SCIENCE FOR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

GRADE 8 • BOOK 2

BASED ON ALASKA SCIENCE STANDARDS

Sealaska Heritage Institute
UNIT 6

C-1: Concepts of Life Science
KEY VOCABULARY
**Culturally Responsive & Place-Based Introduction of Science Vocabulary**

### Function

**Place-Based Perspective**

Place a stuffed animal or toy at the front of the room. Have the students list all of the body parts that they can see. What are each of the parts for? In other words, what is their function? Teeth for chewing, fur for keeping warm, paws for walking, eyes for seeing… These are just a few examples. Ask the students what the functions of various organs are.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The function or purpose of the traditional halibut hook was to catch halibut! These were crafted very carefully and the dimensions of the hook were tailored for the size of fish that was to be caught. A crest of one's clan was often carved into the hook as it was thought that the animal's spirit would aid in the harvest. What is the function of a fish's fin? Of a boat's motor?

### Interdependence

**Place-Based Perspective**

Show the students a plant in the classroom or outside. Explain that plants need carbon dioxide, which humans give off, and that we need oxygen, which plants give off. This is an example of interdependence between plants and animals. What would happen if all of the oxygen or ALL of the carbon dioxide were depleted in the world?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Predators and their prey are interdependent on one another. It may sound strange to suggest that prey need to be eaten, but predators help to keep their populations at healthy levels. Indigenous peoples of Alaska recognized that there was a delicate balance in the environment and they would often harvest at sustainable levels, never taking more than they needed.

### Circulatory System

**Place-Based Perspective**

Ask the students to look at their hands and to try to identify veins. Explain that blood is flowing through those veins carrying nutrients to cells and waste away from them. The heart pumps and pushes the blood throughout the body. This is called the circulatory system because it circulates materials throughout the body!

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The Native people of Southeast Alaska were quite familiar with much of the anatomy and physiology of animals. They knew that the heart was important as was the blood of the body. To lose blood or a heartbeat could mean death. By examining the organs of animals that were killed, they were able to learn much about their own bodies!
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**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Ask the students how long they can hold their breath underwater. What does it feel like at the point that they need to come up for air? Explain that this feeling is caused by the depletion of oxygen in the body. When they finally reach the surface and breathe, oxygen is transported from the lungs to the blood. The intake of oxygen and output of waste gasses is done by the respiratory system!

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The respiratory system of marine mammals is similar to terrestrial mammals, but is adapted to allow them to be submerged longer. Most people probably know that whales breathe through a blow hole on their back. The spout that is seen is not water but an exhale of air! The indigenous peoples of Southeast Alaska commonly see whale spouts and some can even tell the kind of the whale from the spout!

**NERVOUS SYSTEM**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Ask the students to lightly pinch the underside of their arms. Tell them that the pain that they feel results from nerves sending impulses to the brain. This information is transmitted by means of the nervous system. The nervous system is the way that we feel all objects around us. Have the students imagine a life without a nervous system! While we hate to feel pain, it is often good that we do!

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The ability of parts of the body to communicate with the brain and all other parts is important for survival. Without the sense of touch how would you know to remove your hand from a fire or to get in and out of the cold? Nervous systems are important not only for indigenous peoples living in Alaska, but for everyone.

**NATURAL SELECTION**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Show the students the pictures of Darwin's Finches on page 497. Explain to them that each of these finches has a different beak shape based on the type of food that they eat. Over long periods of time and many generations, the birds with better beaks for breaking apart their food were able to survive and produce young. This survival of individuals that are better suited for their environment is called natural selection.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Sitka black-tailed deer are an important resource for indigenous peoples in Southeast Alaska. The deer have been naturally selected by the environment for thousands of years. Those that were slower, weaker, and less adapted to their environment likely died off or were killed, and were unable to contribute to subsequent generations.
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**EVOLUTION**

**Place-Based Perspective**
Show the students the diagram of dog evolution on page 499. Explain that over time humans bred wolves to become the various breeds of dog that we have today. They selected these breeds for specific traits. This is an example of evolution. There is ample evidence to suggest that all life on Earth may have evolved from early ancestors to the species now present on Earth.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**
Porcupines have a unique example of an evolutionary trait that helps them to survive. They have evolved to have hard quills that can penetrate the skin of any animal that is attacking them. Though they can be killed, predators are likely to choose easier prey first! Porcupines were occasionally consumed by Tlingits in Southeast Alaska.

