



# New SCIENCE Curriculum Earth Systems Grade 5

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Alberta Regional Professional  
Development Consortia  
*Adult learning for students' sake*

# 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.



**The Honorable Harvest - Robin Kimmerer**



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# Agenda



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**1. Spiraling Curriculum - Concepts**

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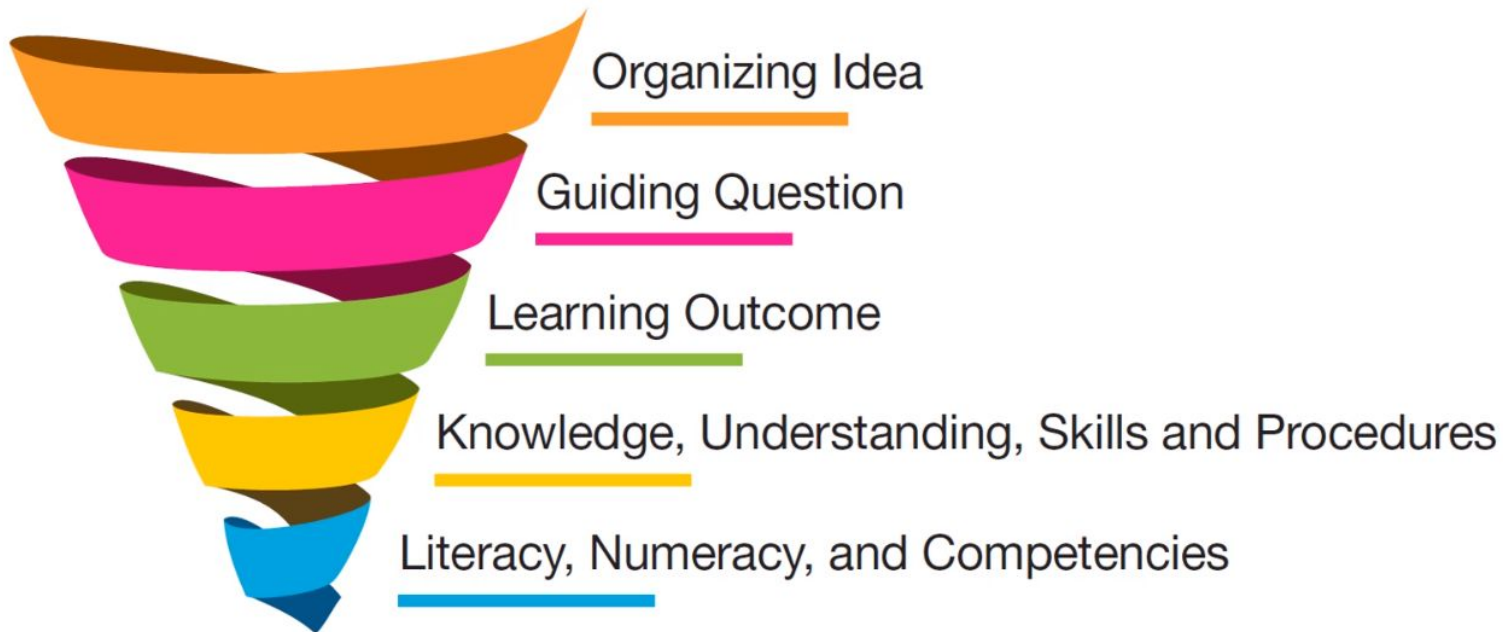
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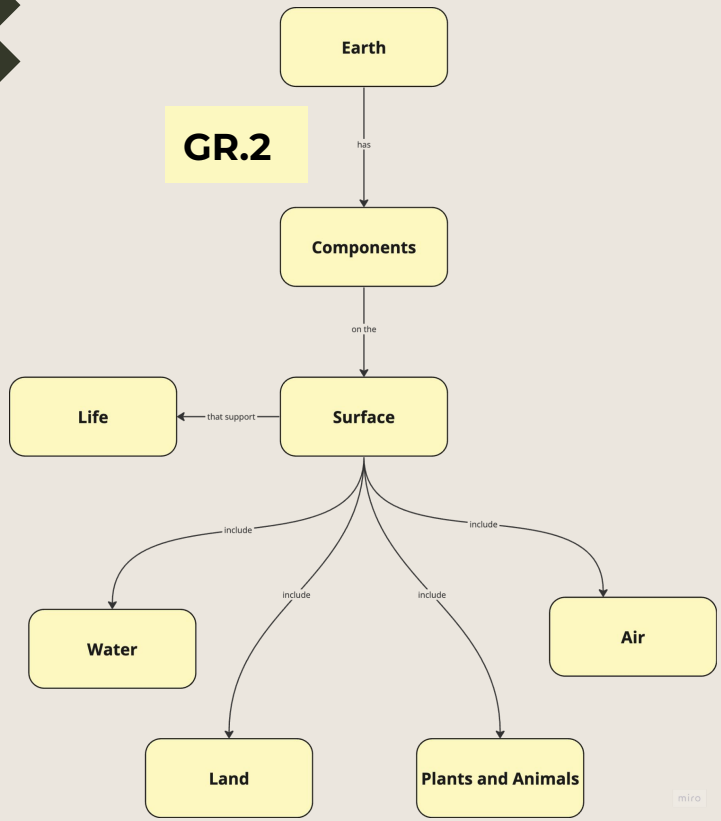


# Spiraling Curriculum

[Guiding Framework Document](#)

[New LearnAlberta](#)



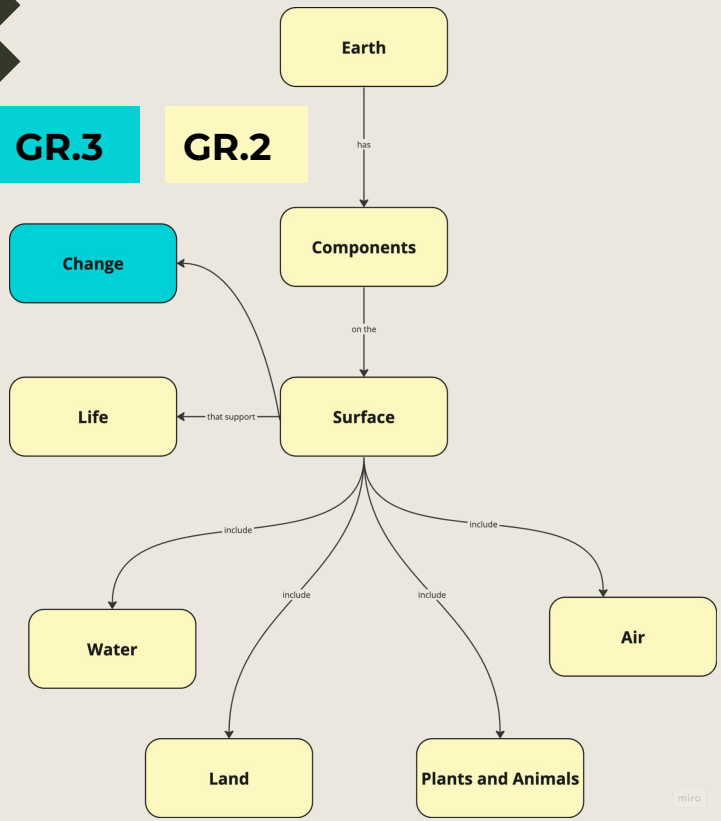


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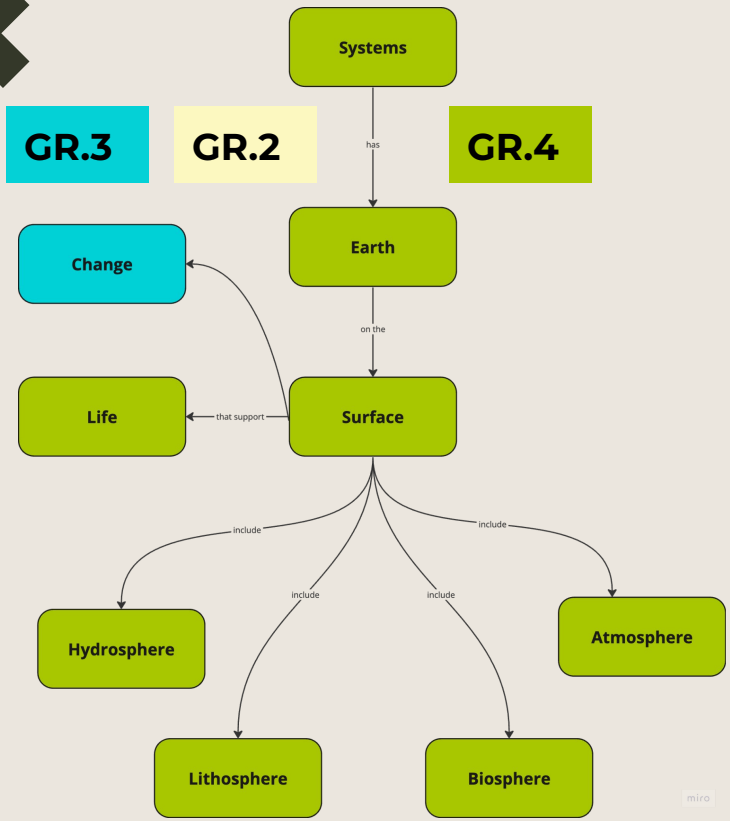




