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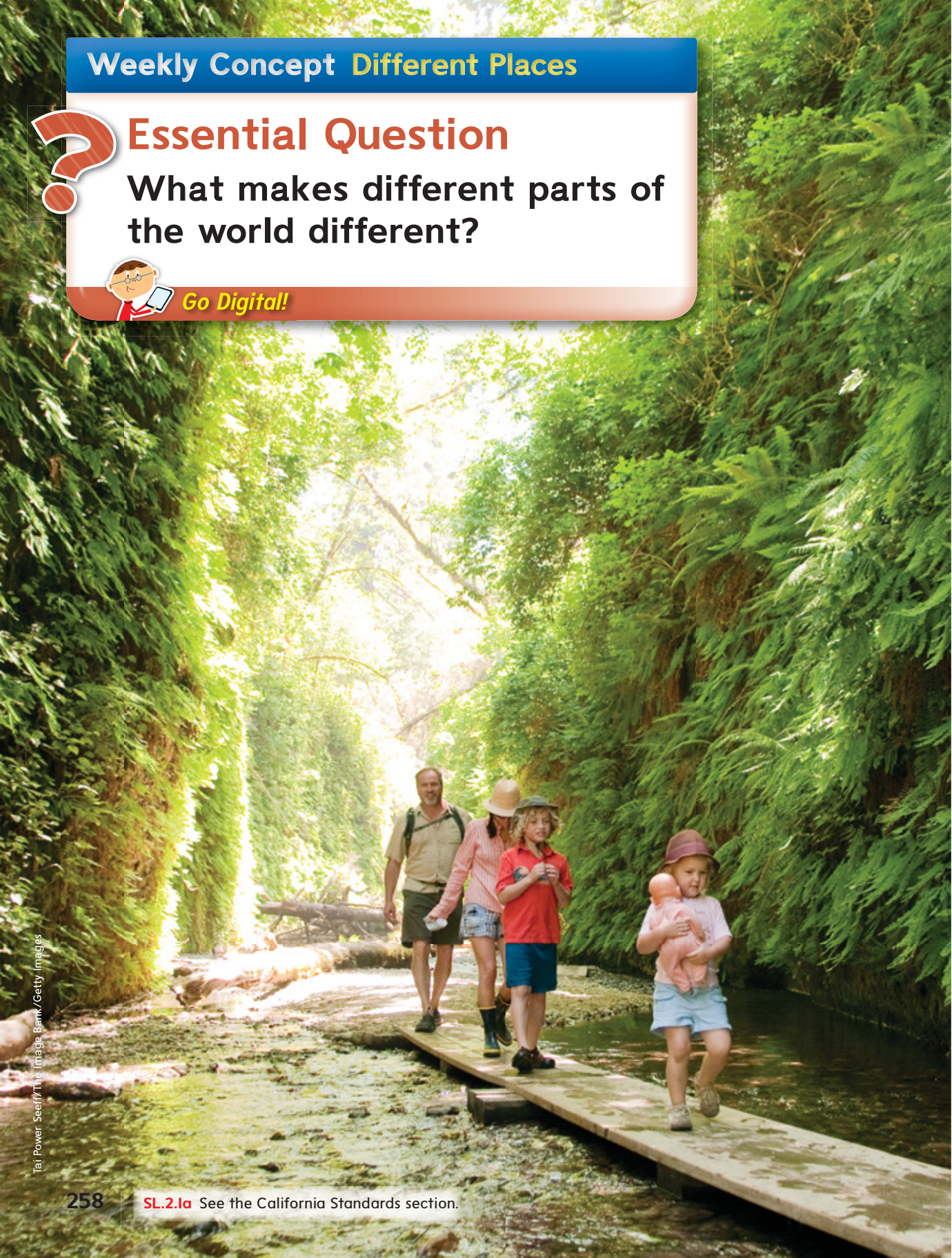


Essential Question

What makes different parts of the world different?



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New Places

Have you ever been to a forest? This region offers tall trees and many plants and animals. There are many different regions around the world. Here are a few:

- ▶ Deserts
- ▶ Polar Regions
- ▶ Prairies

Talk About It



What is it like where you live? Talk to a partner about your location. Write your ideas on the web.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and sentence to learn each word.



eerie

The noises in the old barn gave me an **eerie** feeling.

When do you get an eerie feeling?



growth

I found a thick **growth** of ferns in the park.

During what season do you see a new growth of plants?



layers

It was cold so I wore three **layers** of clothing.

How many layers of clothing are you wearing today?



lively

The **lively** kitten played with a ball.

What activity makes you feel lively?



location

I can find the **location** of my state on a map.

What is another word for *location*?



region

The arctic **region** is very cold and snowy.

What region is very hot and dry?



seasons

Summer is our favorite of all the **seasons**.

Describe your favorite season.



temperate

A **temperate** climate is not too hot or too cold.

Explain whether a desert would have a temperate climate.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

Go Digital! Use the online visual glossary

Alaska

A Special Place



Essential Question

What makes different parts of the world different?

Read to learn what makes Alaska unique.

Where can you find mountains, glaciers, and volcanoes? Alaska is the **location** you would visit. Alaska has different **regions**. In each part of the state, there are different features.

Land Features

The tallest mountain in the United States is in Alaska. It is called Denali. Some people go to Alaska just to climb it.

Alaska also has the biggest glaciers in all of the United States. Glaciers are made when one **layer** of snow falls on top of another. The snowfall becomes very thick. It turns to ice. The **growth** of a glacier takes many years to form.