**CYCLING**

**Place-Based Perspective**
Have the students draw a picture of a bicycle on a piece of paper. Next ask them to explain where the bicycle might have gotten its name. Explain that it has two wheels and that the rotation of the pedals rotates the chain which rotates the wheels — a continuous cycle. Tell the students that cycling occurs naturally too, with various elements making their way from one place to another and back to where they started in the first place.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**
The annual cycle taken on by indigenous peoples in the north refers to the times of year that various events took place, from ceremonies to the harvest of berries, hunting, fishing etc. Many indigenous peoples, including the Tlingit and Haida, were quite mobile and lived in different places throughout the year. Summer fish camps, for example, were usually in very different locations than the winter village sites!

**CONSERVE**

**Place-Based Perspective**
Have the students make lists of all of the ways that they can think of to conserve energy at school and in their homes. Who has the most ways? Who has the most interesting way? Create a superlatives chart on the board. Ask the students what it really means to conserve. Explain that it means to keep something constant, in this case energy, but not using it, at least to the degree that you would by not “conserving.”

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**
The conservation of resources has always been important for mankind. In order to make sure that a resource remains available in subsequent years and for future generations, one must limit the amount that is harvested at any one time. This has always been a cultural value among the Tlingit.
LESSONS
Science Language for Success

Introduce the key science vocabulary, using concrete materials and/or pictures.

LISTENING
Use the Mini Pictures activity page from the Student Support Materials. Have the students cut out the pictures. Say the key words and the students show the pictures.

Nod and Clap
Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board. Point to one of the pictures and say its name. The students should nod their heads to indicate that you said the correct vocabulary word for the picture. However, when you point to a picture and say an incorrect name for it, the students should clap their hands ONCE. Repeat this process until all of the vocabulary pictures have been used a number of times in this way.

Student Support Materials
Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.

SPEAKING

The Disappearing Pictures
Mount five or six pictures on the board, vertically. Point to the picture at the top and tell the students to name it. Continue in this way until the students have named all of the pictures from top to bottom. Then, remove the last picture and repeat this process—the students should say all of the vocabulary words, including the name for the “missing” picture. Then, remove another picture from the board and have the students repeat this process. Continue in this way until the students are saying all of the vocabulary words from a blank board or until the students cannot remember the “missing pictures.”

Flashlight Name
Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board and the walls of the classroom. Darken the classroom as much as possible. Use a strong flashlight to direct the students’ attention to one of the pictures. The students should identify the picture that is illuminated by the light of the flashlight. Continue in this way until all of the vocabulary words have been said a number of times.

Roll ‘Em Again!
Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board. Number each picture from one to six (repeat a number as often as necessary). Then, group the students into two teams. Give the first player in each team a die. When you say “Go,” the first player in each team must roll his/her die. He/She should call the number showing on it and then say a complete sentence about a vocabulary picture on the board that has the same number. Repeat this process until all students have participated.
**Science Language for Success**

**READING**

*Introduce the science sight words to the students—match the sight words with the vocabulary pictures. The sight words are included in the Student Support Materials, attached to these lesson plans.*

**Funnel Words**

Group the students into two teams. Give the first player in each team a funnel. Mount the sight words on the walls, board, and windows, around the classroom. Say one of the sight words. The students with the funnels must then look through them to locate the sight word you named. The first student to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat with other pairs of students until all players in each team have played.

**Letter Encode**

Give each student his/her envelope that contains the alphabet letters. Mount one of the science pictures on the board. The students must use the cut-out letters to spell the word. Review the students’ work. Repeat, until all of the words have been spelled in this way.

**Student Support Materials**

Have the students complete the sight recognition and encoding activities in the Student Support Materials. When finished, review their work.

**Note:** After each unit, mount a set of the unit’s words on the walls around the room. Use the “word walls” for review and reinforcement activities.