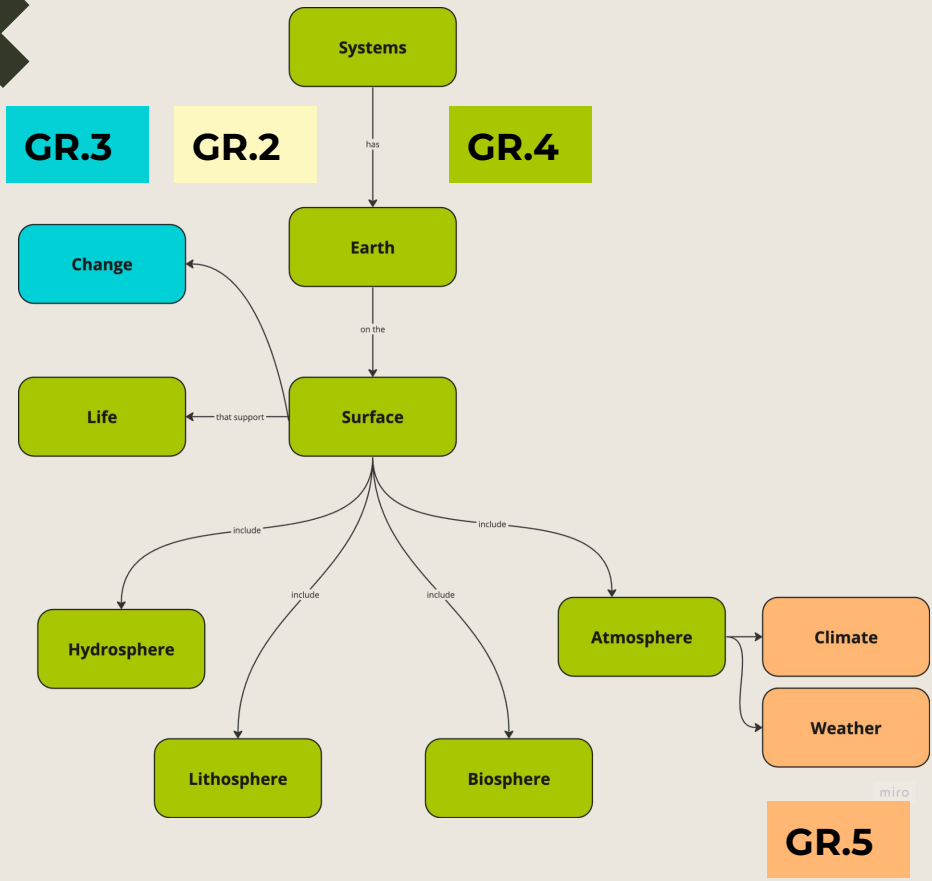
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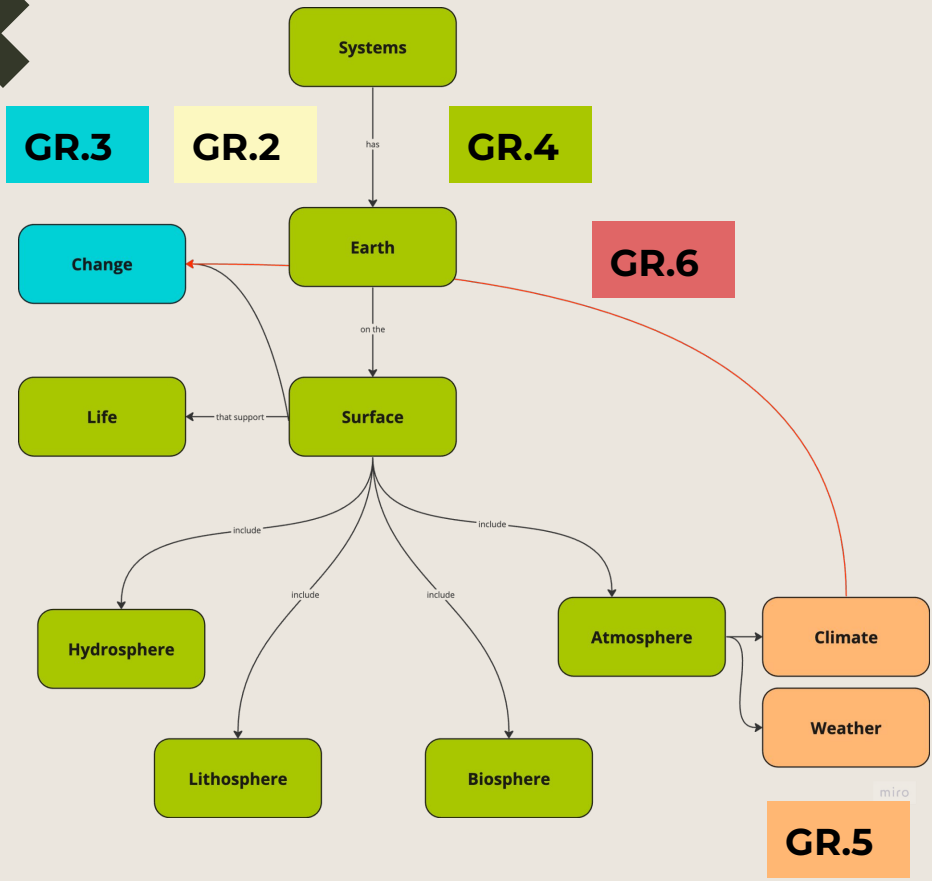
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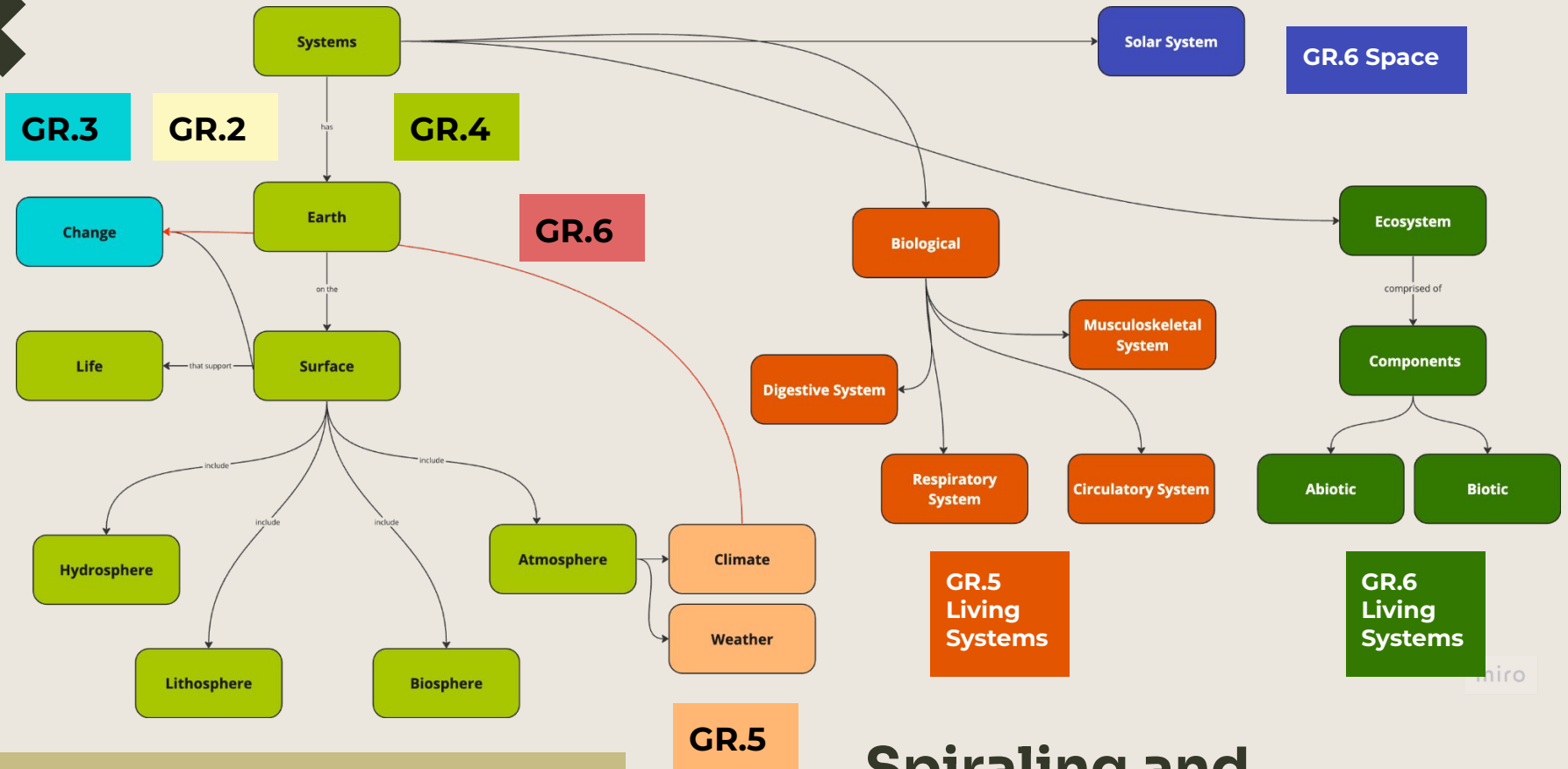
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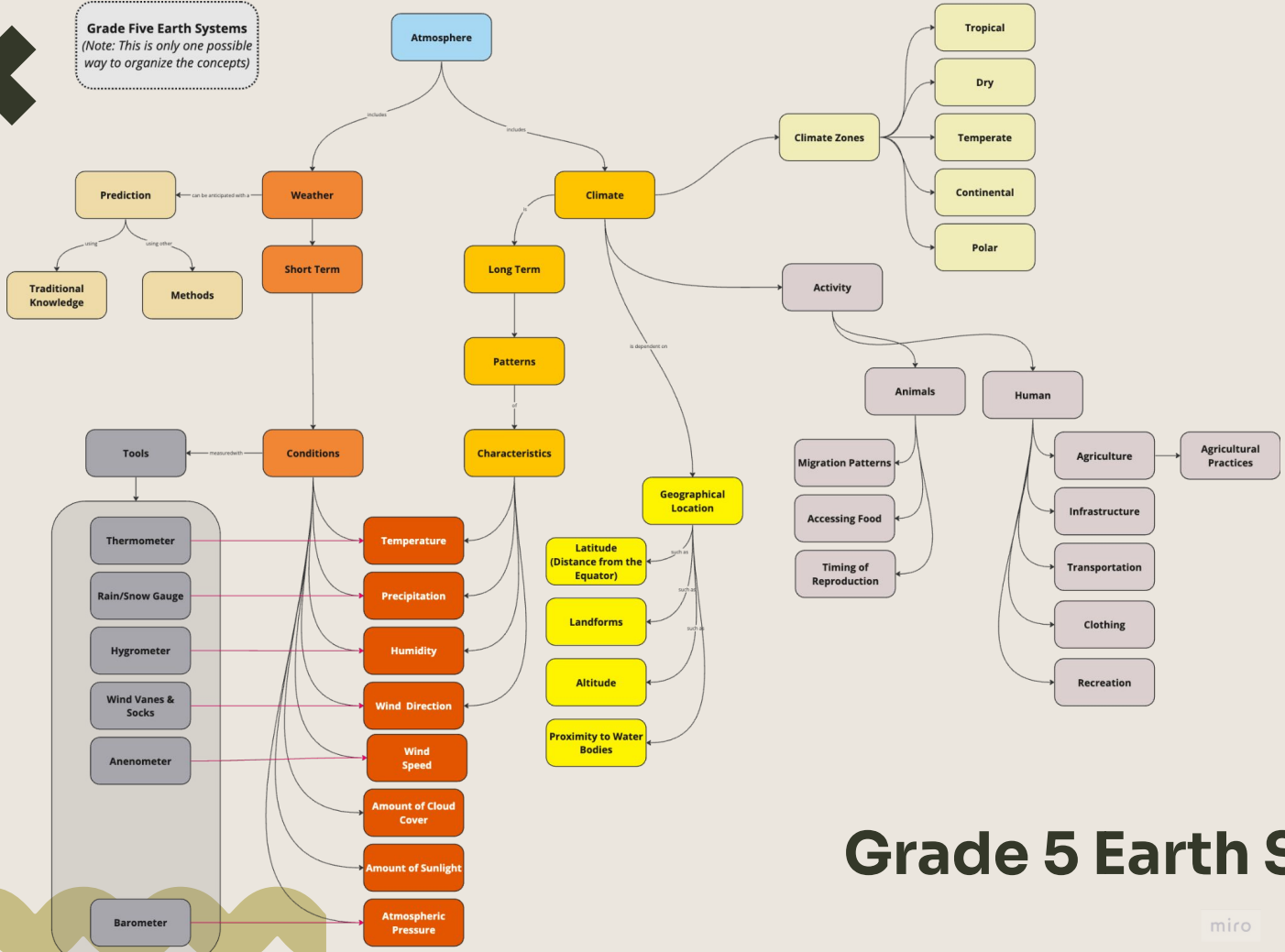


**ORGANIZING IDEA: EARTH SYSTEMS:** Understandings of the living world, Earth, and space are deepened by investigating natural systems and their interactions.