Map of Alaska




Temperature Changes

Alaska has different temperatures. Northern Alaska is called the Arctic region. The temperatures are much colder than inside your freezer. The ground, lakes, and rivers are almost always frozen.

As a result, most people live in the south of Alaska. It is warmer there. Crops grow well in the rich soil there.

Animals

Alaska has many different animals. You may spot a walrus or polar bear among the glaciers. You can see a black or brown bear fishing in a river or stream. In another region, you can see a moose or caribou.



Walrus live in shallow waters off the coast of Alaska.

Daylight and Darkness

The **seasons** are special here, too. In summer, people celebrate the mild **temperate** weather. These **lively** people also celebrate the sunlight because the Sun does not set for many days. In one village, the Sun doesn't set for more than 80 days! You might be in bed and still see the Sun shining.

In winter, the Sun doesn't rise in some places in Alaska. These places have more than 60 days of winter darkness. You could have afternoon soccer practice in the dark! You might think this would be **eerie**, but Alaskans don't think this is weird. They are used to the dark winter days.

Alaska is a very interesting place to live!

Make Connections



What are three things that make Alaska interesting? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

How is where you live different from Alaska? How is it the same? **TEXT TO SELF**

Reread

As you read, you may come across words, facts, or explanations that are new to you. You can reread these parts to make sure you understand them.



Find Text Evidence

After reading page 263 of "Alaska: A Special Place," I am not sure how glaciers form. I will reread this page.

page 263

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I read that over time, layers of snow turn to ice. These huge pieces of ice are glaciers.

Rereading helped me understand this part.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



What is the Arctic region? Reread page 264 of "Alaska: A Special Place" to answer the question.

Compare and Contrast

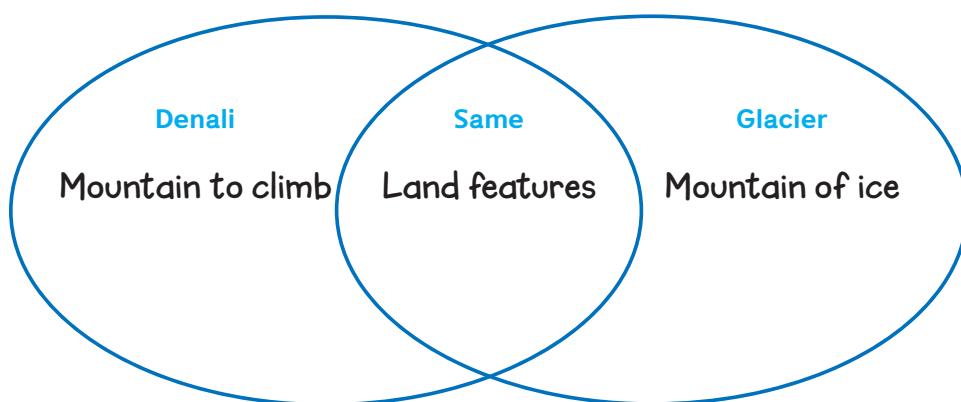
To compare is to tell how things are alike.

To contrast is to tell how they are different.



Find Text Evidence

When I read page 263 of "Alaska: A Special Place," I can compare and contrast the land features in Alaska.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Reread page 265 with a partner. Fill in the graphic organizer to compare how winter is different from summer in Alaska.

Go Digital!

Use the interactive graphic organizer

Expository Text

“Alaska: A Special Place” is an expository text.

Expository text:

- gives facts and information about a topic.
- includes text features.



Find Text Evidence

“Alaska: A Special Place” is an expository text. It gives facts about Alaska. We also learn about Alaska by looking at the text features.

page 263

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Text Features

A **map** is a flat picture of part of the earth.

A **map key** tells you what symbols on a map mean.

Your Turn

Talk about what information you learned from the map and map key.

COLLABORATE



Compound Words

A compound word is made up of two smaller words. You can put together the meanings of each smaller word to help you learn the meaning of the compound word.



Find Text Evidence

In the word snowfall, I see two smaller words: snow and fall. I think snowfall means snow that falls to the ground. Yes, that makes sense in this sentence.



Your Turn

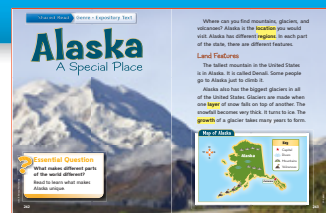
COLLABORATE



Use the smaller words to figure out the meanings of these compound words in "Alaska: A Special Place."

sunlight, page 265

afternoon, page 265



Angela

Topic Sentence
My first sentence introduces my topic.

Facts
I included details that the author included about Alaska.

I answered the question: *What was the author's purpose for writing this text?*

Student Model: Informative Text

The author wrote this text to tell about Alaska and how it is an interesting place. The author gives facts about some of the ways Alaska is taller, bigger, and colder than other places.

Alaska has the tallest mountain in the U.S., Denali.



Alaska has the biggest glaciers in the U.S. Northern Alaska has some of the coldest temperatures on Earth. Alaska has some of the shortest nights and longest days.

The author tells us that Alaska is a special place!

Grammar

The word *is* is an example of a **linking verb**.

Grammar Handbook

See page 481.

Concluding Statement

My last sentence sums up my answer.

Your Turn

How do the text features support the author's purpose? Include text evidence to support your answer.

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Write your response online.
Use your editing checklist.