

Science Grade 6 Session 2: Living Systems

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Acknowledgment of Land and People



In the spirit of reconciliation, we want to acknowledge that this gathering is taking place on traditional lands across the province of Alberta, home to many diverse First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that this land is a traditional meeting ground giving voice to its original peoples and the story of creation of this country in a way that history has forgotten.



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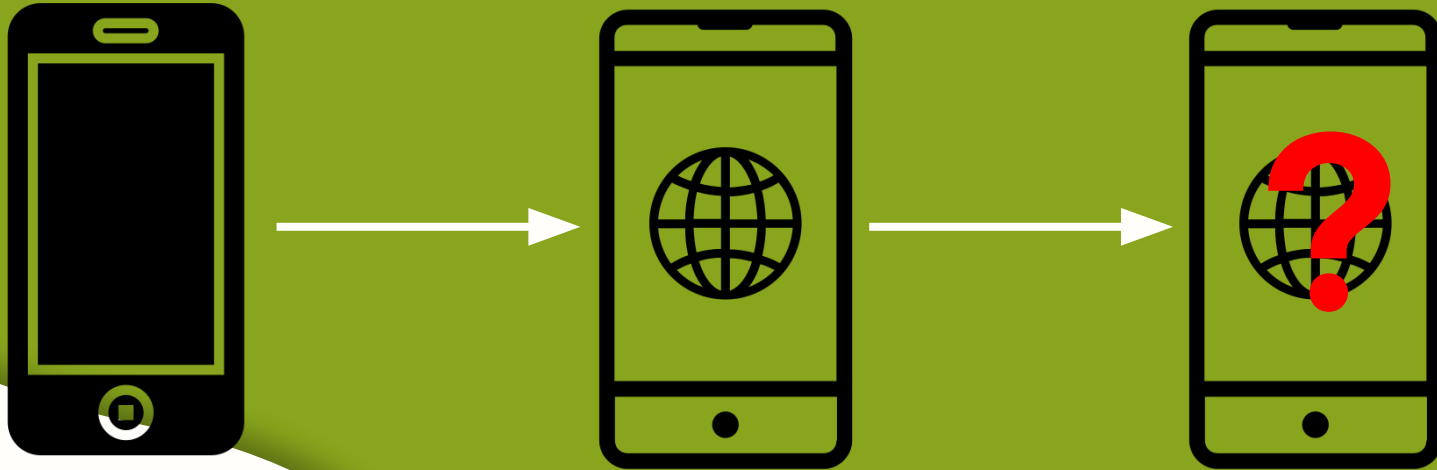


Backgrounder



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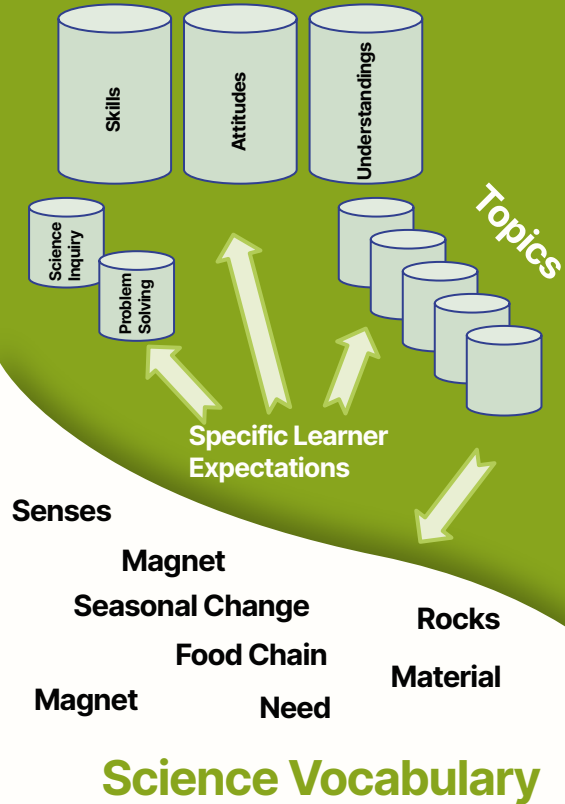
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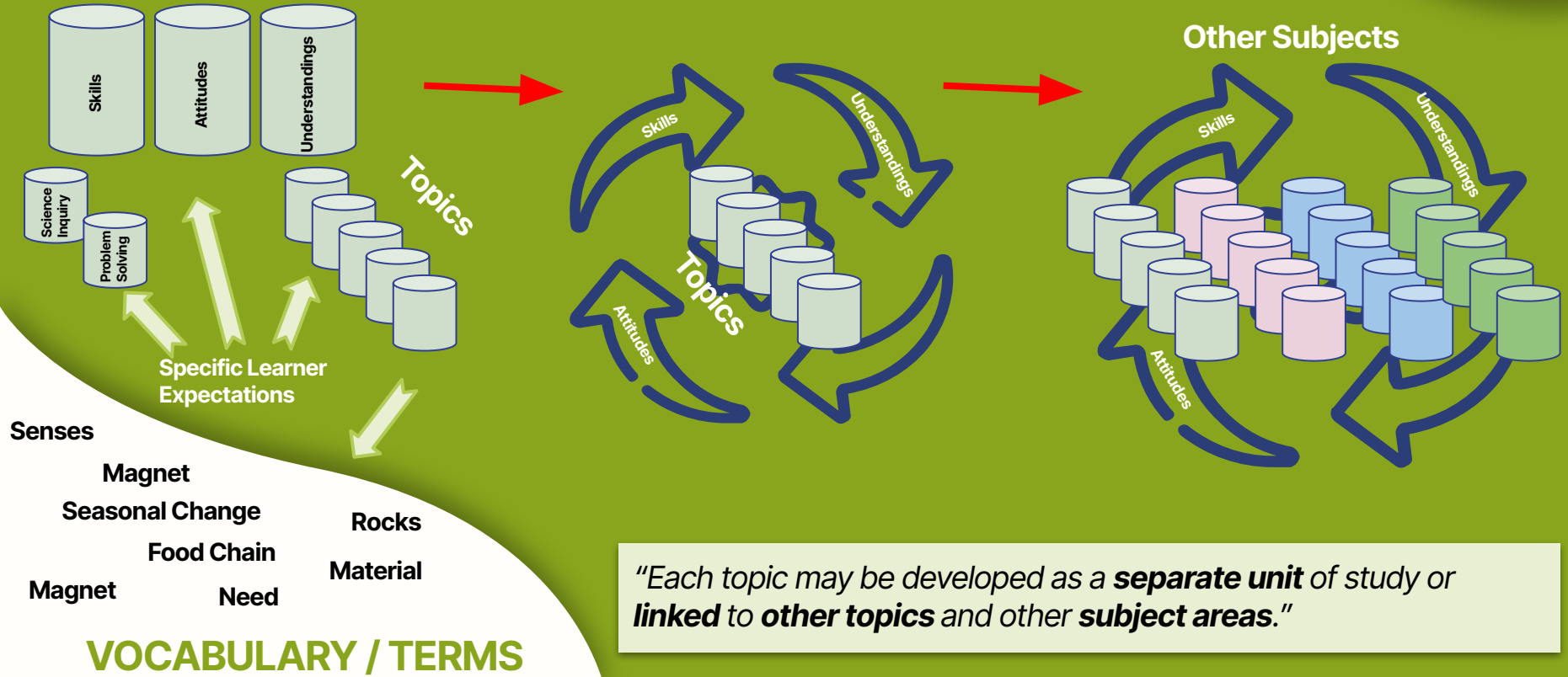
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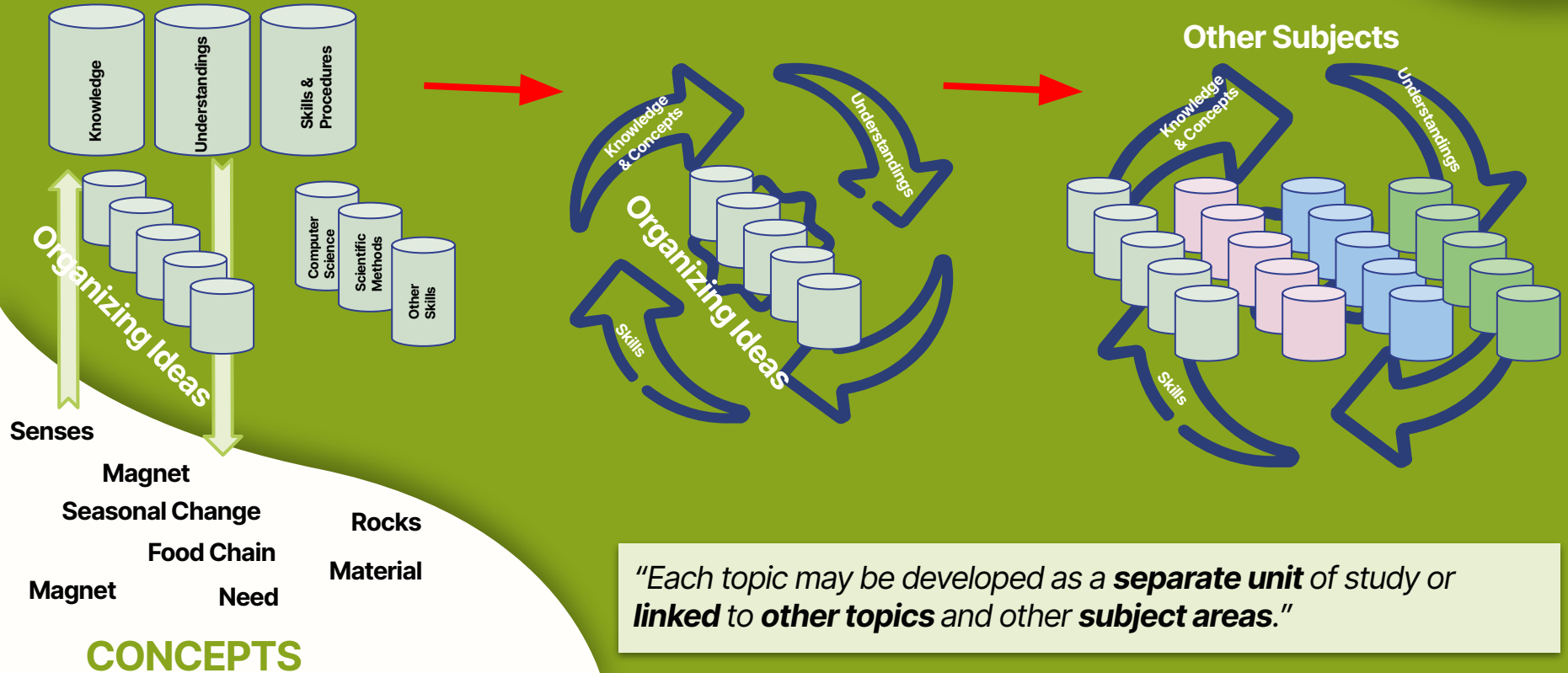
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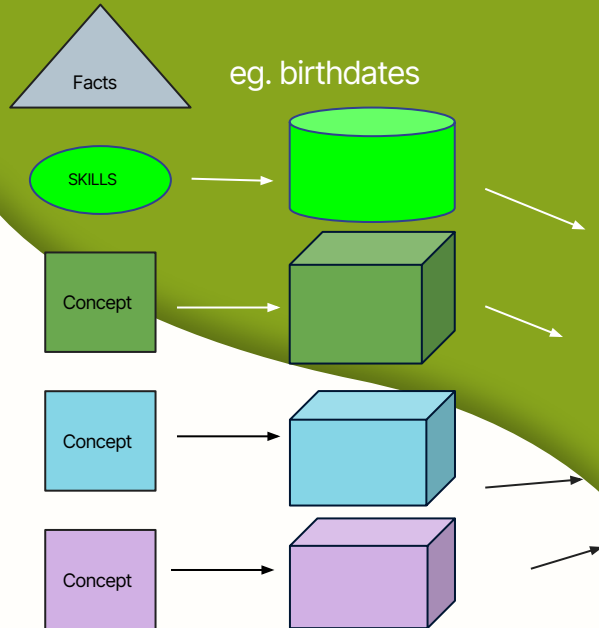


Phases of Learning

Hattie, Fisher & Frey: *Visible Learning for Literacy* (2016)

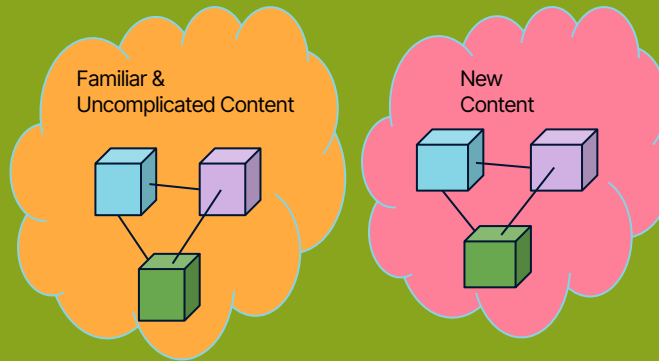
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Students are first exposed to individual skills, concepts and their related knowledge.