# Spiraling and Growing Concepts



**Grade Five Earth Systems**  
*(Note: This is only one possible way to organize the concepts)*



# Grade 5 Earth Systems

# EARTH SYSTEMS

Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
<b>Guiding Question:</b> How can environments be explored?	<b>Guiding Question:</b> In what ways can environments change?	<b>Guiding Question:</b> How can Earth's components and relationship to the Sun be understood?	<b>Guiding Question:</b> What visible changes can be identified through examination of Earth's surface?	<b>Guiding Question:</b> How does Earth sustain life?	<b>Guiding Question:</b> How can climate and its effects be understood?	<b>Guiding Question:</b> What factors affect climate?
<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Children examine and describe surrounding environments.	<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Students analyze environments and investigate interactions and changes.	<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Students investigate Earth & its landforms, & its bodies of water & and its relationship to the Sun.	<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Students analyze changes in Earth's surface and explain how layers of the landscape hold stories of the past.	<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Students investigate the systems of Earth and reflect on how interconnections sustain life.	<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Students analyze climate and connect it to weather conditions and agricultural practices.	<b>Learning Outcome:</b> Students investigate climate, changes in climate, and the impact of climate change on Earth.
<b>KEY CONCEPTS</b>			<b>KEY CONCEPTS</b>			
Animal	Change	Axis	Bodies of Water	Care	Weather	Climate Change
Environment	Change: Seasonal	Bodies of Water (wetland, river, lake, glacier, ocean)	Cause	Action	Climate	Interaction
Exploration; Senses	Change: Seasonal: Environment	Components of Earth: land, water, air, plants, human, animals.	Change	Change	Climate Zones	Climate Change Causes
Human	Change: Seasonal: Human Activities	Day	Earth's Surface	Conservation	Patterns	Climate Change: Effects
Objects: Natural	Change: Sudden	Earth's Surface	History	Environment	Climate Characteristics	Climate Factors (Location)
Objects: Human-Made	Change: Seasonal: Plants and Animals	Landforms	Human Activities	Interaction	Climate Factors	Personal Actions
Plant	Environment: Responsibility: Care	Life	Intergenerational Knowledge	Interconnection	Weather: Tools: Measuring	Climate Change Observations
Shared Space	Environment	Revolution	Landscape	Life	Weather: Prediction	Extreme Weather
Wonder	Hibernation	Rotation	Landscape Layers	Lithosphere   Hydrosphere   Biosphere   Atmosphere	Climate & Human Activity	Traditional Knowledge
FNMI: Ways of Living Connected to Land	Migration	Saltwater & Freshwater Bodies	Natural Events	Natural Resources	Climate & Animal Activity	FNMI: Impact of climate change on way of living
	Observation; Senses	Water Flow	Plant & Animal Activity	Responsibility	Climate and Agriculture	
	Seasons	Year	Soil	Spherea	Agriculture: Sustainable Practices	
	FNMI: Sense of responsibility and care with nature.		Time	Sunlight	Agriculture: Conservation Practices	
	FNMI: Products made from plants and animals.		Wind   Water   Ice	Systems	Agriculture: Sustainable Harvesting	
			FNMI: Knowledge of Earth's Surface	Water Resources	Intergenerational Observation	
				FNMI: Interconnectedness of Earth Systems	FNMI: Long-term climate observations	
				FNMI: Laws of Nature and Sacredness of Water	FNMI: Observations and weather predictions	
				FNMI: Conservation		

[Link: Concept Progressions \(ARPCD\)](#)



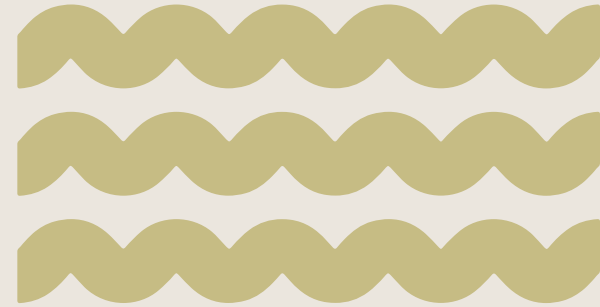
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## Spiraling Curriculum Skills & Procedures



“Skills and procedures **are what students do to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.** They are specific skills, methods, tools, strategies, and processes that students will develop as they achieve the learning outcome.”

[Guiding Framework](#)



Learner Outcome Verbs				
	Grade			
	K	1	2	3
Apply Creativity				
Analyze				
Describe				
Examine				
Explain				
Explore				
Follow Instructions				
Interpret Instructions				
Investigate				
Relate				

# Learner Outcome Verbs

**Verbs** are the skills and procedures that students do or perform to demonstrate knowledge and understanding.

**Learner outcome verbs** are those verbs that are identified in the learner outcome

[Skills and Procedures K-3 Progressions](#)

## Grade 5 Earth Systems Learner Outcome

Students **analyze** climate and **connect it** to weather conditions and agricultural practices.

Skills & Process Verbs				
	Grade			
	K	1	2	3
Ask Questions				
Classify (Sort)				
Compare (find similarities and differences)				
Conclude				
Create				
Demonstrate Safety				
Describe				
Design				
Discuss				
Examine				
Explain				
Explore				
Investigate				
Observe				
Predict				
Record Data/Observations				
Relate				
Represent				

**5ES1 Learning Outcome:** *Students analyze climate and connect it to weather conditions and agricultural practices.*

**5ES1.3 Understanding:** *Climate affects human and other animal activity.*

### 5ES1.3 Skills and Procedures

- **Explain** how climate can affect human and other animal activity.
- **Discuss** how climate can affect human and other animal activity.
- **Represent** how climate can affect human and other animal activity.



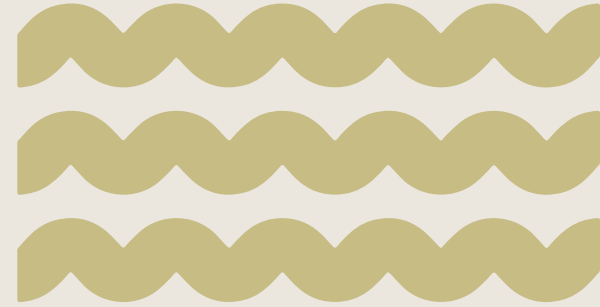
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# Spiraling Curriculum Understanding



“Understanding is about putting pieces of knowledge into **logical and meaningful order** with other knowledge.”

[Guiding Framework](#)



Knowledge	Understanding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Agricultural Practices</b></li><li>● <b>Climate</b></li><li>● <b>Weather Events</b></li></ul> <p data-bbox="137 369 639 604">How can these three concepts can be put into a <b>logical and meaningful order?</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Climate</b> and <b>weather events</b> influence <b>agricultural practices</b>.</li></ul> <p data-bbox="774 364 838 397"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Agricultural practices</b> are researched and tested to adapt to <b>climate</b> and <b>weather events</b>.</li></ul>

<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Understanding 3ES1.3</b>
<p><b>Climate</b> and <b>weather events</b> may influence agricultural practices by affecting components such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● crop type</li><li>● crop production</li><li>● animal population</li><li>● soil quality</li><li>● water access</li></ul>	<p><b>Climate</b> and <b>weather events</b> influence <b>agricultural practices</b>.</p>



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# Transfer





# Concepts Transfer (Different Contexts)



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**Knowledge**

**precipitation  
weather**

**climate**



# Understandings Transfer (Different Contexts)

## Understanding

**Grade 5: Climate and weather events influence agricultural practices.**

**Grade 4: Earth's systems interact with one another, resulting in environments that sustain life.**



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# Teaching for Transfer

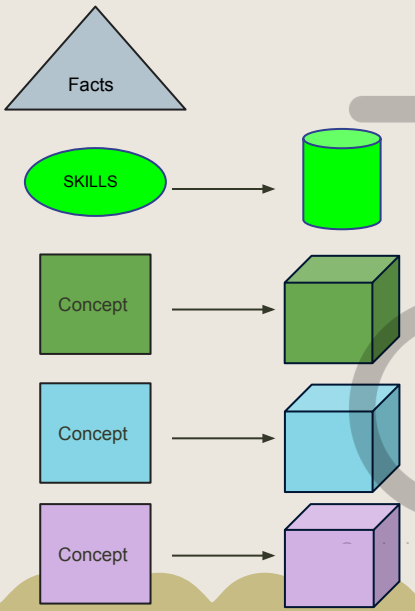


# ✖ Phases of Learning

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

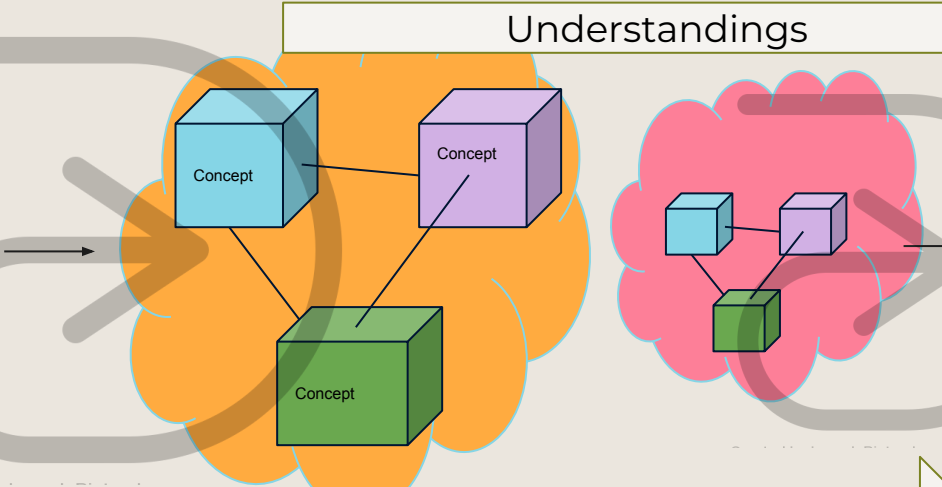
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Students are first exposed to individual skills, concepts and their related knowledge.