**WRITING**

**Mirror Writing**

Group the students into two teams. Have the first player from each team stand in front of the board. Give each of the two players a small, unbreakable mirror. Stand some distance behind the two players with pictures for the sight words. Hold up one of the pictures. When you say “Go,” the players must use the mirrors to look over their shoulders to see the picture you are holding. When a player sees the picture, he/she must write the sight word for that picture on the board. The first player to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat this process until all players in each team have had an opportunity to respond.

**Silent Dictation**

Provide each student with writing paper and a pen. The students should watch carefully as you move your lips as though you are saying one of the sight words (do not voice the word). After “lipping” the sight word, each student should write that word on his/her sheet of paper. Repeat this process with other sight words. Afterwards, review the students’ responses.
WRITING (CONTINUED)

Student Support Materials
Provide the students with a copy of the writing pages from the Student Support Materials. When finished, review the students’ work.
VOCABULARY
PICTURES
FUNCTION
INTERDEPENDENCE
CIRCULATORY SYSTEM
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
NERVOUS SYSTEM
1. Geospiza magnirostris.

2. Geospiza alba.
NATURAL SELECTION
EVOLUTION
CYCLING
CONSERVE
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening  •  Mini Pictures
Listening: Mini Pictures

Prepare a copy of these pages for each student. The students should cut out the pictures and lay them on the floor or desk. Say the key words and the students should show you the pictures. Repeat a number of times. This activity can also be done with pairs of students to determine who is the fastest player.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening Comprehension
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Read the following sentences to the students. The students should circle “true” or “false” for each of the sentences. Review the students’ work.

1. A function of a fish’s fins is to aid in swimming. 

2. There is interdependence between Southeast Alaska forests and salmon. 

3. The main purpose of the circulatory system is food digestion. 

4. The respiratory system allows oxygen to be taken in by the body. 

5. The nervous system’s sole purpose is to make us nervous. 

6. Natural selection is the process by which organisms that are better adapted to their environments tend to survive and produce more offspring. 

7. Evolution is the development and diversification of organisms from earlier forms over time. 

8. The cycling of freshwater is important for many living organisms. 

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Sight Words
| respiratory system | nervous system | natural selection |
evolution
cycling
conserve
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading • Sight Recognition
Have the students complete the cross word puzzle below. A blank box is present for any space between a two-word phrase.

**Across**

4. Process where organisms are thought to have developed and diversified from earlier forms.
8. The system of organs which allows for gas exchange.
9. Keep constant through physical or chemical reactions or evolutionary change.

**Down**

1. An activity or purpose natural to or intended for a person or thing.
2. The system that circulates blood and lymph through the body.
3. Dependence between two or more people, groups, or things.
5. Organisms better adapted to their environment tend to survive and produce offspring.
6. The network of nerve cells that transmits nerve impulses between parts of the body.
7. Any complete round or series of occurrences that repeats or is repeated.
Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students cut out the key words and glue them at the bottom of their pictures.
Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students print the key words from this unit horizontally in the boxes (each word may be written more than once). They should then fill in all other boxes with any letters. Have the students exchange pages. The students should then circle the words on the page.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading  •  Encoding
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

- function
  - __________  __________

- determination
  - __________  __________  __________  __________

- serve conviction
  - __________  __________  __________  __________
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

to || pi || res || ra || ry

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to pi res ra ry

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Encoding Activity Page

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- evolution
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out the word halves and glue them together to create the key words for this unit.

- func
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- inter
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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Reading Comprehension
Have the students read the text and then select the correct answer for it. They should fill in the appropriate bullet beside the answer of their choice.