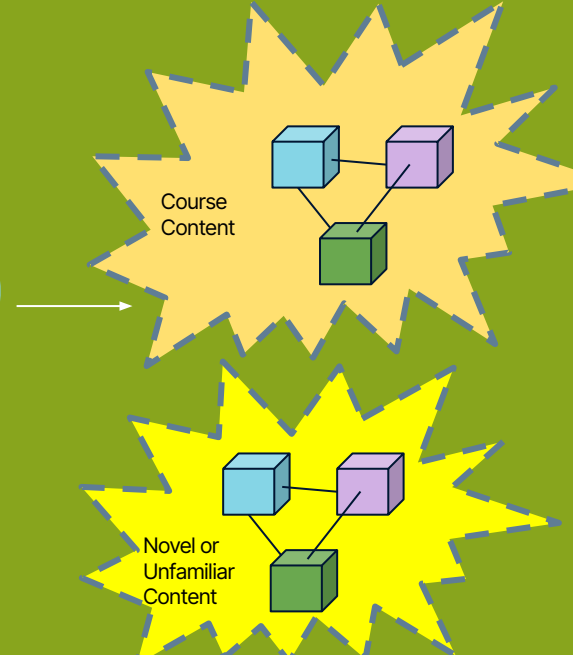
Deep

Making connections between concepts to create deeper understanding and applying skills/procedures to new situations



Transfer

Applying understandings and skills to a variety of novel and unrelated contexts.



Conceptual Overview

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Concepts

What is a concept?

A concept is ...

- an organizing idea of 1 -2 words;
- with distinct attributes;
- that are shared across multiple examples.



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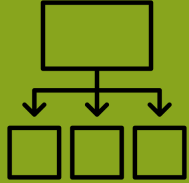
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Concepts are the way we organize our world - they are like categories which we make to group things that have similar qualities.



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Concepts are like file folders. We name the file and store information in that file that have certain attributes (eg. “Science Activities,” “Assessments.” “Bills,” etc.)



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When we play “I Spy,” we are essentially identifying **concepts** (eg. “something that is red,” “something that is heavy,” etc.)



What concepts do you “see”
in this image?



Concepts

Guiding Question	In what ways are ecosystems complex?	
Learning Outcome	6LS1: Students investigate the characteristics and components of and interactions within ecosystems .	
Knowledge	Understanding	Skills & Procedures
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Living Systems Grade 6 (Implementation)

Note that this concept map is only one of the many possible ways to organize these concepts.



Concepts

Grade 6 Living Systems



Ecosystem

Abiotic Component

Biotic Component

Characteristic

Diversity

Complexity

Key Concepts

Grade 6 Living Systems

Component

Previous Grades

**Growth
(Life Cycle)**

Organism

Interaction

Environment

Relationship

System

Plant

Animal

Survival

Living Systems Concept Progressions

Concept Progressions

Science Curriculum (March 2023)

Kindergarten to Grade 6

LIVING SYSTEMS

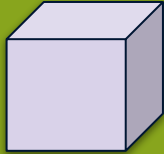
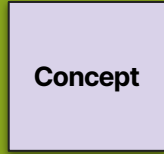
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	Guiding Question: How do plants and animals survive?	Guiding Question: How do plants and animals grow?	Guiding Question: How do plants and animals interact?	Guiding Question: In what ways do the structures of organisms support their survival?	Guiding Question: How are organisms supported by biological processes and systems?	Guiding Question: In what ways are ecosystems complex?
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LIVING SYSTEMS

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	KEY CONCEPTS				KEY CONCEPTS	
Animals	Animal	Animal	Carnivore Herbivore Omnivore	External Structure	Biological Systems	Components: Abiotic & Biotic
Dependence	Behaviour: Human	Behaviour: Human	Classification	Function	Organism: Complex	Diversity
Environment	Development	Development	Environmental Protection	Microorganism	Biological Processes	Ecosystem Types
Living Things	Development: Stage	Development: Stage	FNMI Knowledge of Plants and Animals	Organism	Biological Systems: Animals: Internal	Ecosystem & Diversity
Needs	Effect: Positive, Negative	Effect: Positive, Negative	Food Chain	Sensory Structure	Digestive Respiratory Circulatory Musculoskeletal	Ecosystem: Characteristics
Plants	FNMI Relationship to Land	FNMI Relationship to Land	Interaction	Structure	Biological Systems: Animals: Transport Systems	Ecosystem: Components
Similarity	Life Cycle	Life Cycle	Stimuli		Xylem	Ecosystem: Greenhouse Gas Storage
Difference	Offspring	Offspring	Stimuli Response		Phloem	Ecosystem: Role: Plants
Humans	Pattern	Pattern	Survival			FNMI: Sacred Plants
Diversity	Plant	Plant	FNMI: Respectful interaction with natural materials.			Interdependence - Relationships
	Relationship	Relationship	FNMI: Plant and animal behaviours and patterns			Interdependence: Plants and Animals
	Relationship to Land	Relationship to Land				Organisms
	Stages of Development	Stages of Development				Photosynthesis
						Photosynthesis: Chlorophyll

Surface Level

Instructional Approaches & Activities



Creating/Identifying examples and non-examples in new contexts

Definition





Surface Strategy

Card Sort

In a card sort, students are given a series of labelled cards with information on them (words, images, etc.)

Students are asked to organize and sort them into groups or categories that they think are appropriate.



Examples

Concepts

Living and
Non-Living Things

Plants

Animals

Function



Review of Key Concepts from Grade 1 & 3

Lens:
Observation/Discussion

8/18	
OBSERVATIONS	INFERENCES





What is the **relationship** between the 'things' you placed in the "**Living**" column?

What is the **relationship** between the pictures of things you placed in the "**non-living**" column?



Review Card Sort - Living/NonLiving

Same Cards for Animal /
Plant
Header Cards for Card Sort

Plants and **Animals** have
similarities and **differences**.
How can you describe or model
this?





Applications of Card Sort to Grade 4

Using your cards, sort (classify) the organisms according to:

- a) Appearance - have students describe what appearance is common to each group they created. Make a list of words (classifications) that students use on the board to help students understand "appearance" related characteristics.

Repeat the same for

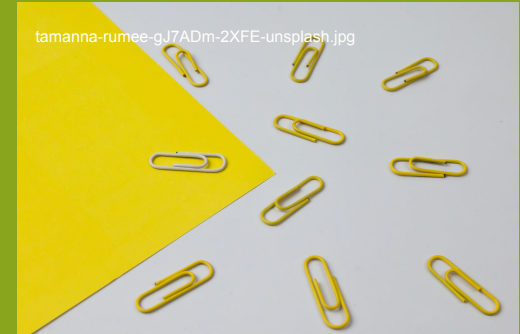
- b) Habitat
- c) Structures. You may wish to use the "features" poster from Grade 1 to assist students in identifying structures.



Applications of Card Sort to Grade 6

Sort your organisms based on the type of ecosystem they might live in. Be prepared to describe the ecosystem and why you placed the organism in it.





Card Sort (Concept: Function)

Function: the job that something or someone does.



Surface Strategy

Frayer Model

The Frayer Model is a graphic organizer used to help students develop a understanding of new concepts.

The model includes four main components:

- Definition
- Characteristics
- Examples
- Non-examples

This model is often used in conjunction with another learning activity where students are introduced to the concept.



Examples Concepts

Four sample starting points for Frayer Models

System (see next slide)

Component

Function

Characteristic

Interaction

Organism

Complexity

CONCEPT: System

A system is a group parts or components that have a function and interact or work together to carry out a purpose to solve a problem.

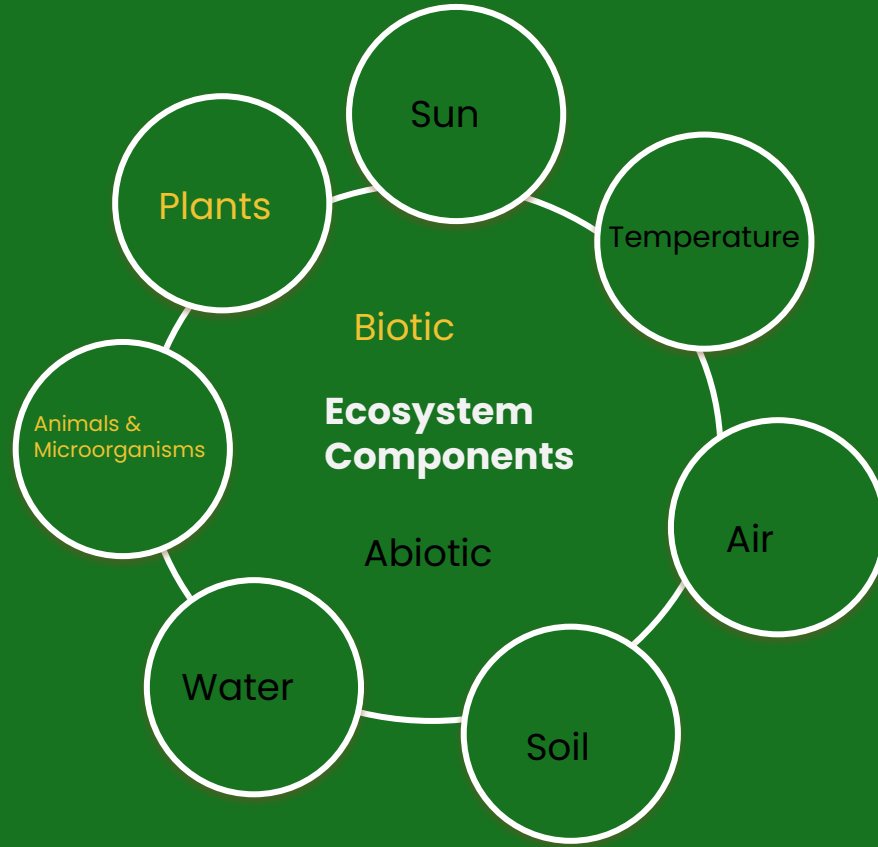
1. View the Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOMIBdM6N7Q>
2. Complete the table.
3. What is a good name for this system?
4. What is the purpose of his system?
5. Students complete this [Frayer Model](#).

Part	Function	Describe the Interaction
Coffee Mug		
Fuse		
Hair Dryer		
Roll of Tape		

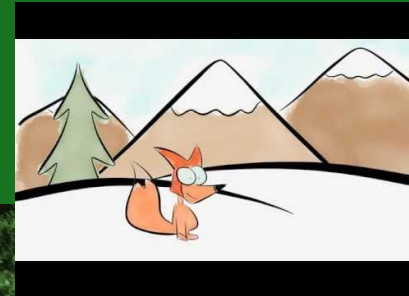
Ecosystem Components

Biotic

Abiotic



Represent the connections between components.





Surface Strategy

Concept Attainment

A concept attainment strategy is similar to a card sort in that students are looking for patterns or similarities in the information that is presented

The difference is that the teacher pre-arranges the examples into groups of examples of the concept, and non-examples.

Examples and non-examples are presented one at a time as the attributes of the concept becomes apparent. *Using a **Fruyer Model** after a concept attainment activity helps reinforce the concepts.*



Examples Concepts

[Relationship](#)

[Cause & Effect & Impact
& Concept Map](#)

[Dependence](#)

[Diversity](#)

[Investigation](#)

[Conclusion](#)

[Analysis](#)

[Criteria](#)

[Prediction](#)

[Observation](#)



Surface / Deep Strategy

Spectrum Sort

In a spectrum sort, students place images, examples, etc. on a spectrum and justify its placement.



Examples
Concepts

Complexity

Sample Spectrum Sort

Place the following somewhere on the spectrum.
Justify your choice.

Group 1: stone, animal, plant

Group 2: hopscotch, jogging, basketball



Complete a Frayer Model on "[complexity.](#)"

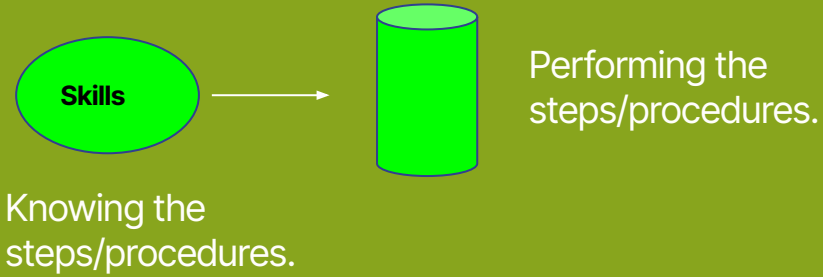
Skills & Procedures



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Surface Level

Instructional Approaches & Activities



Living Systems

Investigate
(controlled experiment)

Represent (create a
model or simulation)

Relate

Compare & Contrast

Examine

Discuss



Skills and Procedures

Skills and procedures “are what students do to demonstrate knowledge and understanding.”

6LS1.1: **Represent** and **connect** the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem.

6LS1.1: **Locate and responsibly examine** a local ecosystem in nature using appropriate materials and tools.

6LS1.1: **Relate** the preservation of various ecosystems to possible actions that address climate change.

6LS1.1: **Create a model or simulation to represent** a chosen ecosystem and its characteristics.

6LS1.1: **Compare** the characteristics of two ecosystems.

6LS1.1: **Examine** the diversity of animals and plants in various ecosystems in relation to abiotic components.

6LS1.2: **Explain** the process of photosynthesis and its importance in an ecosystem.

6LS1.2: **Design and perform a controlled experiment** to demonstrate the importance of light to photosynthesis.

6LS1.2: **Design and perform a controlled experiment** to show that a plant is releasing oxygen.

6LS1.2: **Design and perform a controlled experiment** to show that a plant contains starch.

6LS1.3: **Examine** ways that plants and animals rely on each other to meet their needs.