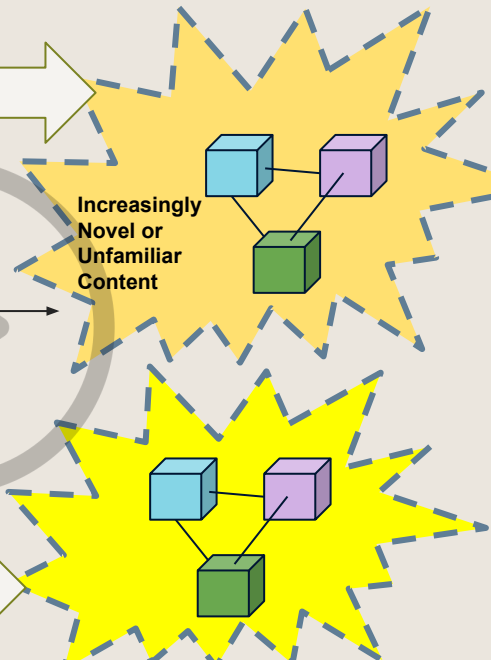
## Deep

Students make connections between concepts to create deeper understanding and appropriately skills/ procedures to new situations with increased independence.



## Transfer

Students apply concepts, understandings and skills to a variety of novel and unfamiliar contexts.



# Planning



**Begin  
With  
the  
End  
In  
Mind**

Stephen R. Covey, 1989

**Backward  
by  
Design**

Grant Wiggins & Jay McTighe, 1998



## **Learning Outcome**

**Students analyze climate and connect it to weather conditions and agricultural practices.**

## **Understandings**

**5ES1.1 The study of climates across regions helps identify historical patterns and make predictions.**

**5ES1.2 Weather conditions can be measured accurately using a variety of tools and methods.**

**5ES1.3 Climate affects human and other animal activity.**

**5ES1.4 Climate and weather events influence agricultural practices.**

**5ES1.5 Intergenerational observations and accounts of place enable individuals and communities to recognize patterns and cycles related to weather and seasons.**



## Understanding

**5ES1.1** The study of climates across regions helps identify historical patterns and make predictions.

**What will students do to demonstrate their learning?**  
[Summative Assessment for Understanding 5ES1.1](#)

*Students ANALYZE climographs to predict which location on a map matches the climograph using geographical location and proximity to a water body as the factors.*

**What will students need to know and/or understand in order to be successful?**

**Climate | Factors Affecting Climate | Geographic Location | Proximity to Water Body | Climograph | Precipitation | Bar Graph | Line Graph | Axis | Prediction**

**What will students need to be able to do in order to be successful?**

**Analyze Climographs | Predict**

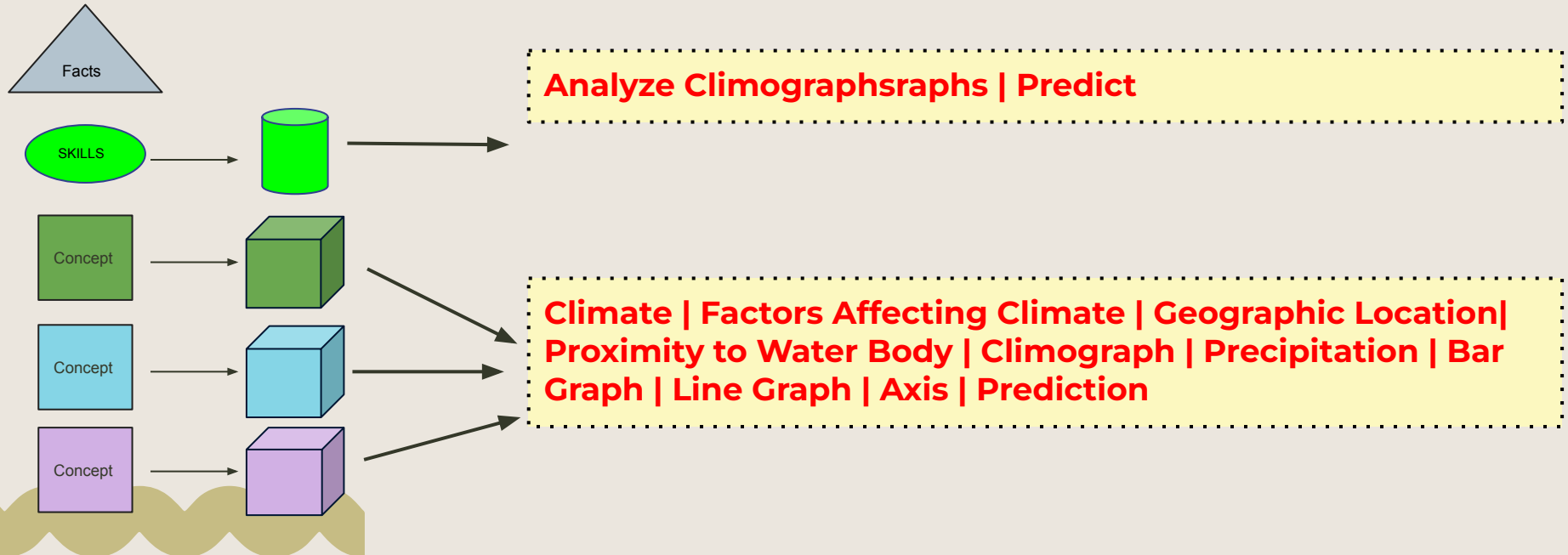


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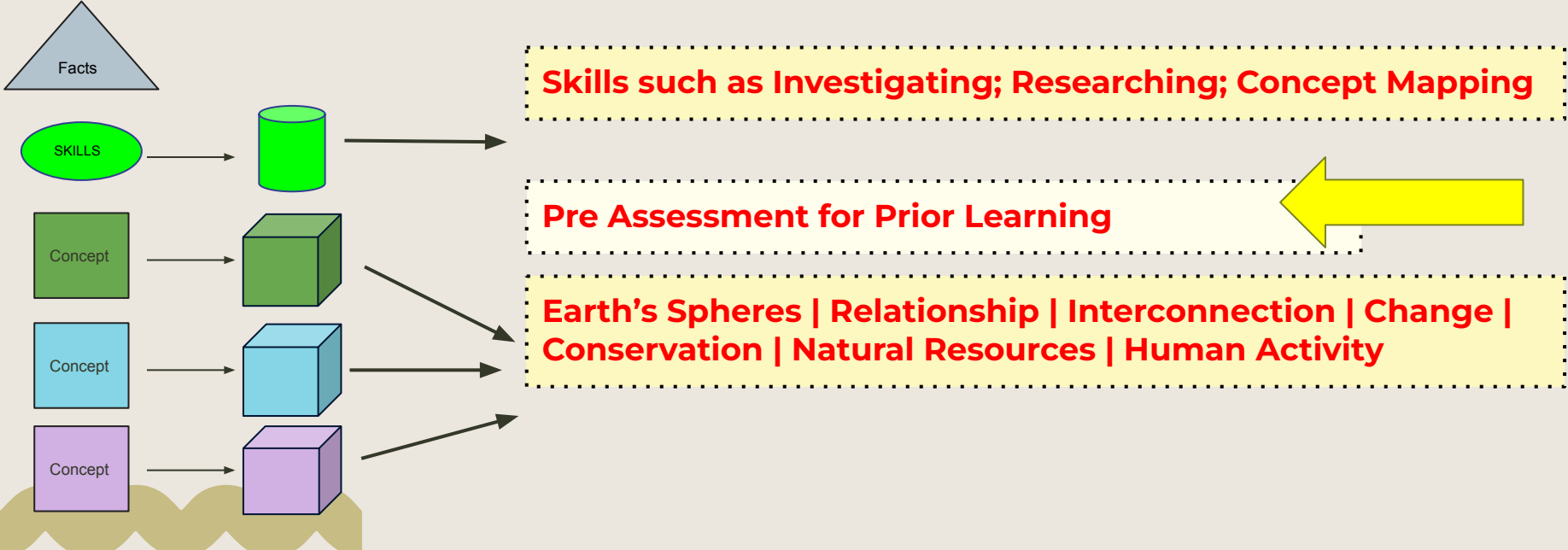


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# Prior Learning

***What concepts from previous grades are important?***



# Environments

To the Teacher: Ask if anyone has heard the word...what do they think it means. You could start a list of words (explanations) on chart paper or the board that could be used to create a definition of what it means and what it includes.

The following 3 slides, focus on what they see and not on differentiating between natural and man-made. After discussing their notices and wonders, ask again what they think an environment is.





**What is an environment?**

**How would you describe it in  
your own words?**



[What is an Environment?: Concept Attainment](#)



**Man-Made or Natural?**

What do these mean?

# The Earth System



M. Ruzek, 1996

# Landforms of Alberta

## Plateaus

Head  
Smashed  
In Buffalo  
Jump



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## Mountains

Mount  
Edith  
Cavell



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## Valleys

Dinosaur  
Provincial  
Park



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Prairies  
Drumheller  
Prairies



# *Landforms on Earth have varying characteristics.*

Slopes



Zhang Yu @ Dreamtime

Size



Terrain



Peyto Lake @Pixabay20

# Water, Water Everywhere!

Earth's surface is covered mostly by bodies of water.

Do you have any water near where you live or go to school? What type of water is it?



# Landforms - What are they?



Write down the terms in the picture. Listen for what they are in the presentation.

# Water

## Water on Earth's Surface

oceans

glaciers

lakes

wetlands

rivers

## Water in Alberta

glaciers

lakes

wetlands

rivers

# What are the characteristics of the different 'waters' in Alberta?

## Glaciers

Glaciers are huge, thick masses of ice. They form when lots of snow falls in one location for many years. Over time—decades or centuries—the snow on the bottom gets squished down by the weight of falling new snow. This compressed snow becomes ice, forming a glacier.