1. Which of the following is a function of a canoe?
   - air travel
   - water travel
   - land travel
   - none of the above

2. Which of the following is an example of interdependence?
   - salmon and rivers
   - bees and pollen
   - wolves and deer
   - all of the above

3. Which of the following is part of the circulatory system?
   - blood
   - eyes
   - stomach
   - spine

4. Which of the following is part of the respiratory system?
   - heart
   - liver
   - lungs
   - teeth

5. Which of the following is part of the nervous system?
   - liver
   - nose
   - blood
   - brain
Reading Comprehension Activity Page

6. Natural selection suggests a competitive advantage for organisms:
   - that are less adapted for their environment
   - that are better adapted for their environment
   - that are malnourished
   - that are domesticated

7. The diversification of organisms over Earth’s history is often attributed to:
   - mathematics
   - population
   - evolution
   - saturation

8. Examples of cycling in the environment include?
   - water
   - carbon
   - nitrogen
   - all of the above

9. Which of the following is NOT a good way to conserve energy?
   - turn lights off when you are not using them
   - leave the television on for the dog while you are not home
   - unplug your cell phone charger when it is not being used
   - keep the heat turned down in your home
Reading Comprehension Activity Page

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Reading Comprehension Activity Page

Have the students write the letters for sentence halves that match.

1. A function of teeth is
2. Interdependence occurs frequently
3. Veins and arteries are part of the
4. The nose and mouth are parts of the
5. Nerves are part of the
6. Natural selection favors organisms
7. Human assisted evolution can be seen
8. Evaporation and precipitation are
9. To keep something constant is

A. circulatory system.
B. in the diversity of dog breeds today.
C. that are better suited to their environments.
D. nervous system.
E. to conserve it.
F. parts of the water cycle.
G. to aid in grinding food.
H. respiratory system.
I. between animals.

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To keep something constant is to conserve it.

1→G  2→I  3→A  4→H
5→D  6→C  7→B  8→F
9→E
Reading Comprehension Activity Page

Have the students cut out the words and glue them under their definitions.

- Selection for better adapted organisms
- Dependence between two or more things
- Activity or purpose intended for a person or thing
- Diversification of organisms over Earth’s history
- System of organs which allows for gas exchange
- Series of occurrences that repeat
- System that circulates blood and lymph through the body
- Keep constant through physical or chemical reactions
- System that transmits nerve impulses between body parts

- function
- interdependence
- circulatory system
- respiratory system
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- natural selection
- evolution
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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Writing
Basic Writing Activity Page

Have the students write in the missing letters.

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interde________
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ner_______ s_____tem
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Basic Writing Activity Page

Have the students write the word for each picture.
interdependence  nervous system  evolution

function  circulatory  respiratory system

natural selection  conserve  cycling
Creative Writing Activity Page

Have the students write sentences of their own, using the key words from this unit. When the students’ sentences are finished, have them take turns reading their sentences orally. The students should say “Blank” for the key words; the other students must name the “missing” words. You may wish to have the students write the “definitions” for the key words.

FUNCTION

_____________________________________________________________

INTERDEPENDENCE

_____________________________________________________________

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

_____________________________________________________________

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

_____________________________________________________________

NERVOUS SYSTEM

_____________________________________________________________

NATURAL SELECTION

_____________________________________________________________

EVOLUTION

_____________________________________________________________

CYCLING

_____________________________________________________________

CONSERVE

_____________________________________________________________
Creative Writing Activity Page

Have the students write sentences of their own, based on the picture below. When finished, have each student read his/her sentences to the others.
UNIT ASSESSMENT

C-1: Concepts of Life Science
SCIENCE PROGRAM

Unit Assessment Teacher’s Notes
Grade 8  •  Unit 6 (C–1)
Theme: Concepts of Life Science
Date:__________________
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

BASIC LISTENING

Turn to page 1 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes.

1. Write the number 1 by the picture for FUNCTION.
2. Write the number 2 by the picture for INTERDEPENDENCE.
3. Write the number 3 by the picture for CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.
4. Write the number 4 by the picture for RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.
5. Write the number 5 by the picture for NERVOUS SYSTEM.
6. Write the number 6 by the picture for NATURAL SELECTION.
7. Write the number 7 by the picture for EVOLUTION.
8. Write the number 8 by the picture for CYCLING.
9. Write the number 9 by the picture for CONSERVE.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Turn to page 2 in your test. Listen to the sentences I say. Circle “T” for true and “F” for false sentences.