6LS1.3: **Discuss** plants that are considered sacred to First Nations and Métis

Computer Science at a Glance

Grade K-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	
Instructions	<u>Computational Thinking</u> <u>Creative Thinking</u>	<u>Design Processes</u> Design uses algorithms (sequence of instructions) to produce artifacts.	Design can be used by humans or machines to meet needs. • Design can be used to create algorithms and translate them into code • Visual block-based languages & loops. • Design functionality. • Design usability.	Process of <u>Abstraction</u> . Structures used in coding • sequences • conditionals (if-then-else statements) • loops Positive or Negative Impacts

Scientific Methods at a Glance

Grade 2

Steps followed during an investigation include

- asking questions
- making predictions
- planning the investigation
- observing and recording data
- analyzing data
- reaching conclusions
- discussing observations and conclusions

Grade 3

Focus on observing and recording data (accuracy, objectivity)

Grade 4

Relationship between data (qualitative; quantitative) evidence (reliability; validity) and knowledge.

Grade 5

Evidence, ethics, controlled experiment (dependent and independent variables)

Grade 6

Examine the role of explanations in science.



Surface Strategy

Direct Teaching of Skills Strategy

In the direct teaching of skills strategy, the skill or procedure is explicitly taught using. The strategy involves the following:

- breaking a skill or procedure into its steps
- ensuring students understand any concepts in the steps
- explaining the steps to the students
- demonstrating the steps to the students
- providing guided practice



Examples
**Skills &
Procedures**

[Investigating](#)

[Compare & Contrast](#)



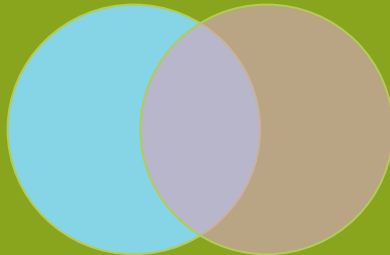
Surface Strategy

Venn Diagram

Compare & Contrast:

A Venn diagram consists of overlapping circles, each circle representing a different set or different item

The shared area (overlapping section) are the elements that belong to both sets or items (similarities) The area not overlapping are difference.

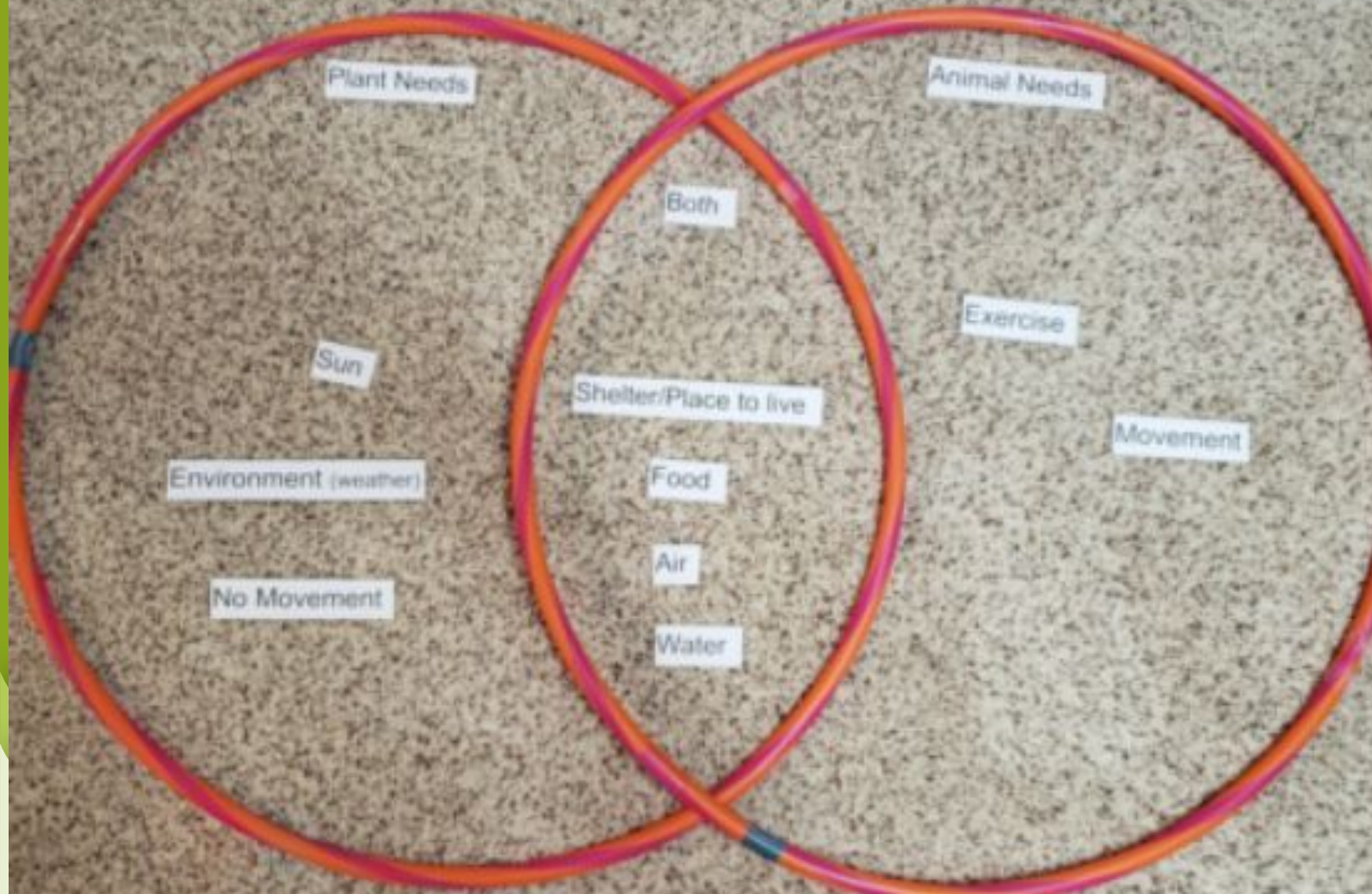


Examples

**Skills &
Procedures**

**Compare
&
Contrast**

Plants and animals require environments that allow them to meet their needs.



Compare and Contrast

Similarities/
Differences

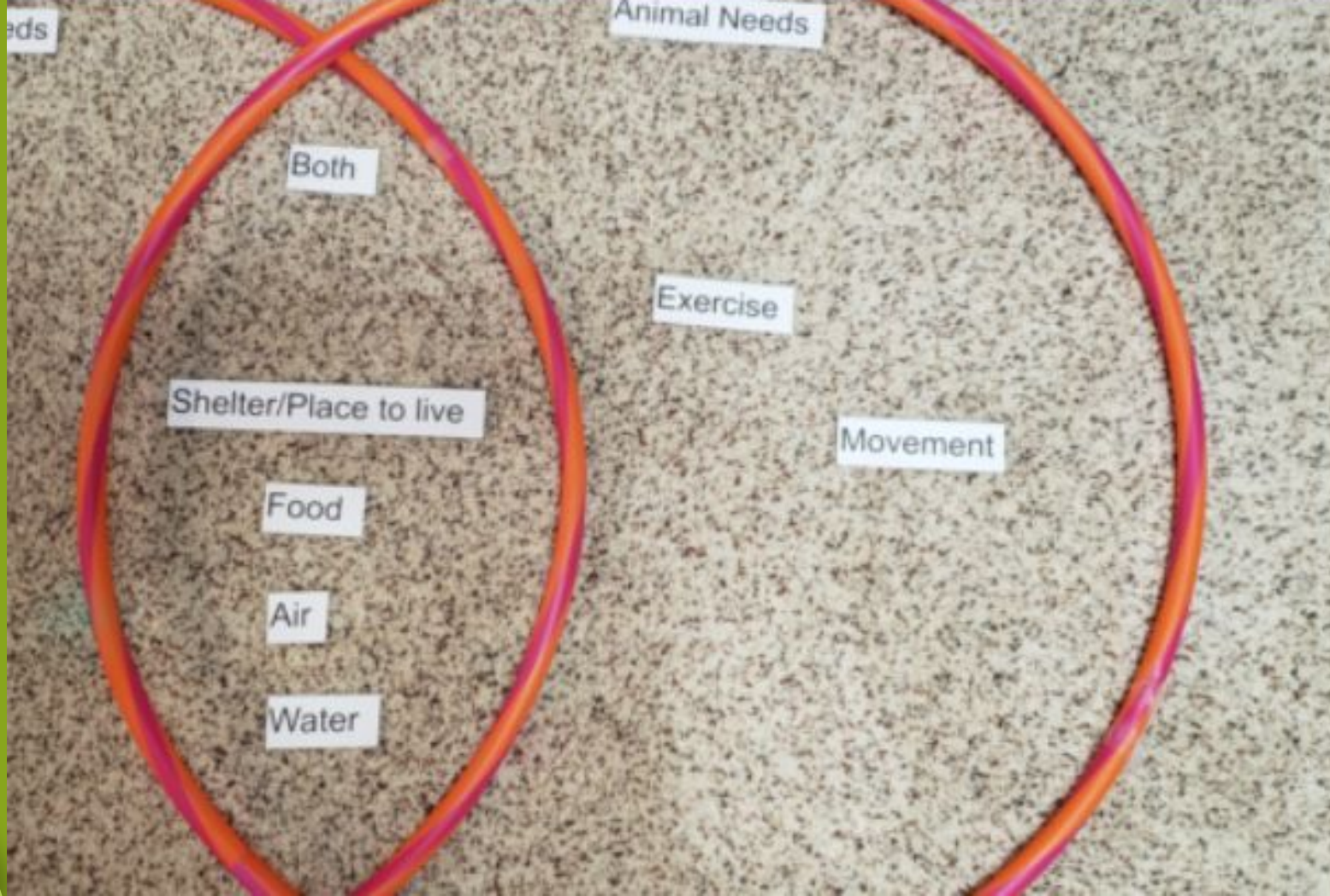
What is a
'need'?

What are **basic needs** for ALL living things?

Header Cards

How do animals get food?

Movement is likely to come up in the discussion. Have students take the plant and animal cards and sort them on how each moves.

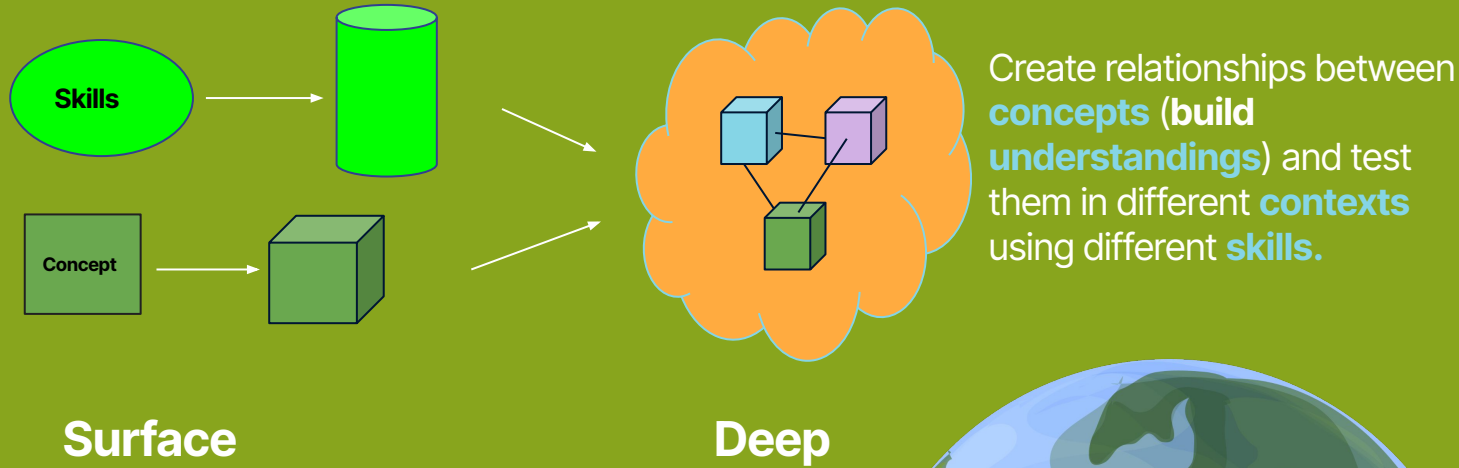


Understandings



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Deep Level Instructional Approaches & Activities



Understandings

6LS1.1: The **components** and **characteristics** of an **ecosystem** affect the **diversity** of the **organisms** that live in it.

6LS1.2: Photosynthesis is a **process** that supports **growth** and **survival** in a variety of **ecosystems**.

6LS1.3: There are significant **relationships** between **plants** and **animals** within **ecosystems**.

Understanding is “how facts and knowledge fit together in a logical and meaningful order.”



Deep Strategy

Discussing

Discuss means to explore and examine a topic or issue by

- **talking** about a topic or issue with others, exchanging ideas and opinions in a collaborative and respectful manner
- providing a detailed and thorough analysis or examination of a particular topic or issue.



**Skills &
Procedures**

Discussing

(Some) Discussion Formats

Gallery Walk (Chat Stations)	Snowball Discussion	Conver-Stations	Concentric Circles
Pinwheel Discussion	Think-Pair-Share	<u>Circle of Viewpoints</u>	Fishbowl
4 Corners	Spectrum Sort	Silent Discussions (eg. Mentimeter, Padlet)	<u>See-Think-Wonder</u>



Deep Strategy

Representing

Representing means to effectively communicate one's understanding of a particular subject, concept, topic to understanding to others, whether through writing, speaking, or some other form of expression.



**Skills &
Procedures**

Representing

(Some) Representation Ideas

Concept Map	<u>Infographic</u>	<u>Mind Map</u>	Skit
Comic Strip	Podcast	Poem/Song	Dance
Diagram	Charts & Tables	Gif Animation	Model
Infomercial	Mash-Up	News Report	Puppet Show
Role Play	Board Game	Kahoot!	Diorama

6LS1.1: Understanding

The **components** and **characteristics** of an **ecosystem** affect the **diversity** of the **organisms** that live in it.