Can a glacier move? Explain.

National Parks Service

## Wetlands

Wetlands are areas where the land does not drain well.

The ground in a wetland is saturated, or full of water.

Often the ground is covered with shallow water.

Wetlands are usually classified as swamps, marshes, or bogs.

Source: Britannica for Kids

## Lakes

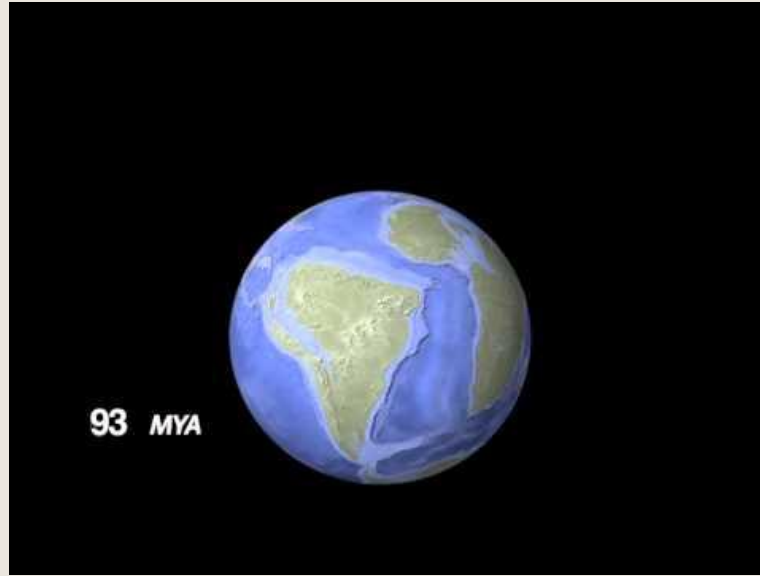


Source: Lily Uits Learning - How are lakes formed?

## Rivers

Important characteristics of a river.

Source: Study 'n' Learn



## Plate Movement over the last 200 Million Years Ago to Today

How do you think it will look in the next 200 Million Years? Why can't we feel the movement?



Go

How does human activity change  
the face of the earth?

How does a melting glacier change the land? Jasper National park's Athabasca Glacier - [A Story](#).



The Athabasca Glacier On-Top.ca

<http://www.on-top.ca/Outings/2021/Toe-of-the-Athabasca-Glacier-August-2021.html>

# Our Friends of the Past - Dinosaurs

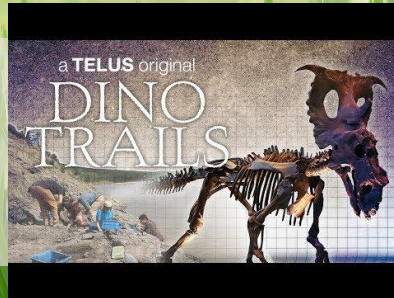
**Excavating**

**Fossils**

**albertosaurus  
edmontosaurus  
nodosaur  
tyrannosaur**

**Dino Cache: Grande  
Cache's World Class  
Trackway.**

People and Peaks Production



**Grande Prairie**

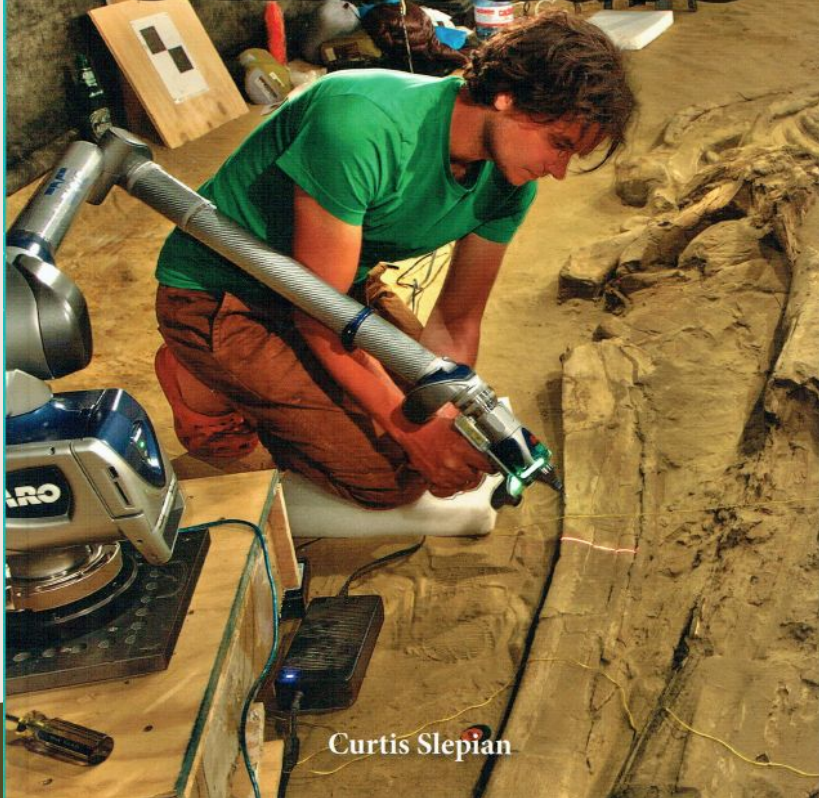


**Dinosaur Provincial Park**



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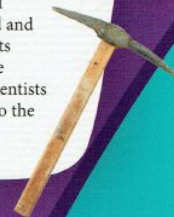
# Digging Up Dinosaurs



Curtis Slepian

# Digging Up Dinosaurs

Many people go to museums to see dinosaur fossils. But visitors would never get to see these displays without the work of paleontologists. They locate fossils, dig them out, and send them to labs to be cleaned and preserved. At museums, experts decide how to best display huge dinosaur bones. Learn how scientists bring these ancient animals into the modern world.



History & Culture



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Digging Up Dinosaurs by Curtis Slepian, Teacher Created Materials - Smithsonian Institute (2019) - Available through Pearson.

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PowerPoint PPT presentation

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## Soil & Weathering



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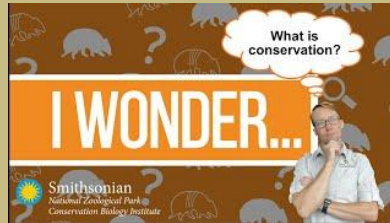
# Conservation


Conservation is the **preservation** and **protection** of Earth's systems from pollution, depletion, or extinction.

- Protection means keeping something safe and making sure it doesn't get hurt or damaged.
- Preservation means taking care of things and keeping them safe for the future.

**Note: Habitats** are environments where plants or animals establish a home. (Gr. 3 Earth Systems)

**What are examples of conservation in these videos?**





Earth Systems:  
Welcome to Aboard  
Spaceship Earth!  
Our 4 Spheres...

# Earth's Spheres



Brainstorm with a partner. Name the four spheres.

[note to teacher: students would not be expected to explain specifics of any of the spheres after these initial introductions]



# Sources to Consider

Water for Living Things

[Simply Science](#) - Water sources for animals; adaptations for plants

[Science Learning Hub](#)  
Covers all Earth Systems

[Earth and Life Science](#) - contains an module and quiz (Government of the Philippines)

[Connect the Spheres: Earth Systems Interactions](#). (NASA Education)

# Sources to Consider

Related to Earth's Spheres

## Respecting the Water Sacred Relationships

### The Curriculum

#### **Grade 5 Science – Wetland Eco-Systems**

- Eleven Lesson Plans
- Six Online Videos

#### **Grade 5 Social Studies – Histories and Stories of Ways of Life in Canada**

- Four Lesson Plans
- Four Online Videos

#### **Grade 6 Science – Evidence and Investigation**

- Three Lesson Plans
- Three Online Videos

#### **Grade 6 Social Studies – Citizens Participating in Decision Making**

- One Lesson Plan
- One Online Video




06

# Surface Level Activities – Climate and Weather

# Surface Level Instructional Approaches

**INTENT: Introduce and begin developing Individual Concepts (Knowledge) and Skills and Procedures**

- Concept Attainment Strategy
  - Frayer Model
  - SEEI (State - Explain - Exemplify - Illustrate)
  - Card Sorts/Classify
  - Students Making/Finding examples & non-examples.
  - Show a photo. Ask students how the concept you are studying is evident in the photo (eg. symmetry, empathy, authority, conflict, etc.)
  - Diamond Ranking.
  - Making Analogies (“diversity” is like ..., “motivation” is like ..., “our senses are like ...”)
  - Case Studies
- 

# Sample Activities (Surface)

*While planning surface activities, consider these ideas.*

## Broad Concepts & Skills

- System (Under Revision) (Grade 2 - Components)
- Relationship
  - Concept Map
  - Cause and Effect
  - Dependence
  - Affect/Effect
  - Interaction
  - Interconnection
- Representation
- Human Activity
- Compare and Contrast
  - Criteria
  - Similarity and Difference
- Investigation (From Grade 2 Scientific Methods)
  - Asking Questions (Notice and Wonder)
  - Observing (Using senses)
  - Analyzing
  - Prediction and Predicting
  - Conclusion
  - Sample Introduction to Research as an Investigation (Gr. 3)
  - One Point Research Rubric (Gr. 4-6)
- Evaluate