1. A function of a bird’s wing is flight.
2. Most organisms have no interdependence on other organisms.
3. Like most animals, human beings have no need for circulatory systems.
4. The lungs are a central component of the respiratory system in many animals.
5. The brain communicates with other parts of the body using the nervous system.
6. Natural selection suggests that organisms LESS adapted to their environment are LESS likely to persist.
7. The evolution of organisms has taken place throughout the Earth’s history.
8. Cycling of elements allows them to influence many parts of a system.
9. To conserve energy means to use as much as possible while it is still available.
10.
Unit Assessment

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SIGHT RECOGNITION
Turn to pages 3 and 4 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Circle the word for each picture.

DECODING/ENCODING
Turn to pages 5 and 6 in your test. Look at the word parts in the boxes. Circle the other half or part of each word.

READING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 7 in your test. Read the sentence part and fill in the bullet for the correct sentence ending.

BASIC WRITING
Turn to page 8 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Write the word for each picture.

CREATIVE WRITING
Turn to page 9 in your test. Write a sentence of your own, using each word.
Teacher: To get a percentage for this student’s assessment, divide the total number of questions correct by the total number of questions, then multiply this answer by 100 to determine the percentage of questions answered correctly.
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1. The function of an oven is to:
   - be plugged in
   - cook food
   - burn people

2. Two organisms that exhibit interdependence are:
   - flowers and insects
   - moose and lions
   - turtles and caribou

3. The circulatory system carries ______ and lymph throughout the body.
   - mucous
   - blood
   - stomach acid

4. The respiratory system allows for ______ exchange to and from the body.
   - food
   - organ
   - gas

5. The nervous system transmits nerve ______ between parts of the body.
   - impulses
   - cells
   - waste

6. Natural selection suggests that which organisms will persist most often?
   - those that are better suited to their environment
   - those that are less poorly suited to their environment
   - those with many predators

7. Evolution suggests that species have diversified over the course of Earth's:
   - atmosphere
   - resources
   - history

8. The repetition of a process or series of occurrences is:
   - turning
   - stopping
   - cycling

9. To conserve is to keep something:
   - constant
   - solid
   - changing
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The function of an oven is to:
- be plugged in
- cook food
- burn people

Two organisms that exhibit interdependence are:
- flowers and insects
- moose and lions
- turtles and caribou

The circulatory system carries _________ and lymph throughout the body.
- mucous
- blood
- stomach acid

The respiratory system allows for _________ exchange to and from the body.
- food
- organ
- gas

The nervous system transmits nerve _________ between parts of the body.
- impulses
- cells
- waste

Natural selection suggests that which organisms will persist most often?
- those that are better suited to their environment
- those that are less poorly suited to their environment
- those with many predators

Evolution suggests that species have diversified over the course of Earths:
- atmosphere
- resources
- history

The repetition of a process or series of occurrences is:
- turning
- stopping
- cycling

To conserve is to keep something:
- constant
- solid
- changing
natural selection  evolution  function

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KEY VOCABULARY
Traditionally, Tlingit spirituality divided the living being into several components:

- Du daa.it — body, physical being
- X̱aséikw — vital force, breath
- Du toowú — mind, thought and feelings
- Du yahaayí — soul, shadow
- S’igeekáawu — ghost, revenant

The latter two were considered immortal and persisted in various forms after death.

Find an old calculator or electronic device that is no longer functional. Use a screwdriver or a hammer, if appropriate, to open it up. Show the students all of the intricate parts on the inside. Explain that these are components of the device, the pieces that make up the whole. What other objects can students think of that are made up of many components?

Use flour and water to make various structures representing geologic formations such as mountains and plateaus. Ask the students what other geologic formations they know about and if they can name any near their homes. Explain that geologic refers to the Earth’s physical structure, its history, and the processes that act on it. So, a landslide would be a “geologic” event.

Show the students different types of rocks and explain that they were formed in different ways. Over time, rocks begin to erode and fall apart due to various geologic processes. Those particles from the rocks are often then reformed over time to make new rocks. This cycle, the rock cycle, has proceeded throughout Earth’s history and often operates on very long time scales. Where have the students found interesting rocks?