Deep Strategy

Comparing and Contrasting



Examples Understanding

6LS1.1:
The components and characteristics of an ecosystem affect the diversity of the organisms that live in it

Understanding : The **components** and **characteristics** of an **ecosystem** affect the **diversity** of the **organisms** that live in it

Skills & Procedures (Compare the characteristics of two ecosystems)

Focus/Criteria (Characteristics of the Ecosystem)	Ecosystem A	Ecosystem B	Same or Different?
Geographic Location			
Size			
Complexity			
DESCRIBE THE DIVERSITY			
Compare/Contrast Scale: Different > Somewhat Different > Somewhat Similar > Similar			
Conclusion:			

**Ecosystems: Components
and Characteristics. How
do they affect the
diversity of organisms?**

What makes this home?

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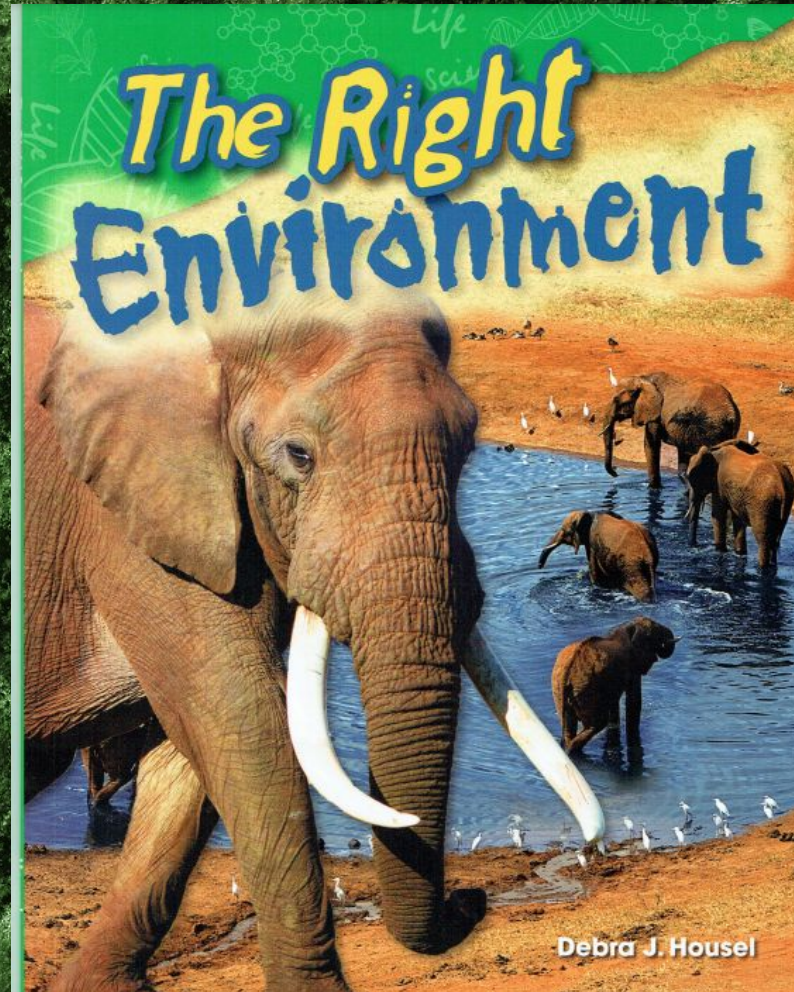
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What are the characteristics of ecosystems?



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Climate patterns
Size
Vegetation
structure
Animal populations
Geographic
location



How do
characteristics of
an ecosystem
affect the diversity
of organisms?

Surface to deep -
Research and
Analyze.

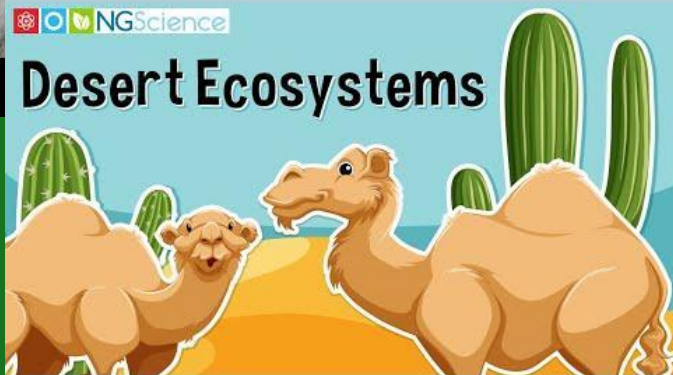


The Grassland Ecosystem!



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NGScience

Desert Ecosystems

6LS1.2: Understanding

Photosynthesis is a **process** that supports **growth** and **survival** in a variety of **ecosystems**.



You could use the following book as a **Case Study** reading it before any information relating to Photosynthesis has been shared. Use the book to draw out what students heard, learned and still wonder.

Photosynthesis

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store buying dinner? Probably not! Plants create their
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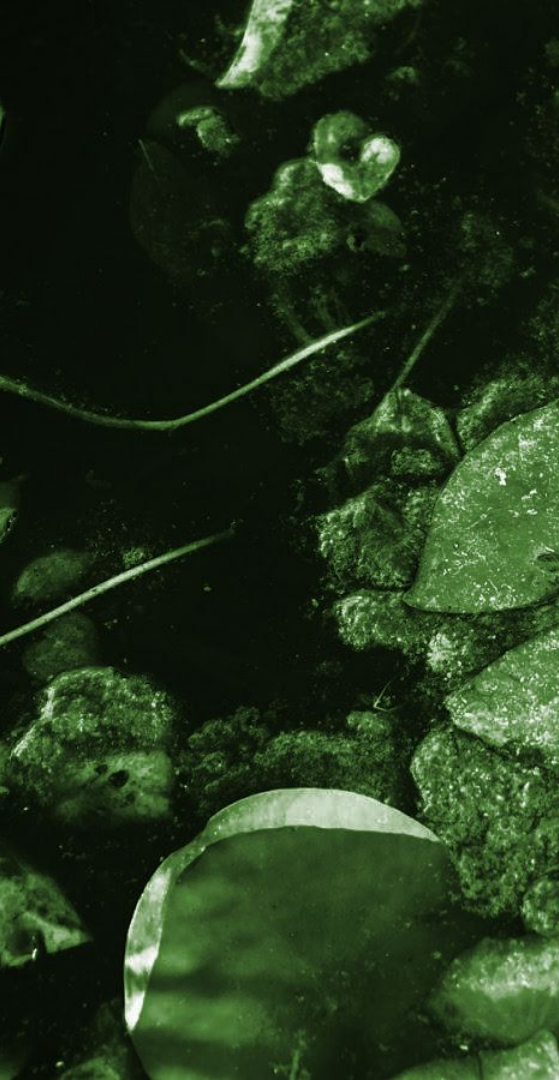
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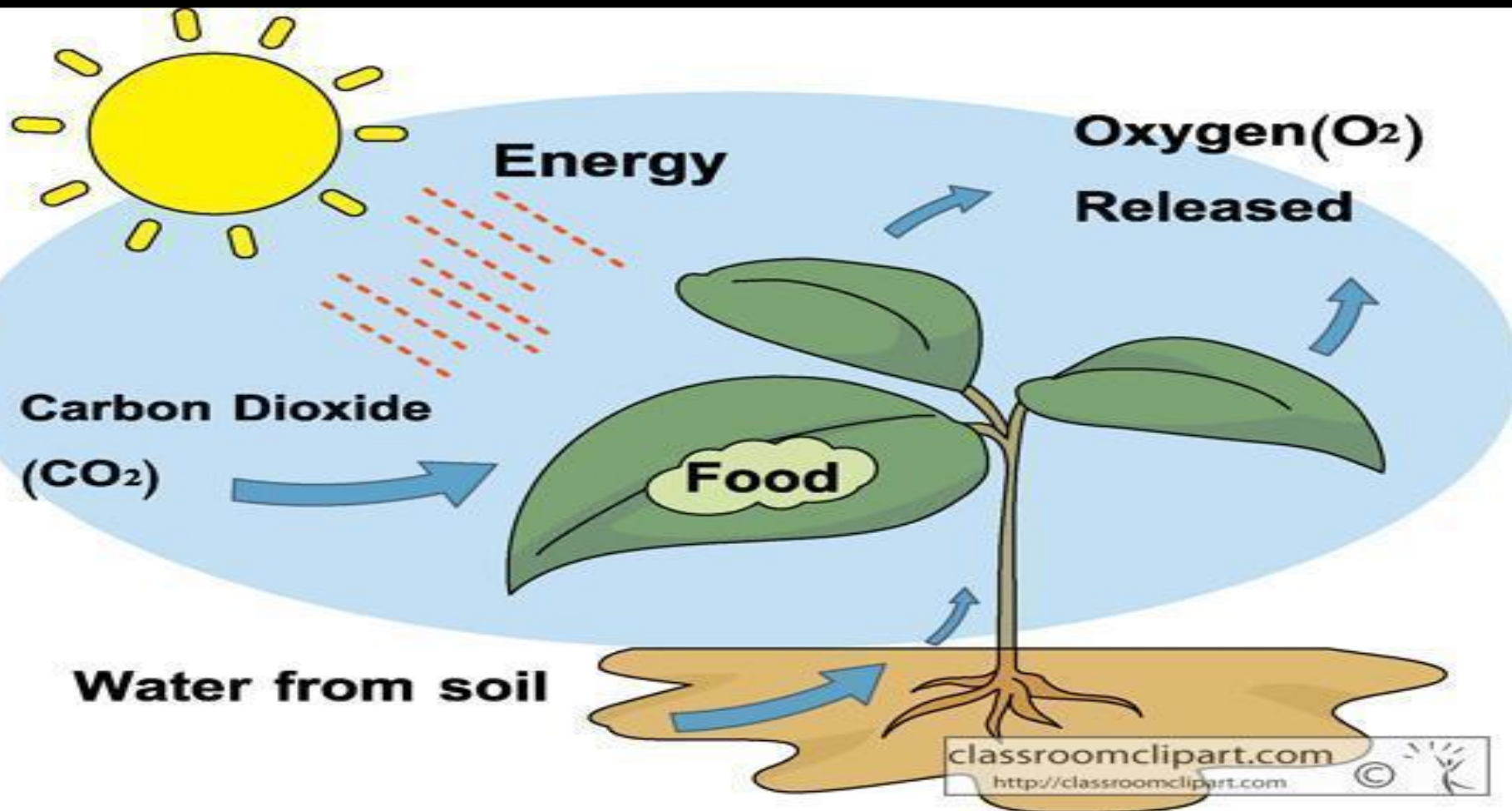
Life Giving Air

Photosynthesis

Photosynthesis

Photo (light) synthesis (making something)





Parts of a plant

- **Root** is for anchorage and uptake of water and minerals.
- **Stem** supports the rest of the plant and contains the vascular bundles (**xylem** which moves water around the plant) (**phloem** which moves sugars around the plant).



What are roots for?



Parts of a plant

- **Leaf** this is where sunlight turns **water** and **carbon dioxide** into **glucose** and **oxygen** in the presence of **chlorophyll**.
- **Flower** is where **pollination** takes place and seed production occurs. This ensures the life cycle of the plant continues.



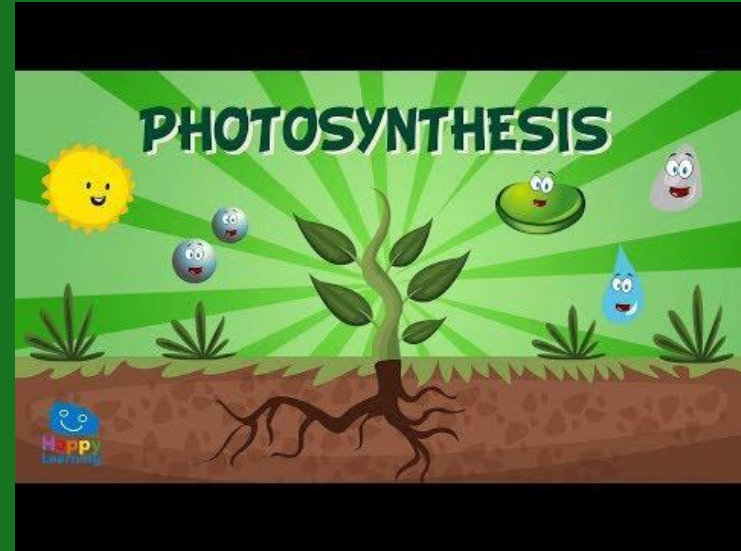
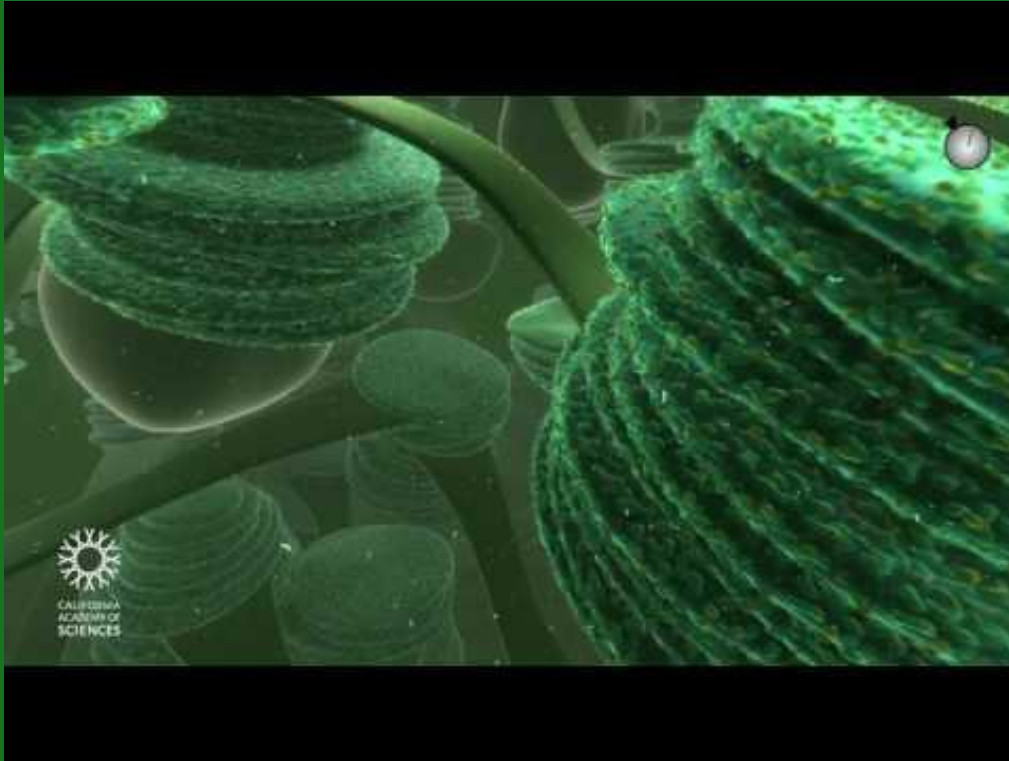
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the part of a plant that uses sunlight and air to help the plant make food



