new words to discuss a particular question with my classmates. (SL.1.2, L.6.2.a)
Vocabulary: Week 1	area: place or region cause: to make happen feature: a part or quality of something raised: elevated steep: at a sharp angle surface: the top layer surround: to circle around on all sides wear: to cause to become damaged through long use, friction, or exposure
Week 2	decompose: to decay layer: a section of something that alternates with a different material from top to bottom nutrient: something that helps people, animals, and plants live and grow organic: having to do with or coming from living things prevent: to stop from happening transport: to carry from one place to another value (v): to think of something as important vital: necessary for life
Materials and Preparation	• Week 2 Answering a Weekly Question sheets, one for each small group • pencils, one or two for each small group • Weekly Questions for Weeks 1 and 2, printed or projected • Weekly Words cards for Weeks 1 and 2 • chart paper and markers (2 different colors)

	Strategically assign children to groups of four, and plan where each group will work around the classroom.
Opening	<i>This week we will use the Answer a Weekly Question routine. After you work in small groups, we'll save a few minutes to share one of your sentences with the whole class.</i>
Key Activity	Distribute sheets and send children to work. Circulate to help children strategize through the routine, encourage equitable participation, observe interpersonal dynamics, and glean understanding about children's word use. While children work, select one group to present their response to the class. Have the group identify one or two members who will read the response aloud. After about 7 minutes, signal for children to finish their answers and return to the whole group. Invite the reader(s) from the selected group to present their response by first reading the Weekly Question they chose and then their response. <i>Please read your response slowly so I can write it down.</i> Write the response on the chart paper. <i>Let's see which Weekly Words they used! I'll read it again, and you can let me know when you hear a Weekly Word.</i> Read the response aloud, slowly, and pause as children identify Weekly Words. Circle those words with the contrasting marker. Invite children from other groups to signal if they also used any of the same words. Highlight the meaning of the word as different groups used it, noting its similarities and/or differences in context and usage.
Closing	<i>You have really packed words into your answers to the Weekly Questions!</i>
Standards	SL.1.2 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. L.6.2.a Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading, and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy, that makes me happy).
Ongoing assessment	Listen to children's conversations as they work. How accurately do children use words in context?

	What contributions do they make to the construction of a response to a specific question? Observe children's interactions in small groups. How effectively do children work in their groups? What roles do they take on? Reflect on the whole group sharing of one group's response. What more was revealed about children's understanding and application of words? Review each sheet. Use children's answers to inform planning for successive lessons, reteaching words, and informal conversations with individual children.
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