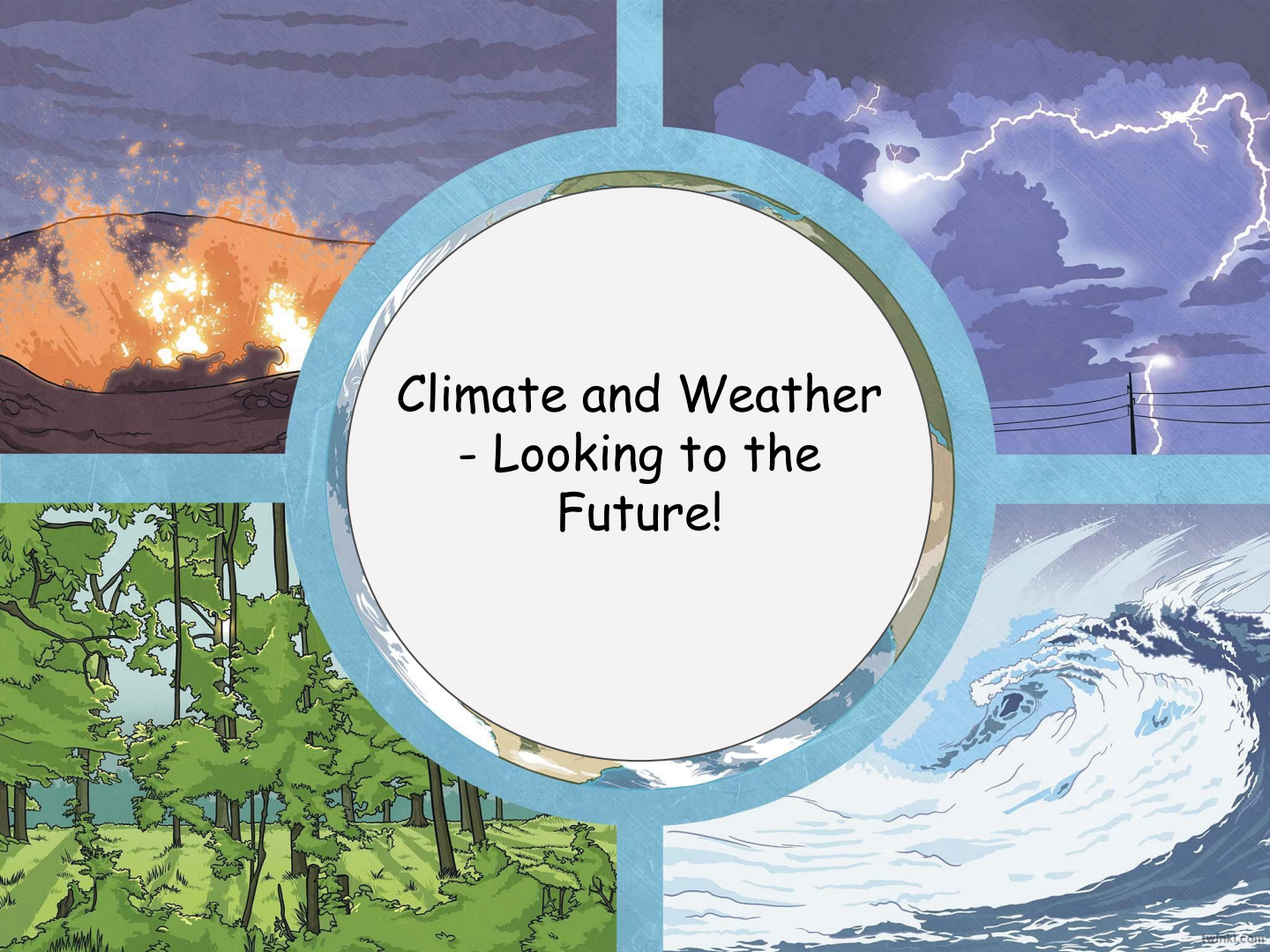
# Sample Activities (Surface)

## Earth Systems Specific Concepts and Skills

- [Reading Climographs](#)
- Climate VS Weather (Slide 61)
- [Tools \(Slide 62\)](#)
- Agricultural Practices (Slide 70)

*While planning  
surface activities,  
consider these  
ideas.*



The background features a collage of four distinct weather and climate illustrations. In the top-left, a volcanic eruption is shown with bright orange and yellow lava flows against a dark, stormy sky. The top-right depicts a powerful storm with dark, heavy clouds and several bright white lightning bolts striking down. The bottom-left shows a lush green forest with tall trees and a grassy field. The bottom-right illustrates a large, curling ocean wave with white foam, set against a blue sky. A central white circle with a blue border contains the main text.

Climate and Weather  
- Looking to the  
Future!

# Possible Unit



Let's Play Misconception!



Weather vs Climate



Making and Using Tools that Measure Weather



Climate and Our Agricultural Practices



First Nations, Metis and Inuit People's  
Resources





# Let's Play *Misconception!*

There are common misconceptions about weather that adults hold. This activity could be used to start your Unit with students as well. They may not know all the terminology but allow them to explore what they know using a 1 - 2- 4 approach. There are 16 cards so you may wish to make two sets before randomly handing out one card to each student.

Weather misconceptions & introduction [activity](#).

# Weather Vs Climate - aren't they the same thing? (Surface)

## Weather

**Weather** is a short term condition experienced in a region. Weather can be experienced minute to minute, hour by hour or daily. It is our day-to-day changes.

Weather includes:

**Temperature** is measured with a thermometer indicating how hot or cold it is. Temperature can be measured in Celsius © or Fahrenheit (F).

**Wind** is how our air moves. It comes from changes in pressure between two regions that are close by each other. Wind speed and direction affect weather.

**Humidity** refers to how much water vapor is in the air.

**Precipitation** is any liquid or frozen water that forms in our atmosphere and falls back to earth.

**Clouds (cloud cover)** are condensed water drops or ice crystals suspended in our atmosphere. They do not always give us rain.

**Amount of sunlight** we receive on earth affects how much heat the earth and atmosphere experience. It is the angle the sun rays hit earth that determine the differences in temperature.

## Climate

**Climate** refers to the average weather pattern over a long period of time (generally 30 years).

Climate is dependent on:

**Geographical location**

**Terrain**

**Altitude**

**Proximity to water**

Based on the geographical location, the earth can be divided into three major climactic zones:

**Polar** - Cold Zones

**Temperate** - warm and cold - they have 4 seasons

**Tropical** - north and south of the equator - very little seasonal changes

Watch the following video and pause the recording to answer the questions at the end.



## Sunlight on Earth



Classroom  
Demonstrations: The  
Seasons demo 1

## Tools

### Clouds

Can I make my own  
cloud?



# Tools

## Temperature



How to read a  
thermometer.



Make My Own!

## Precipitation

- Build your own  
rain [gauge](#)  
(Government of  
Canada)



## Tools

## Wind

- Making an  
Anemometer



How to make an anemometer  
(wind speed meter)

## Humidity



Making a  
Hygrometer



**07**

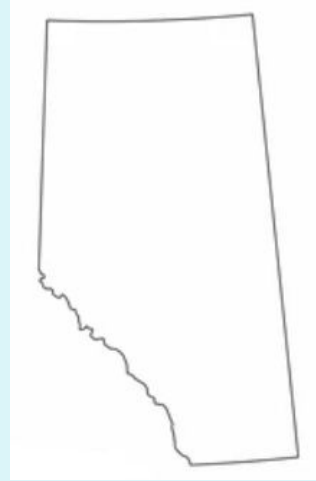
# Deep Level Activities



# Checking out Alberta

Watch the weather forecast each night for a week and draw and record the weather prediction for the following day. Use a blank map of Alberta to record your daily findings. Compare and discuss your findings with a partner.

Were there any patterns in weather over the week? Be a meteorologist, can you predict the weather for tomorrow? Is there any information that would help you to make your prediction?



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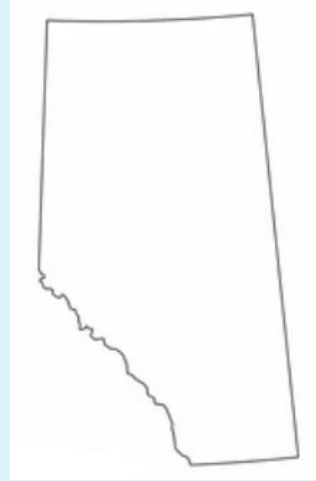
# Checking out your corner of Alberta

## (Deep)

On a blank map of Alberta, mark where you live.

What type of terrain is around your area? What influences your weather pattern? Draw and describe any factors that affect your weather. Identify any websites or APPS you might use to assist you in getting your daily weather.

Explain how these weather factor affect your climate.



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**Understanding 5ES1.2:** Weather conditions can be measured accurately using a variety of tools and methods.

**Investigation Problem:** How accurate is a homemade weather tool?

Students research how to make a the following tools

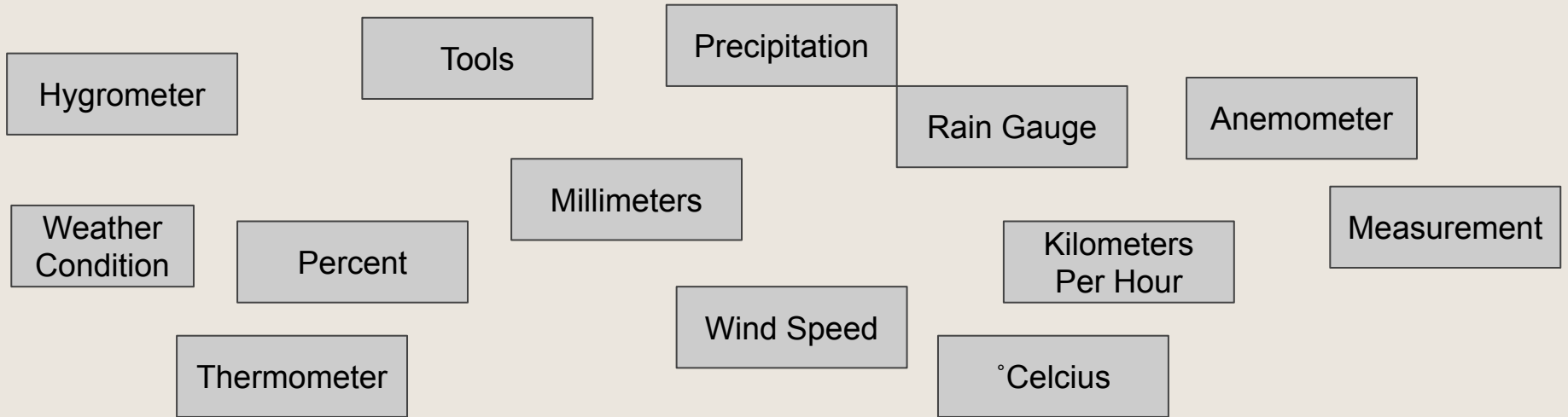
- Hygrometer
- Barometer
- Thermometer
- Rain Gauge
- Anemometer
- Weather Vane

Students design and complete the investigation with an emphasis on accurate evidence.