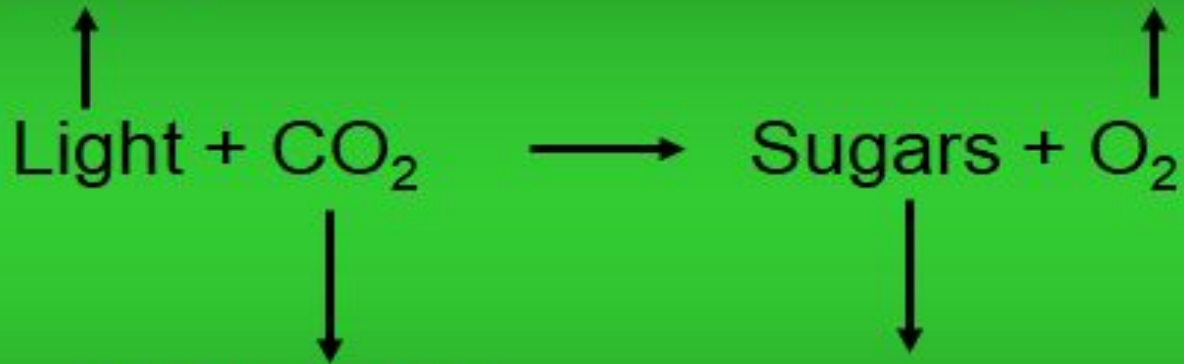
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Travelling Inside a Leaf



Light is absorbed into
the leaf by cells called
chlorophyll

Oxygen is released
back into the
atmosphere



Carbon Dioxide is
taken into the plant
through a whole in the
leaves

↓
The sugars produced
is cellulose, for growth,
and glucose, for food.





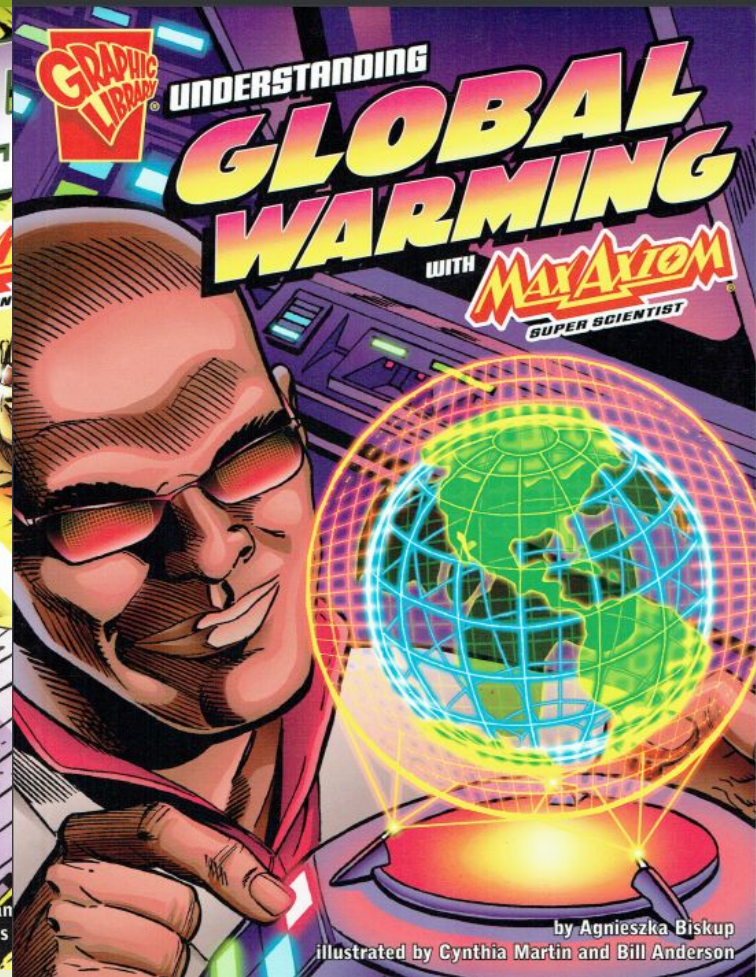
PHOTOSYNTHESIS **FOR KIDS**

Transfer

- **Represent** the **connections (relate)** between components of two new ecosystem by recording observations using words & tables & graphs & diagrams & photographs or other representations.

How does *Wahkohtowin* within an ecosystem affect the **diversity of organisms**?







Deep Strategy

Investigation

Investigations are useful strategies for developing understandings or deepening understanding.



Examples **Understanding**

Understanding **6LS1.1**

The components and characteristics of an ecosystem affect the diversity of the organisms that live in it.

Example: Investigation (Represent) to develop/deepen understanding

Skills & Procedures: 6LS1.1: Represent and connect the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem.

Investigating Problem: How do the components and characteristics of an ecosystem affect the diversity of the organisms that live in it? (Understanding)

Sample Investigation

Procedures: http://www.edugains.ca/resourcesFL/Resources/TeachingLearningExamples/Elementary/Grade6_Biodiversity.pdf

Note: This link provides further investigations that meet all the Skills and Procedures in 6LS1.1 except modelling. Activities could be divided into groups.

6LS1.3: Understanding

There are **significant relationships** between **plants** and **animals** within **ecosystem**





Surface - Deep - Transfer Strategy

Case Study

Case studies provide students with real-world situations or "cases." provide students with either a familiar or new context.

Depending on the questions or activity following the case study, this approach can be used at

- surface level
- deep level
- transfer level



Example

Using Wetlands to model the Skills and Procedures and connect the Knowledge to the Understandings.

Case Study approach

Could be the first time any of the concepts are introduced or it extends the card sort (eg. living/non-living; plants/animals, etc)

Also provides pre-assessment opportunities to determine the level of student understanding.

Case Study through
an Indigenous Lens

BEAUTIFUL WETLANDS

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Plants play a variety of roles in an ecosystem, including

- photosynthesizing
- cleaning and filtering water
- reducing soil erosion
- providing food and shelter for animals Humans, like all animals, depend on plants to produce oxygen used for breathing.

Humans also rely on plants in various other ways, including for

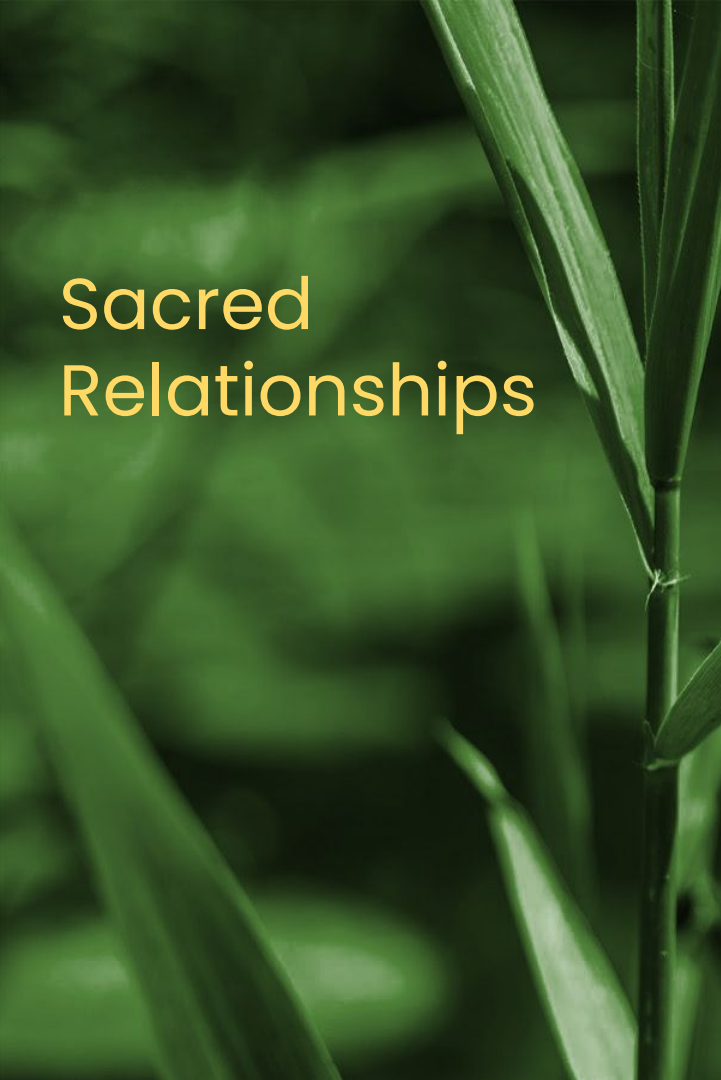
- food
- clothing
- paper
- building materials
- medicine
- fuel

Plants depend on animals, including humans, to generate the carbon dioxide they need to survive. Certain plants are considered sacred to First Nations and Métis, including

- Sage
- sweetgrass
- cedar
- tobacco

The offering of tobacco signifies reciprocity relationships with the plant giving back to the land respect for the plant a sustainable relationship

Sacred Relationships



Social Studies – Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada

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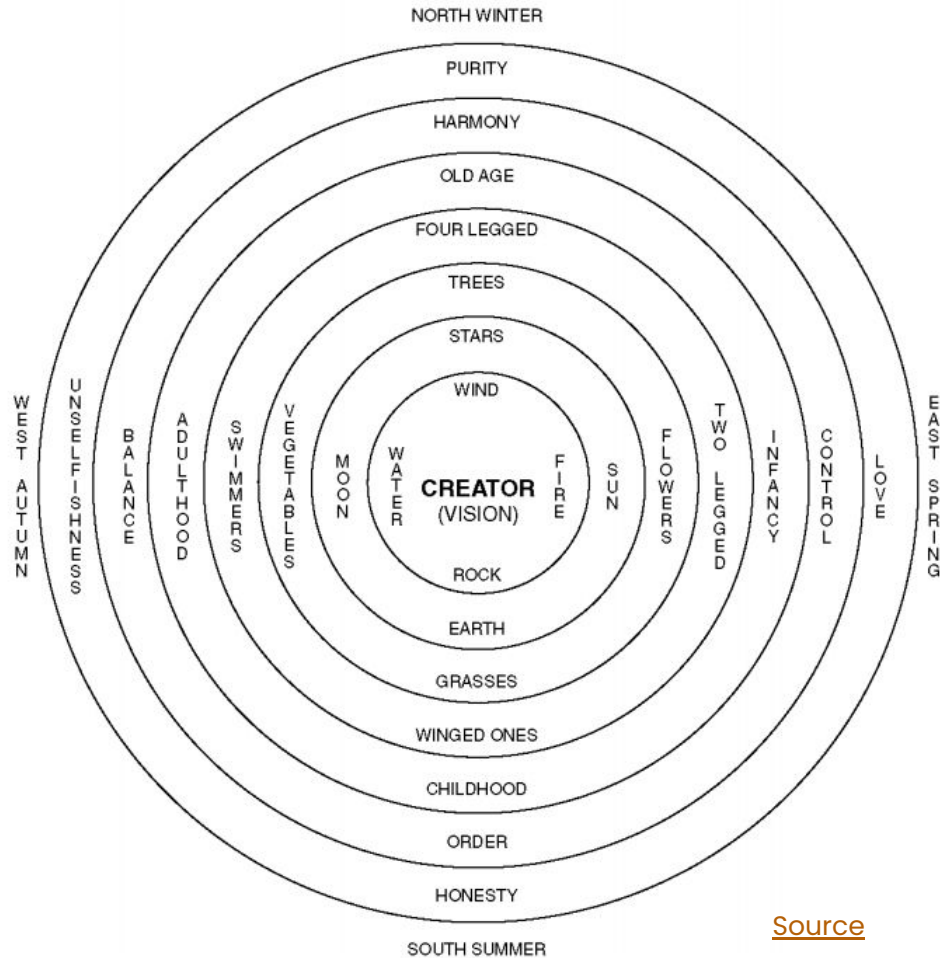
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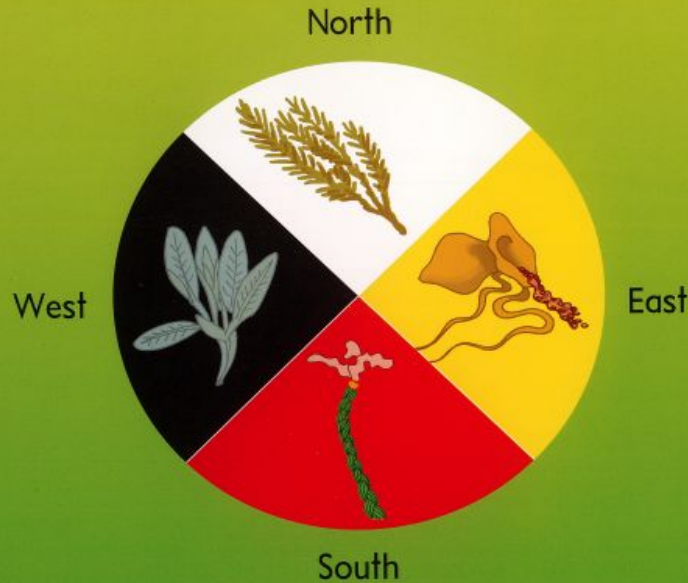
CIRCLE OF LIFE



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Four plants are widely considered as sacred to First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. They are used in ceremonies and as natural medicines among Indigenous people to offer protection and spiritual health and to connect with our ancestors. These include sweet grass, sage, tobacco and red cedar.