Geologic processes have been important considerations for Alaska’s indigenous peoples. The eruptions of volcanoes, movement of tectonic plates, advancement and retreat of glaciers, landslides and other events have impacted human life in Alaska for millennia. Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people were aware of these occurrences and often took precautions to avoid being in their path!

The rock cycle can take hundreds or even thousands of years to complete. Some rocks are more brittle than others. Rocks found along the beaches of Southeast Alaska are often very old and have been in relatively the same position for many generations. Petroglyphs are frequent in parts of Southeast and the Tlingit believe that their ancestors produced the rock images. Many remain today but are slowly eroding as a natural part of the rock cycle.
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based Introduction of Science Vocabulary

**WATER CYCLE**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Ask the students to make a list of what Southeast Alaska is known for. Then ask how many people wrote rainforest, rain, ocean, water, Xtra Tuf boots… It is a wet place to live! The water cycle is constantly working in this region. Through several processes, water enters the air and eventually falls back to earth. The water cycle is important for most living organisms!

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Southeast Alaska is considered a temperate rainforest and has been home to indigenous peoples since time immemorial. These peoples survived in an environment where water was consistently present in the ocean, on land, and in the air. Thanks to the water cycle, the fog, mist, and rain that we are so accustomed to have been a part of indigenous life since long ago.

**EARTH SURFACE**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Cut a small loaf of bread in half. Show the students that the crust is just like the crust of the Earth, it is the outermost layer. Ask the students what can be found on the Earth's crust. Is that where we live? What can be found beneath the Earth's crust? Of course the world that we know in our daily lives is on the Earth's surface — an important part of the planet for those of us who call it home.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Throughout Alaska, Native peoples have thrived on the Earth's surface. The Earth's surface is where most life on this planet can be found. It provides food, water, and shelter to make life possible. Many Native peoples recognized the beauty and bounty of the Earth and respected its contributions to their own survival.

**TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Show the students the topographical map of Southeast Alaska on page 593. Ask them to try to figure out what various items on the map indicate. Explain to them that this map contains a lot of valuable information, especially regarding elevation and slope. Ask the students to tell you when having a map like this might be useful, and even save one's life. What types of occupations would find these maps useful?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The concept of navigating with a map and knowledge of slope and elevation is ancient. Alaska's Native peoples were very aware of their surroundings and the relative height of hills and mountains. Kohklux, a clan leader of the Tlingit Chilkat, famously drew a map from Lynn Canal to the interior with the help of his wives. The detailed knowledge that they had of this route is spectacular.
Introduction of Science Vocabulary

**TUNDRA**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Draw a rough outline of the Americas on the board and include several of the mountain chains (Andes, Rockies, Appalachians). Explain to the students that tundra is a biome where tree growth is hindered by short growing seasons, low temperatures, and permanently frozen ground. Have them guess where tundra occurs in the Americas, including the three types (Arctic, Antarctic, Alpine).

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Tundra is not only found in the northern reaches of Alaska but also at high elevations on mountain slopes. This type of tundra is called alpine tundra and is the kind that Southeast Alaska’s indigenous peoples are familiar with. Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples frequently visited alpine tundra in their travels. It is here that they hunted mountain goats and escaped the Great Flood.

**CONVECTION CURRENT**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Draw the outline of a large hot air balloon on the board. Do not draw the fire flame. Have the students guess what is missing in order to make the balloon rise. When the air is heated, the balloon gets higher. If allowed to cool, what happens? The balloon begins to descend. This is convection current. Warmer, less dense substances rise and when they cool and become less dense, they descend. What other examples can the students come up with?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Convection currents are all around us. They impact our weather systems and are often very different from place to place. In Juneau, for instance, the weather and its related convection currents can be highly variable between downtown, the Mendenhall Valley and North Douglas Island. The Tlingit of Juneau came to know these currents and their resulting weather patterns. This knowledge aided them in both travel and harvest!

**MANTLE**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Cut a peach in half and show the students the cross section. Explain that if this were the Earth, the skin would be the crust and the seed would be the core. What is the fruit flesh in between? The mantle! The mantle consists of hot dense silicate rocks and makes up about 84% of Earth’s volume!