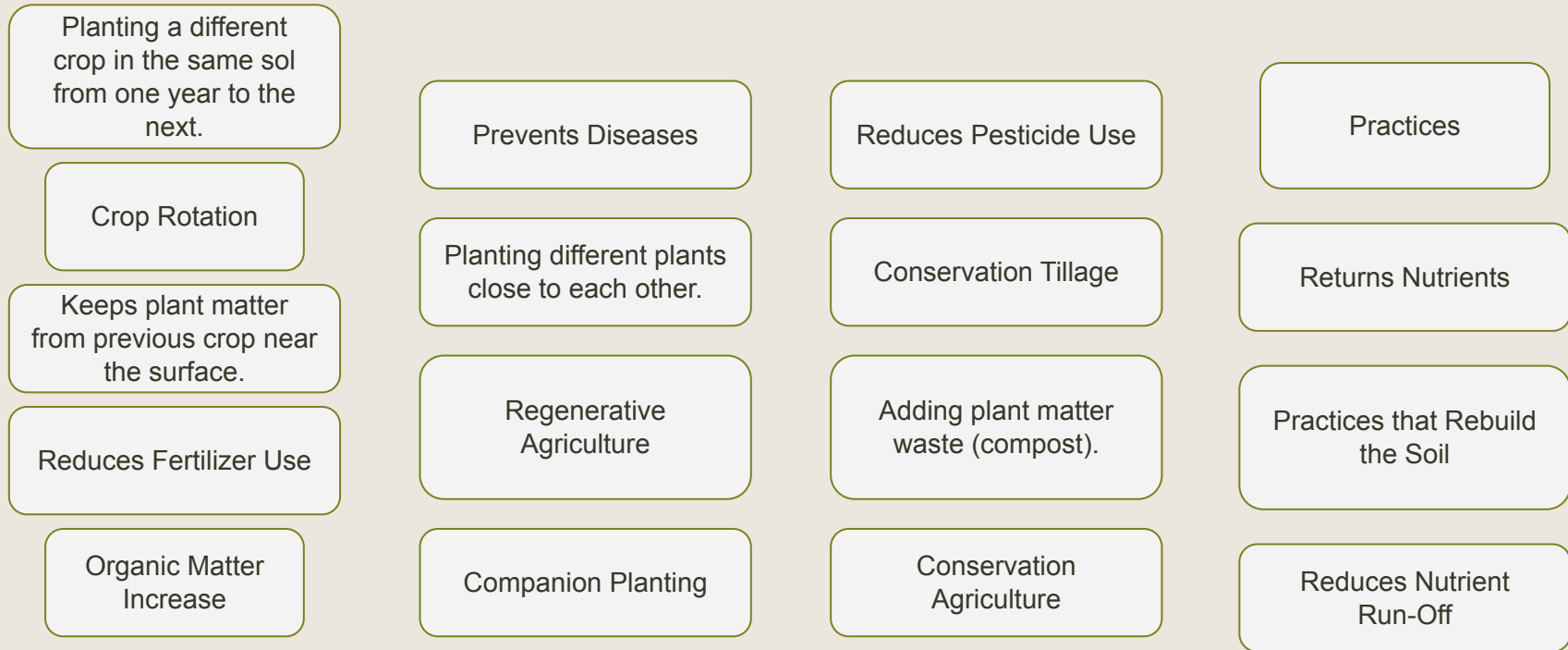
## Understanding 5ES1.2: Weather conditions can be measured accurately using a variety of tools and methods.

*Task: Students arrange the words below in a concept map and explain why they made the arrangement they did.*



## Understanding 5ES1.4: Climate and weather events influence agricultural practices.

*Task: Students arrange the words below in a concept map and explain why they made the arrangement they did.*



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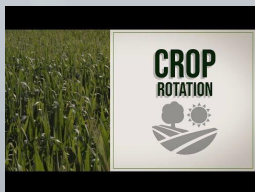
Minimally disturbing the soil

Source

Maintaining Soil



Rotating Crops



Conservation Agriculture

Climate and Agricultural Practices

**DEEP:** How can Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Harvesting practices be applied to our home garden?

Crop rotation

Companion Planting

Limiting hunting and trapping

Considering future harvests

Sustainable Harvesting

# Where is the better place to live - Alberta or Ontario?

WorldData.info

Americas

Europe

Asia

Africa

Australia

Oceania

## Climate comparison

Canada  
Alberta

All information: [Canada](#)

Canada

Region:

Alberta

Canada  
Ontario

All information: [Canada](#)

Canada

Region:

Ontario

Compare

[Link](#)

How does analyzing long-term climate data and observations help us make decisions about relocating?

Where does this data come from: computer modelling, historical data, satellite imaging, traditional knowledge

# First Nations, Metis and Inuit



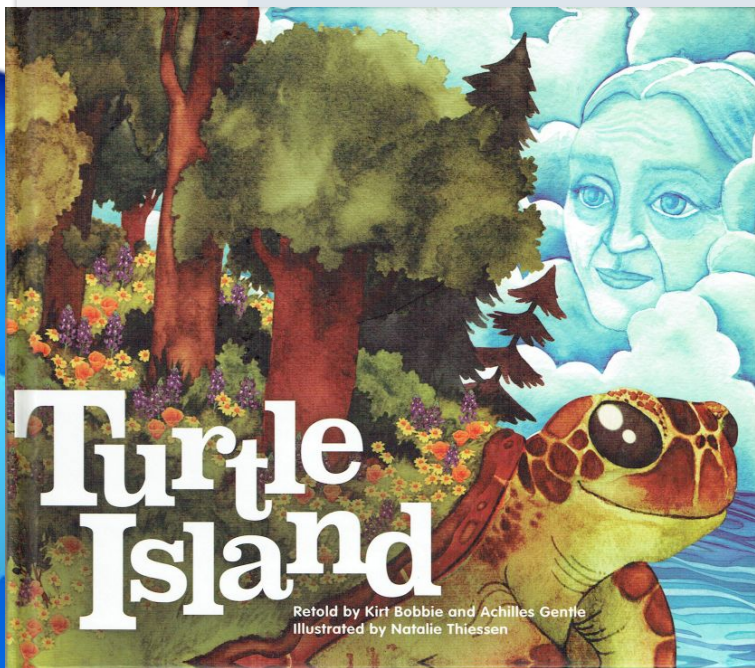
**Indigenous Knowledge and  
Cultural Weather Perspectives:  
Lessons to Support  
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by  
**John Wright and Duane Johnson**



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**Migration & Hibernation  
and Seasons**

**Animal senses to  
weather changes -  
severe weather**

**Weather patterns and  
cycles can be used to  
predict weather  
conditions and animal  
behaviour.**

**(some link to grade 3 & 4 ES)**

**Human Activity**

**Plant Life Cycles**

## Understanding 5ES1.3: Climate affects human and other animal activity.

### **Task:**

- 1) **Research** how climate affects human activity and other animal activity (choose on mammal, bird, insect, reptile, and amphibian).
- 2) **Represent** your findings.



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# Transfer & Assessment



# Transfer



**Assessment of Learner Outcome 5ES1:** Students analyze climate and connect it to weather conditions and agricultural practices.

## Task

*Provide students with copies of the various climate zones and their descriptors:*

- *tropical*
- *dry*
- *temperate*
- *polar*
- *continental*

*Next, provide students with forecasts of a locations that typify each climate zone.*

*Students relate (connect) the forecast to the climate zone and justify their choice.*

# Resources

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# Sources to Consider

## Climate and Weather

Centre for Science Education - UCAR-  
Weather Trail - Take a [Virtual](#) Field Trip  
Classroom [Activities](#)  
Culminating [Task](#) (Transfer)

[Muskrat Magazine](#)  
Covers all Earth Systems

Wright, J. and Johnson, D. [Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Weather Perspectives](#). Government of Saskatchewan. 2007.

# Sources to Consider

Related to Earth's Spheres



NATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHIC

Learn with us

Consider searching for Atmosphere, Lithosphere, Biosphere, and Hydrosphere and using materials provided for individual classroom use



Earth's Spheres Part 1



Earth's Spheres Part 2

Earth's Spheres Gree Games and Activities

Earth's Spheres Jeopardy - up to 10 teams



# What is Water?

[Water](#)

[Link](#)

OLogy: American Museum of Natural History

## [STEM Engagement](#)

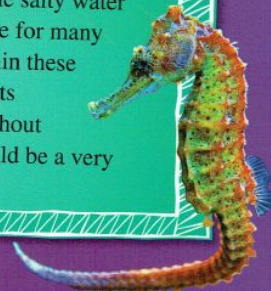
[Sacred Relationships](#) - Importance of Water and Wetlands

# The Powerful Ocean

Shelly C. Buchanan

# The Powerful Ocean

The ocean is beautiful, powerful, and refreshing. It's home to many amazing and unique creatures. The salty water provides the perfect home for many plants and animals. Within these waters are choppy currents and strong tides. But without the ocean, our world would be a very different place.