Native people have four sacred medicines.
They are gifts from our grandfathers.



It is said that tobacco sits in the eastern door, sweetgrass in the southern door, sage in the western door, and cedar in the northern door of the medicine wheel.

*Grandmother, tell us
about the four sacred
medicines*
Author: Sandra Samatte,
Native Reflections, 2014.



<https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo/sweetgrass-braid.html?sortBy=relevant>



SIGNIFICANCE OF SWEETGRASS BRAIDS



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TRADITIONAL
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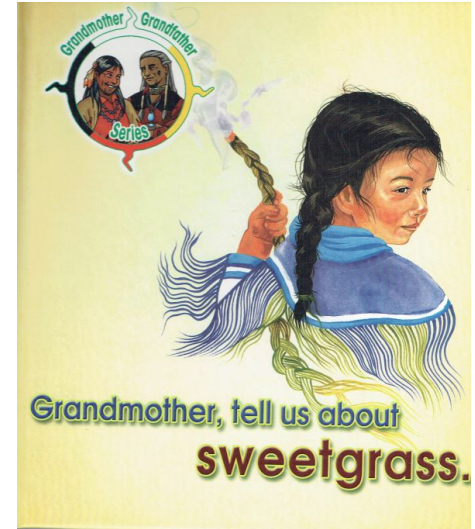
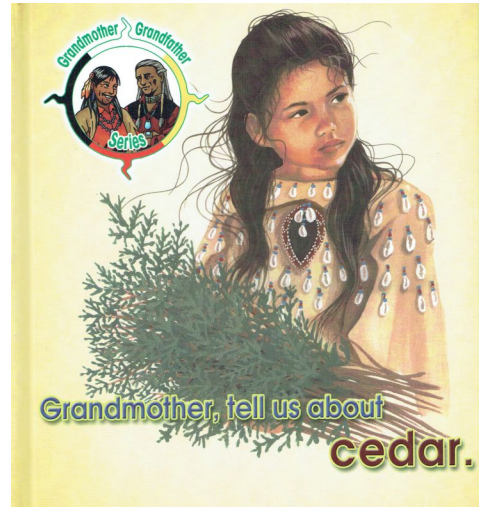
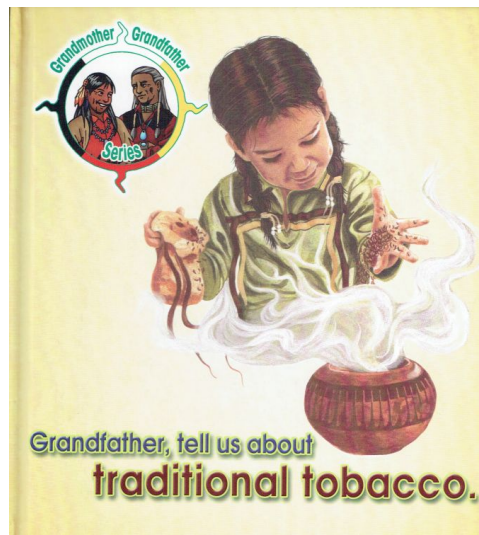




Red Cedar is used in First Nations and Metis Ceremony but not in the Inuit.



Grandfather & Grandmother
Series



Native reflections

First Nations and Métis people have traditionally used parts of herbs, shrubs, and trees to help treat and cure many body problems. For example, some First Nations people chewed on the leaves of willows to relieve aches and pains. These leaves contain salicylic acid, a compound very similar to aspirin.



Traditional Smudging (include 4 sacred plants.

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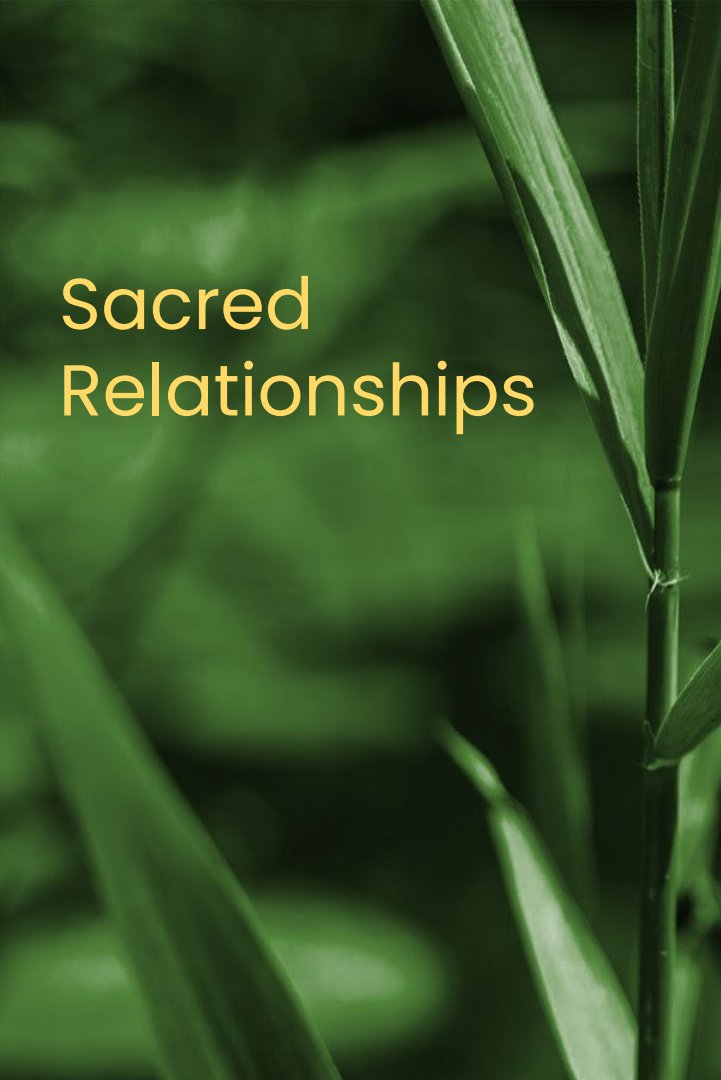
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Resources to Consider

How do plants and animals need each other?

A resource with many possible investigative questions or questions for Transfer.

Example: Describe how the local community and the plants and animals in the local environment are interdependent.

Alaska Education. Reach 2015

Plants, Animals and Ecosystems.

Government of British Columbia

B.C. Conservation Data Centre (CDC)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems>

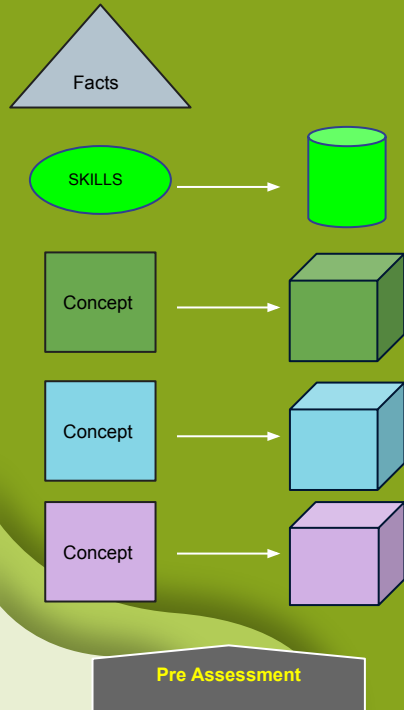
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Phases of Assessment

Surface



Deep



Transfer



Using Skills and Procedures as Assessments

NEW CONTEXTS!

Skills and procedures “are what students do to demonstrate knowledge and understanding.”

6LS1.1: **Represent** and **connect** the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem.

6LS1.1: **Locate and responsibly examine** a local ecosystem in nature using appropriate materials and tools.

6LS1.1: **Relate** the preservation of various ecosystems to possible actions that address climate change.

6LS1.1: **Create a model or simulation to represent** a chosen ecosystem and its characteristics.

6LS1.1: **Compare** the characteristics of two ecosystems.

6LS1.1: **Examine** the diversity of animals and plants in various ecosystems in relation to abiotic components.

6LS1.2: **Explain** the process of photosynthesis and its importance in an ecosystem.

6LS1.2: **Design and perform a controlled experiment** to demonstrate the importance of light to photosynthesis.

6LS1.2: **Design and perform a controlled experiment** to show that a plant is releasing oxygen.

6LS1.2: **Design and perform a controlled experiment** to show that a plant contains starch.

6LS1.3: **Examine** ways that plants and animals rely on each other to meet their needs.

6LS1.3: **Discuss** plants that are considered sacred to First Nations and Métis

Using Skills and Procedures as Assessments

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Skills and procedures “are what students do to demonstrate knowledge and understanding.”

6LS1.1: Locate and responsibly examine a local ecosystem in nature using appropriate materials and tools.

Learner Outcome: Students will **investigate** the **characteristics** and **components** of and **interactions** within **ecosystems**.

Investigation Problem: Which ecosystem has greater diversity - the schoolyard or a pond?

Students will need to compare and contrast the ecosystem the schoolyard with a pond and use the data as evidence to show that the characteristics, components, and interactions of an ecosystems are connected diversity.

Integrating Scientific Methods



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Integrating Computer Science







Sparkle Box

Assemble a skeleton





**Additional
resources from
previous grades**



How do plants and animals sense and respond to stimuli in order to survive?

Review Senses in Kindergarten Matter to bridge.



Habitats of Our Alberta Plants and Animals

Alberta Prairies



Common species among the four Natural Subregions include: **Carnivores: Coyote, American badger, red fox, swift fox. Ungulates: Elk, pronghorns, mule deer and white-tailed deer.** Historically, bison roamed the Canadian prairies prior until they were hunted nearly to extinction in the 1870s and 1880s.

Mountains



Wildlife. Mammals: **Elk and bighorn sheep, mountain goats, grizzly bear, black bear, wolf, coyotes, pikas, marmots, Columbian ground squirrel.** Woodland caribou are only found in the northern parts of this natural region.

Forest



In Alberta, widespread mammal species in the boreal forest include the black bear, moose, deer, red squirrel, snowshoe hare, southern red-backed vole, shrew, chipmunk, deer mouse, and ermine. Less common species include the fisher, wolverine, river otter, Canada lynx, and gray wolf (NRC 2006).

Lakes and Rivers

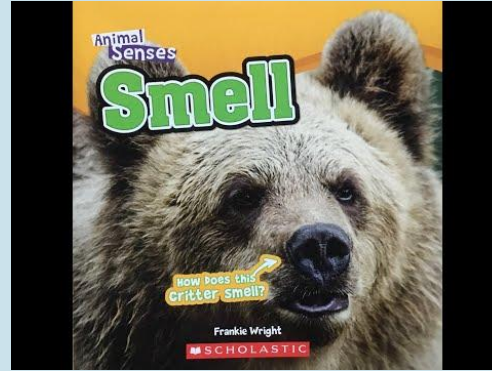


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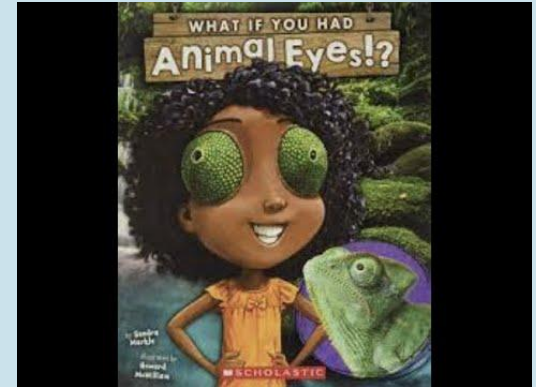
Anatomy of a Boreal Forest
Boreal Forest - Hinterlands

Animal Senses: Smell

Animal Senses
Visual Perception, Hearing,
Taste, Smell

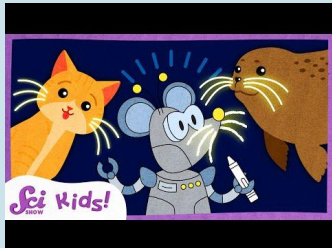


What If You Had Animal Eyes!?
Audio Book



Case Study

Why Do Animals Have
Whiskers?



Plant Senses: Sight

Like us, plants see light.
Just as we have
photoreceptors in our
eyes, plants have their
own throughout their
stems and leaves

Plant Senses: Touch:

Branches sway in the wind,
insects crawl across
leaves, vines search out
supports to cling to: plants
live in a very tactile world

Plant Senses: Taste:

A plant's taste is as
interconnected with smell as it
is in humans – but they use it
to sense danger and drought
and even to recognise
relatives



Animal Adaptations: Scent Behavior and Communication – Scent Behaviour

Amazing Animals Senses

Do plants have senses?

New research on plant intelligence may forever change how you think about plants

How plants see the world.





What do you wonder about this picture?

Why Should I Protect Nature? by Jen Green

Resources



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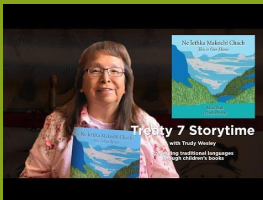
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Cultural values and beliefs influence how we relate to the land, plants and animals.

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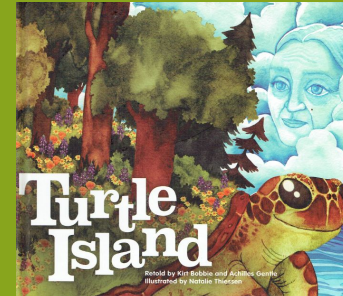
Treaty 7 Storytime | Trudy Wesley: “Ne Îethka Makochî Chach” | Calgary Public Library



Learning from the Land



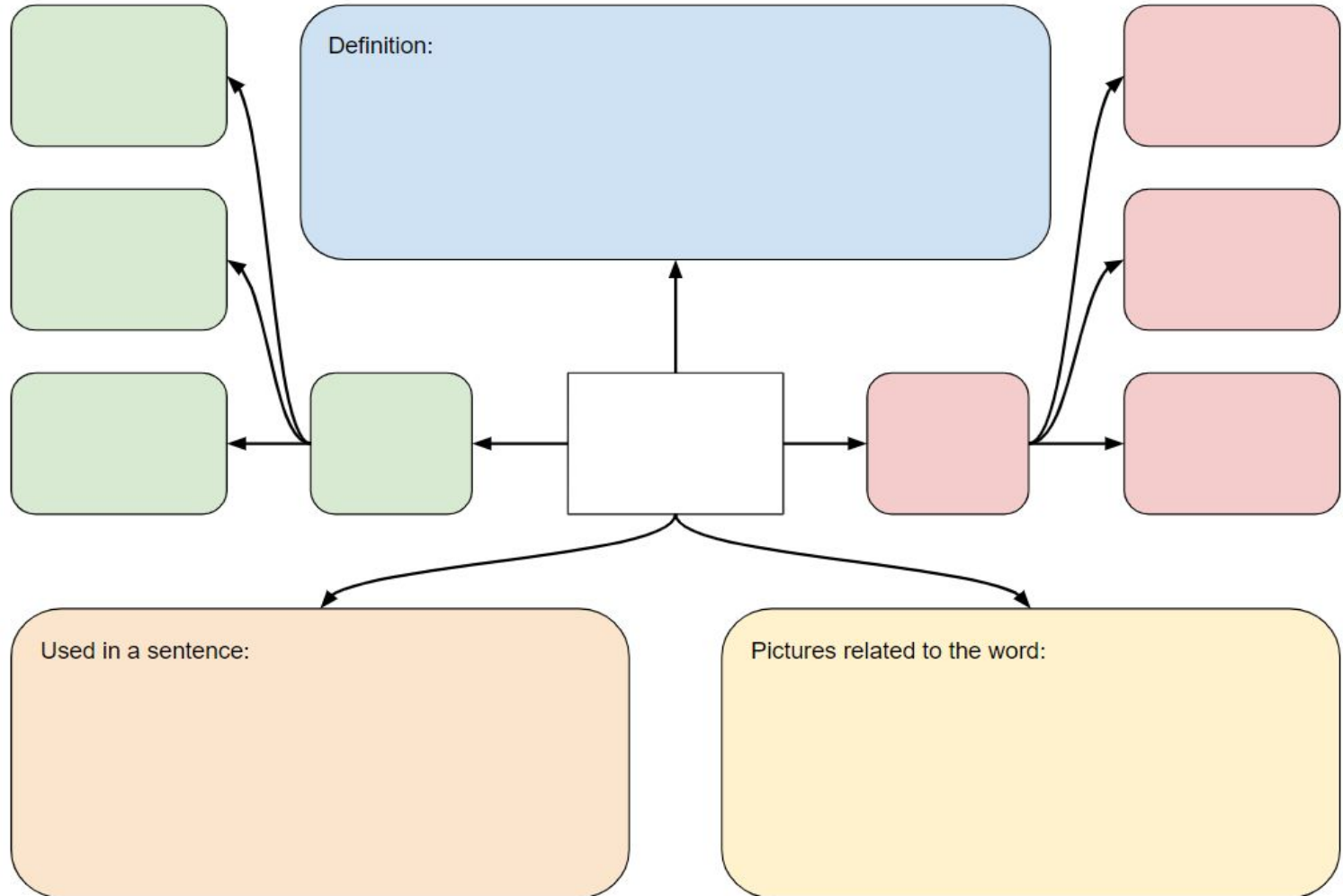
Turtle Island



Aski and Turtle Island - Book For Kids Read Aloud



Summing Up My Thinking





Sacred Relationship Short



Connecting to the Spirit of Mother Earth



Creation Story 🌍 (The MOTHER Earth
Creation Story - Indigenous Teaching)

Knowledge and Understanding – Subject-specific content acquired in each grade (knowledge), and the comprehension of its meaning and significance (understanding)

Categories	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
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Thinking and Investigation – The use of critical and creative thinking skills and inquiry and problem-solving skills and/or processes

Categories	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
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Ontario Ministry of Education. Financial Literacy Lesson: Grade 6 Science and Technology - Biodiversity Lesson Plan Overview. Edugains. 2013.

http://www.edugains.ca/resourcesFL/Resources/TeachingLearningExamples/Elementary/Grade6_Biodiversity.pdf

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Do you need a longer text?

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the entire Solar System. This planet's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman messenger god. Despite being closer to the Sun than Venus, its temperatures aren't as terribly hot as that planet's. Its surface is quite similar to that of Earth's Moon, which means there are a lot of craters and plains

Speaking of craters, many of them were named after artists or authors who made significant contributions to their respective fields. Mercury takes a little more than 58 days to complete its rotation, so try to imagine how long days must be there! Since the temperatures are so extreme, albeit not as extreme as on Venus, and the solar radiation is so high, Mercury has been deemed to be non-habitable for humans



The slide title goes here!

Do you know what helps you make your point crystal clear? Lists like this one:

- They're simple
- You can organize your ideas clearly
- You'll never forget to buy milk!

And the most important thing: the audience won't miss the point of your presentation



Maybe you need to divide the content



Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the Solar System—it's only a bit larger than the Moon



Venus

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun. It's hot and has a poisonous atmosphere



Here are three important ideas



Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest of them all



Venus

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun



Mars

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

Divide the content in four ideas



Mars

Mars is actually a very cold place



Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all



Venus

Venus has extremely high temperatures



Saturn

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings



Reviewing concept is a good idea



Mars

Mars is actually a very cold place



Venus

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Neptune

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun



Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun



Saturn

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Awesome words



"This is a quote, words full of wisdom
that someone important said and can
make the reader get inspired."

—Someone Famous



Backgrounder





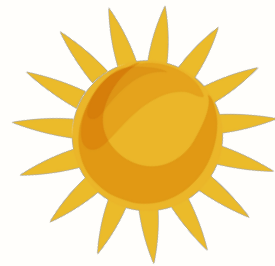
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Big numbers catch your audience's attention





9h 55m 23s

Jupiter's rotation period

333,000

The Sun's mass compared to Earth's

386,000 km

Distance between Earth and the Moon



Let's use some percentages



25%



Mars

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

50%



Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest of them all

75%



Venus

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun

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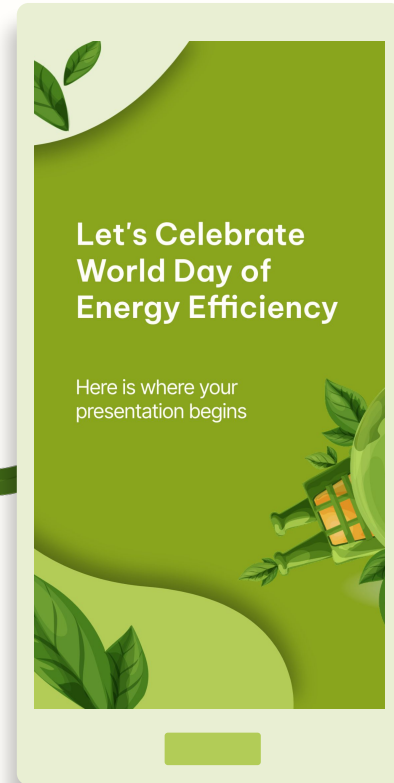
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This is a map



Venus

Venus is the second planet from the Sun



Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun



Mars

Despite being red, Mars is a very cold place



A timeline always works well



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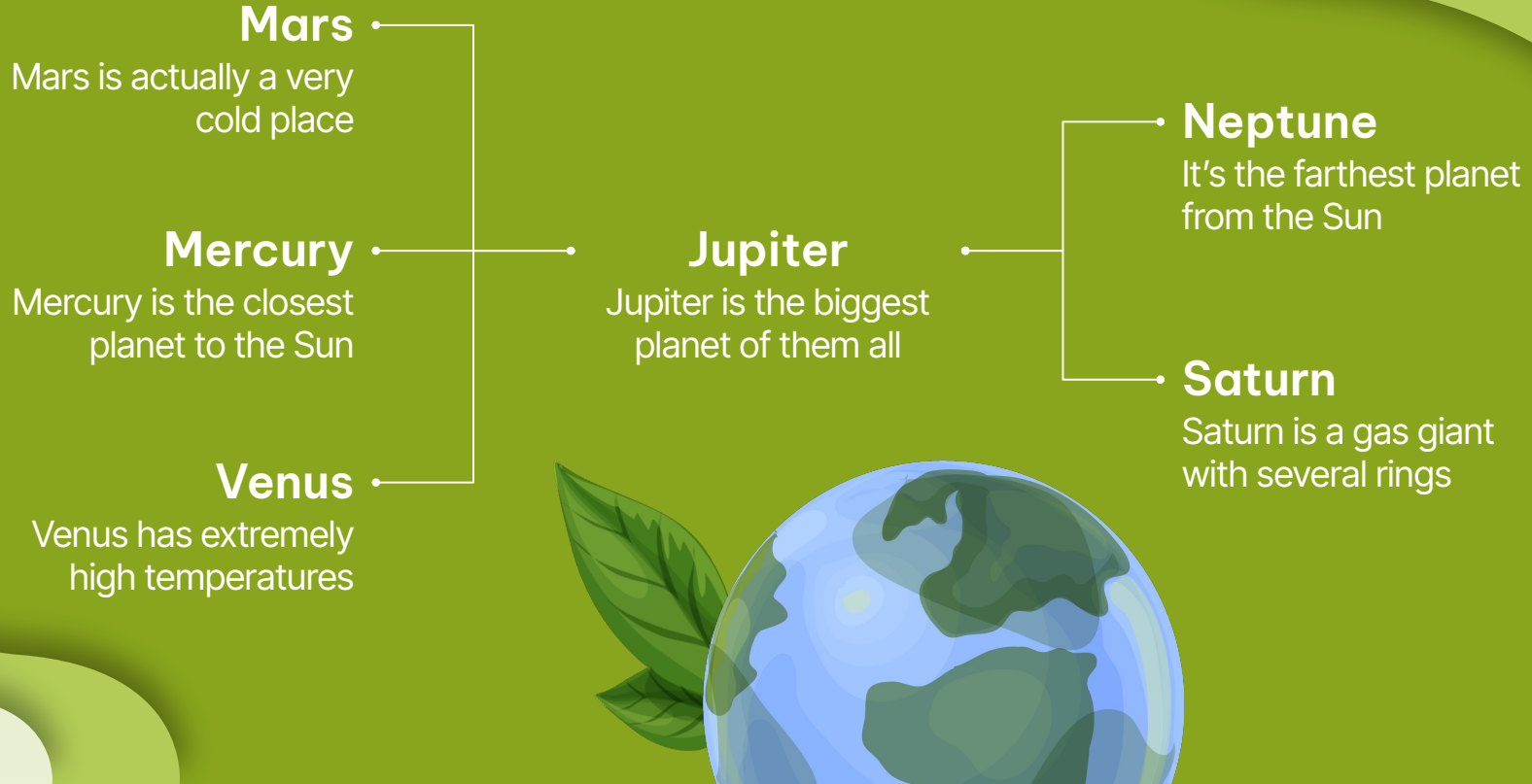
Home energy efficiency checklist



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mercury is very small	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Venus is a hot planet	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
We all live on Earth	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Jupiter is a gas giant	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