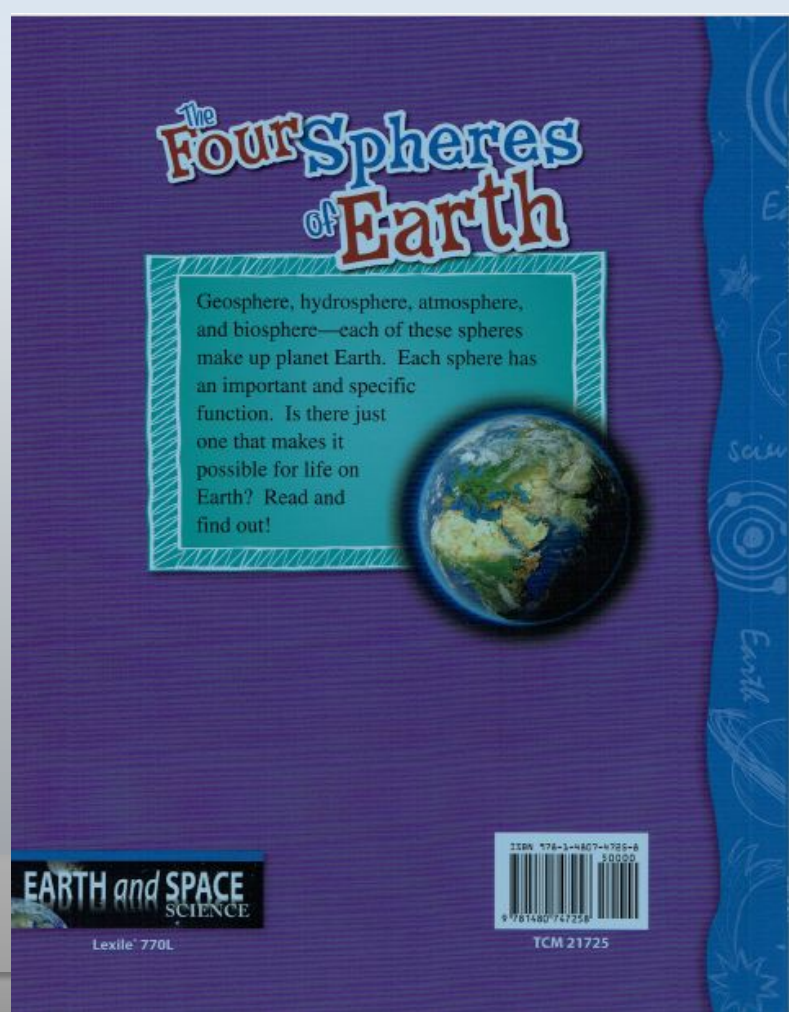
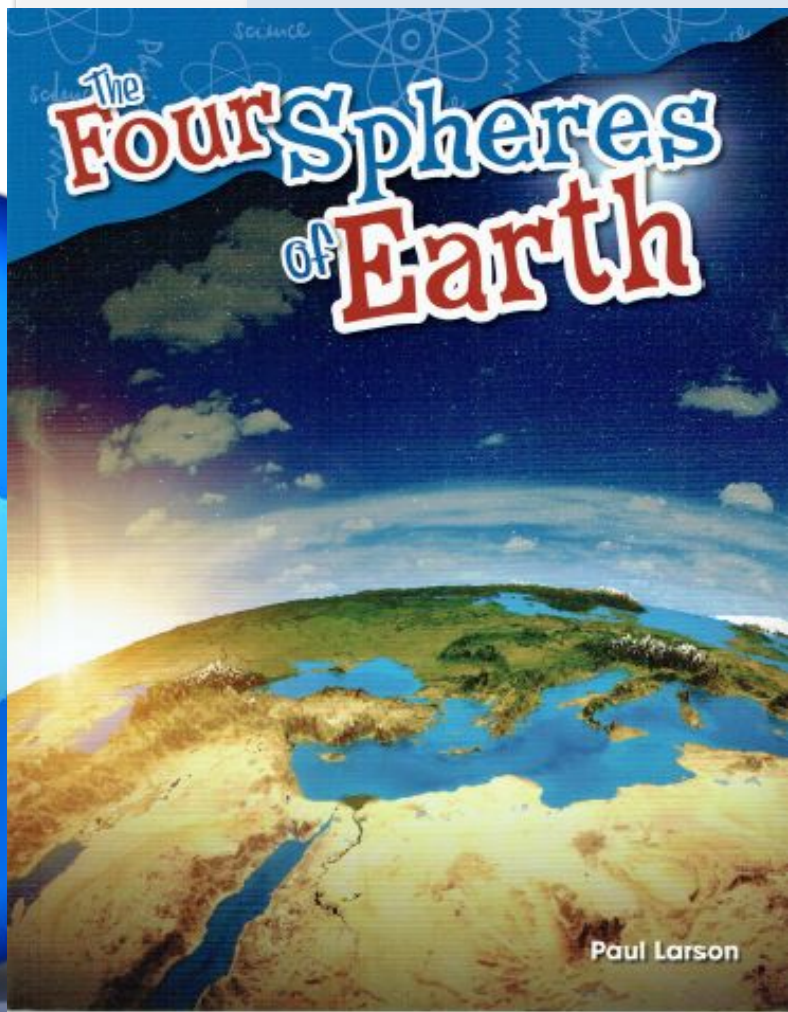


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# The Four Spheres of Earth

Geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere—each of these spheres make up planet Earth. Each sphere has an important and specific function. Is there just one that makes it possible for life on Earth? Read and find out!



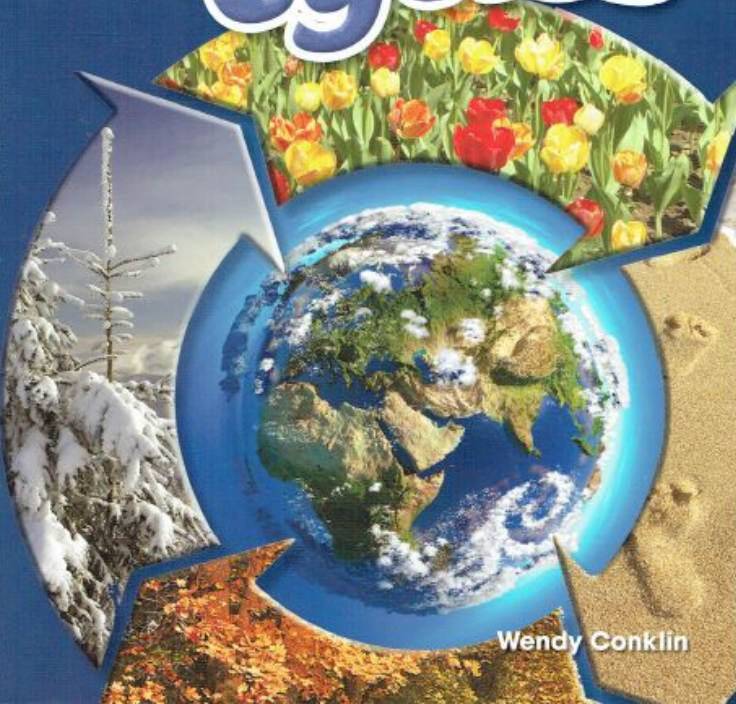
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# Earth's Cycles



Wendy Conklin

# Earth's Cycles

Earth is constantly recycling its resources. Water, oxygen, rocks, and carbon are just a few of the resources that move through a cycle. All of the cycles work together to create balance in a system called *Earth*.



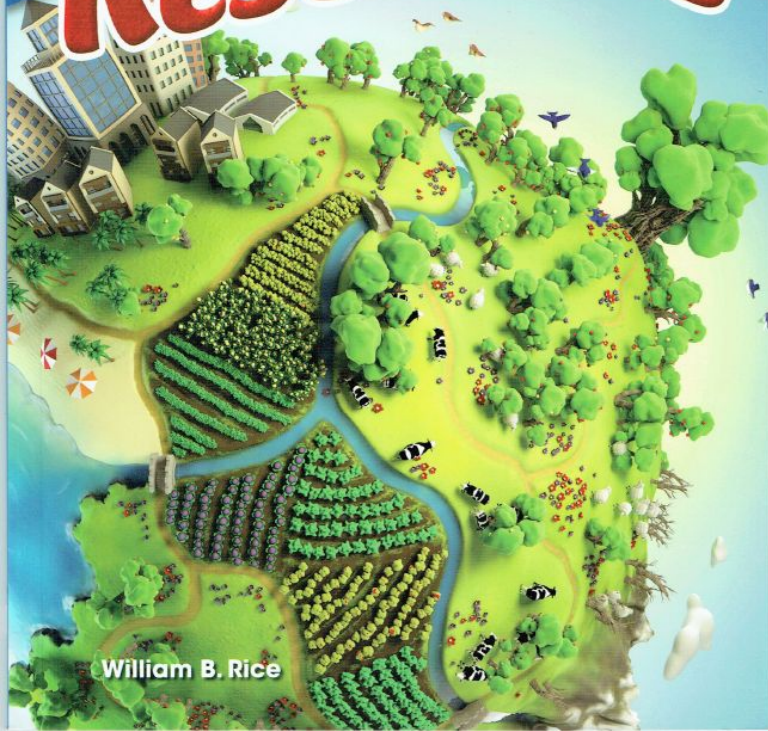
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# Our Resources



William B. Rice

# Our Resources

Almost everything you do requires resources. You use them throughout your day. Our planet provides us with natural resources, such as water, wood, oil, and metal. Whether resources are renewable or nonrenewable, they provide us with important materials we need.



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# KEEPERS OF THE EARTH

Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children



Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac

Foreword by N. Scott Momaday

Illustrations by John Kahionhes Fadden and Carol Wood

Native American/Education

**"Keepers of the Earth is a sensitive and well thought-out guide for helping children love and care for the Earth. I heartily recommend it as a resource for parents and teachers."**

—JOSEPH CORNELL,  
author of *Sharing Nature with Children* and *Listening to Nature*

This environmental classic teaches children respect and stewardship for the Earth and all living things. Joseph Bruchac's lyrical retellings set the stage for Michael Caduto's abundance of related activities.

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- Uses a holistic approach suitable for all ages.
- Provides field-tested activities.
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**Michael J. Caduto** is an internationally known, award-winning author, storyteller, ecologist, educator, and musician. He travels widely presenting environmental and cultural performances, speeches and workshops for children and adults. His recent books include *Earth Tales from Around the World* and *The Crimson Elf: Italian Tales of Wisdom*. He lives in Vermont.

**Joseph Bruchac**, a scholar of Native American culture, is an internationally known and award-winning Abenaki author, poet, and storyteller. His writings have appeared in more than five hundred publications, from *Parabola* to *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian* magazines. He is author of the novels *Dawn Land* and *Long River* and other books for children. He lives with his wife in upstate New York.

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# The Walk



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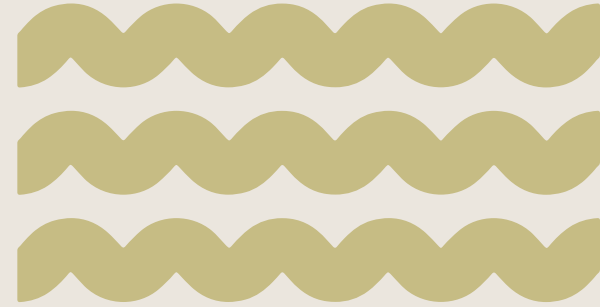


[www.nativerellections.com](http://www.nativerellections.com)

# Computer Science

## Angela Dearing

- What exactly IS Computer Science?
- What does successful integration of Computational Thinking across the grades look like?
- How can we teach it and support each other integrating computational thinking into instructional practices effectively when we've never taken a computer science course ourselves?



# Posted and Upcoming Sessions (ARPD)

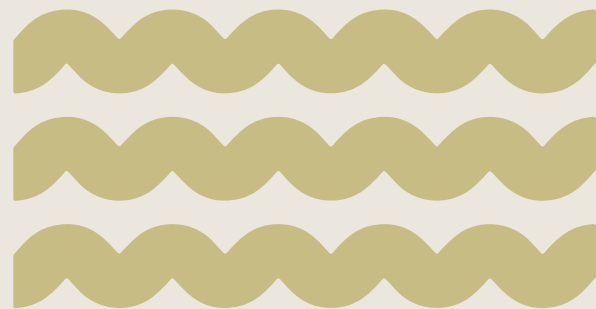
## Have been Completed Before the End of June

- Introductory Videos
- Living Systems - May 1 (Grade 1) +
- Matter - June 8 (Kindergarten) +

## *Coming in the Next School Year* Fall (6-8 weeks apart)

- Earth Systems (Oct 10 - 19)
- Energy (November 20 - 29)
- Space ( Feb 5, 6, 12)

Check the [CARC](#) or [ERLC](#) website for registrations





# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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