● Yes ● No

You can use an infographic



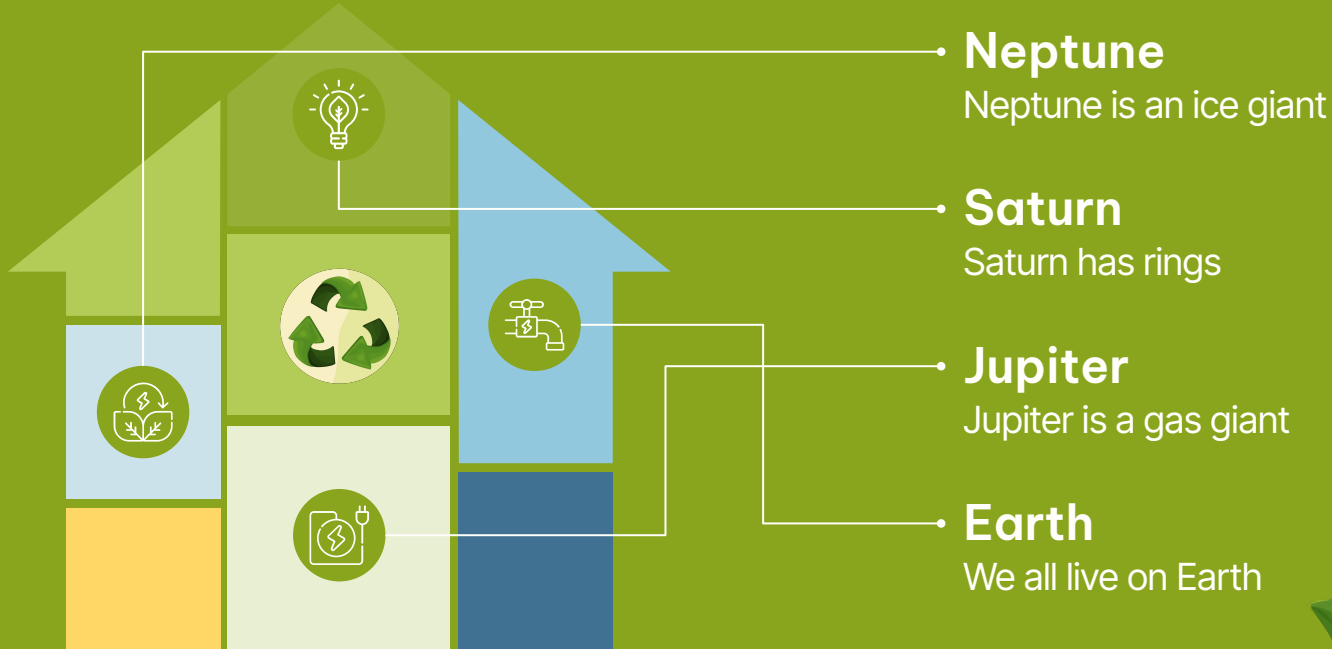
Tables represent your data



	Times	Yes/No	Notes
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Activity 2	11:30 am	No	Venus
Activity 3	3:00 pm	Yes	Earth
Activity 4	7:00 pm	Yes	Mars



Energy efficiency tips



Sustainable goals calendar



Get on bike



Recycle



Save water

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Who cares about energy efficiency?

Gender



Feminine



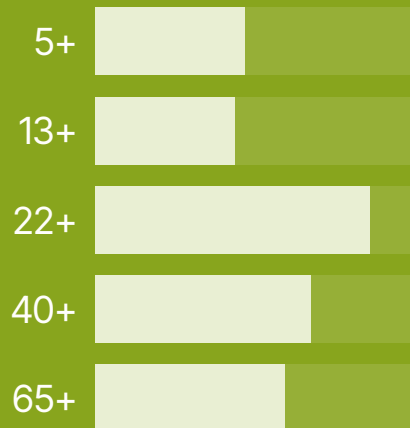
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Other

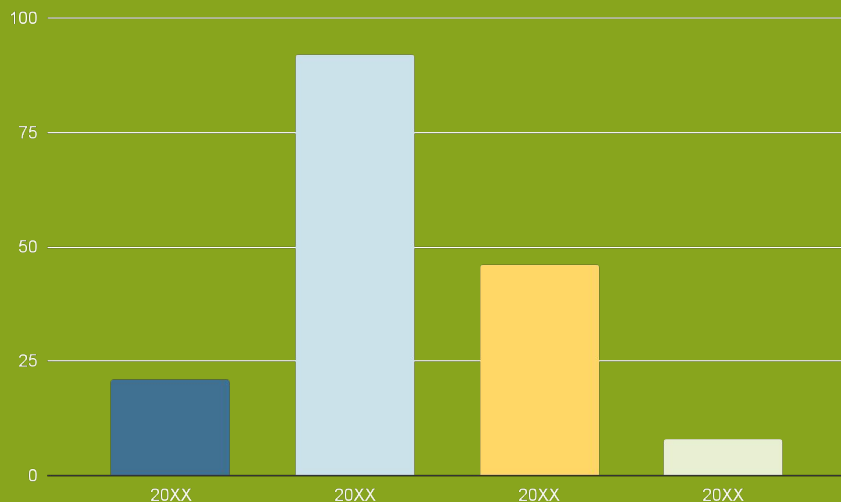
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Age





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● Mars

Mars is actually a very cold place

● Venus

Venus has extremely high temperatures

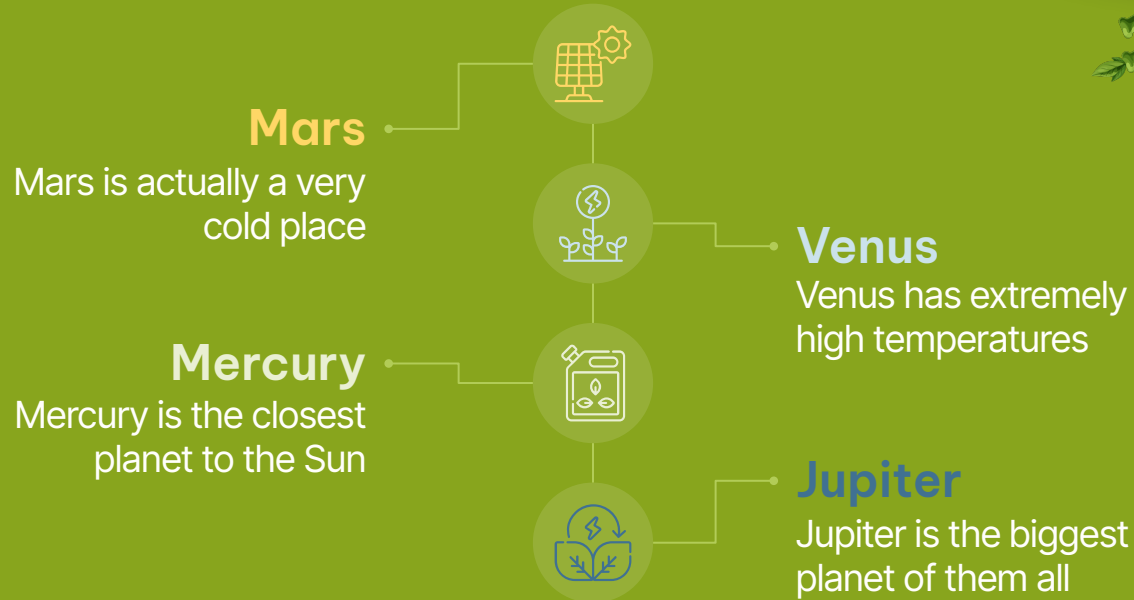
● Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

● Saturn

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

You can use an infographic



You can use this graph



20%
Mars

Despite being red,
Mars is a very
cold place



25%
Jupiter

Jupiter is the
biggest planet of
them all



10%
Venus

Venus is the
second planet
from the Sun



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Mercury

Mercury is the
closest planet to
the Sun

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Dos and don'ts



Dos

Mercury is a small planet

Venus has a toxic atmosphere

Earth is the planet with life

Mars is made of basalt



Don'ts

Jupiter is a huge gas giant

Saturn is a gas giant with rings

Neptune is an ice giant

The Moon is a natural satellite



Our team



Jenna Doe

You can speak a bit
about this person here



Timmy Jimmy

You can speak a bit
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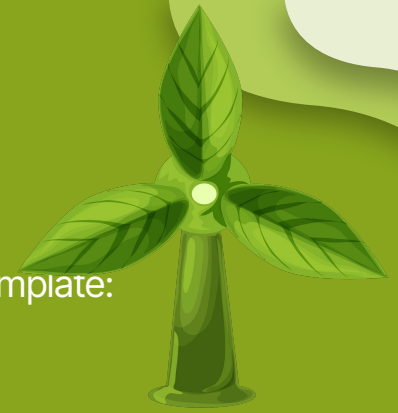
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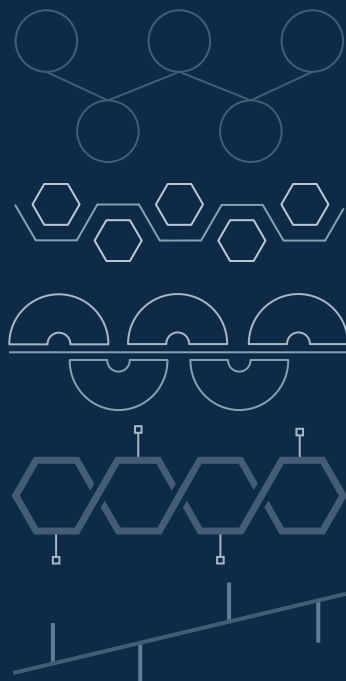
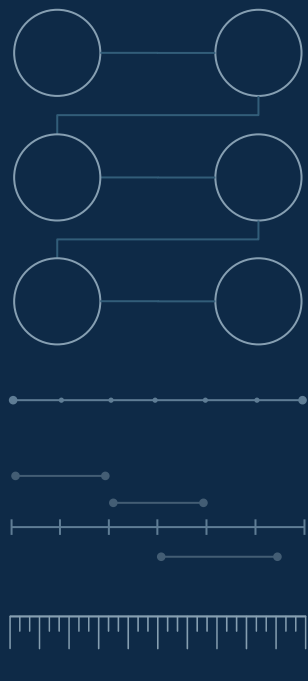
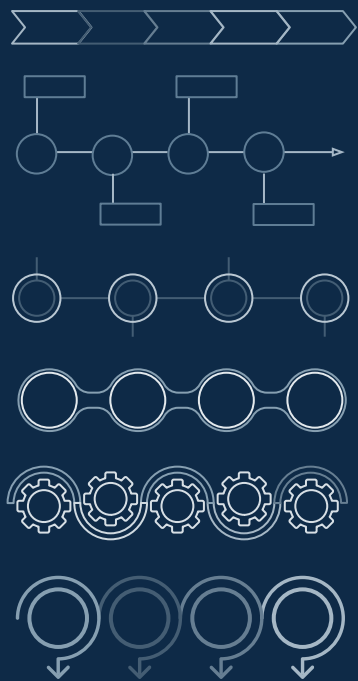
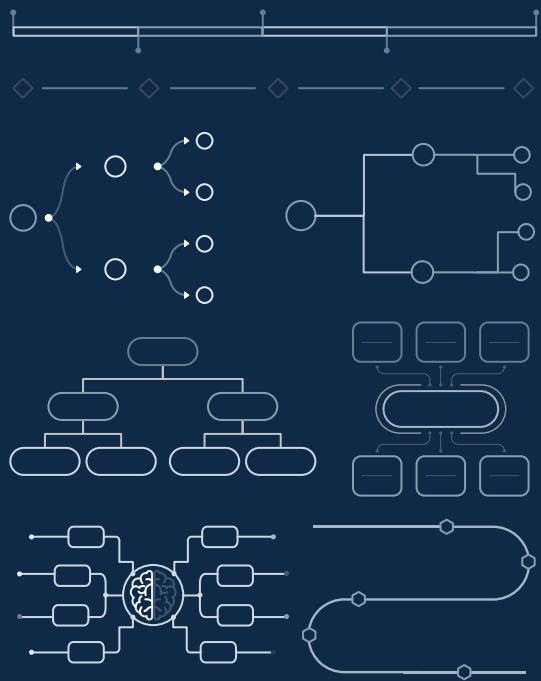
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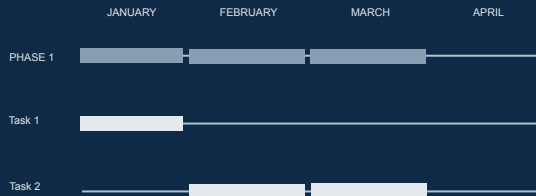
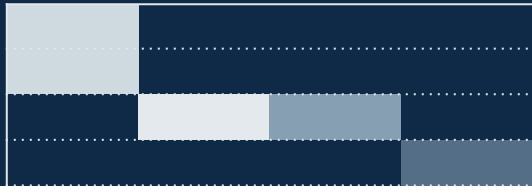
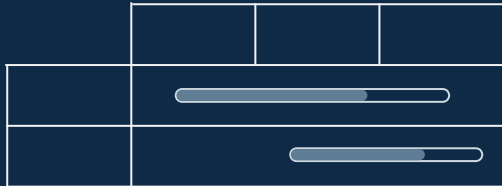
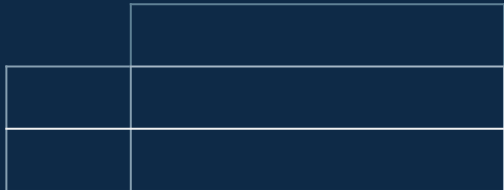
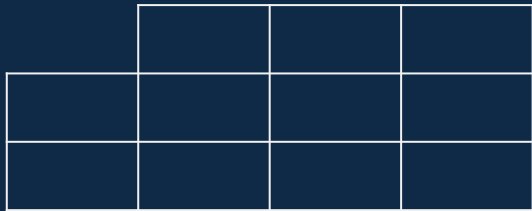
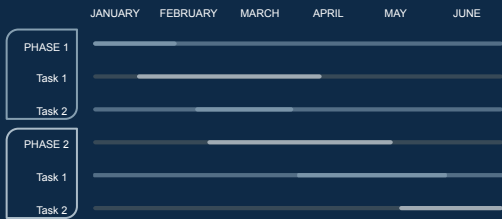
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