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The mantle of the Earth is deep below its surface. Though Alaska’s Native peoples did not travel to the mantle, they may have contemplated what was far below their feet. The mantle did however have an effect on their lives, especially when the movement of its parts caused earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.
Science Language for Success

Introduce the key science vocabulary, using concrete materials and/or pictures.

LISTENING
Use the Mini Pictures activity page from the Student Support Materials. Have the students cut out the pictures. Say the key words and the students show the pictures.

Match My Sequence
Provide each student with three vocabulary pictures. All students should have the same pictures. Have the students lay the pictures on their desks in a row (any sequence). When the students have arranged their pictures, say a sequence of three vocabulary words (using the vocabulary words for the pictures the students have). Any student or students whose pictures are in the same sequence as the vocabulary words you said wins the round. The students may change their sequences after each round of the activity.

Student Support Materials
Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.

SPEAKING

Sheet Golf
Before the activity begins, obtain an old sheet. Cut a hole (approximately two inches in diameter) in each end of the sheet. Group the students into two teams. Have the first player from each team hold opposite ends of the sheet. Place a marble or small ball in the center of the sheet. When you say “Go,” the players must then lift their ends of the sheet and attempt to cause the marble or ball to fall through the hole in the other player’s side of the sheet. When the ball or marble falls through one of the holes, the player on that side of the sheet must say the name of a vocabulary picture you show or he/she should repeat a sentence you said at the beginning of the round. Repeat with other pairs of students until all students have participated. If the sheet is large enough, all students can play—divide the students into four groups (one group for each side). Cut a hole in the sheet near each side. When the marble or ball falls through, all the players on that side must say the name of a vocabulary picture that you show. Repeat.

Wild Balloon
Before the activity begins, obtain a large balloon. Stand in front of the students and inflate the balloon. Have the vocabulary pictures mounted on the board. Hold the end of the balloon closed. Then, release the balloon. When the balloon lands, the student closest to it should say a complete sentence about a vocabulary picture you point to. Repeat this process until many students have responded.
Science Language for Success

READING

Introduce the science sight words to the students—match the sight words with the vocabulary pictures. The sight words are included in the Student Support Materials, attached to these lesson plans.

String Along

Join all of the students together with string. The students do not need to move from their seats. Before tying the ends of the string together, insert a roll of tape over one of the ends of the string. Tie the ends of the string together. Turn your back to the students. The students should pass the roll of tape along the string as quickly as possible. When you clap your hands, the student left holding the tape must then identify a sight word you show him. Repeat this process until many students have responded and until all of the sight words have been correctly identified a number of times.

Letter Encode

Give each student his/her envelope that contains the alphabet letters. Mount one of the science pictures on the board. The students must use the cut-out letters to spell the word. Review the students’ work. Repeat, until all of the words have been spelled in this way.

Student Support Materials

Have the students complete the sight recognition and encoding activities in the Student Support Materials. When finished, review their work.

WRITING

Flashlight Writing

If possible, darken the classroom. Give a student a flashlight. Say one of the vocabulary words and the student should write that word with the light of the flashlight on a wall or on the board. Repeat until many students have had a chance to participate. An alternative is to provide each student with writing paper and a pen. Darken the classroom, if possible. Use the light of a flashlight to write one of the sight words on the wall or board. When you have completed the writing of the word, each student should then write the same word on his/her sheet of paper. Repeat until all sight words have been written in this way.

This activity may also be done in team form. In this case, group the students into two teams. Darken the classroom. Use the light of a flashlight to write one of the sight words on the board. When you say “Go,” the first player in each team should rush to the board and use chalk to write the same word on the board. The first player to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat until all players have played.
WRITING (CONTINUED)

**Student Support Materials**
Provide the students with a copy of the writing pages from the Student Support Materials. When finished, review the students’ work.
COMPONENTS
GEOLOGIC
ROCK CYCLE
WATER CYCLE
EARTH SURFACE
TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP
TUNDRA
CONVECTION CURRENT
Listening: Mini Pictures

Prepare a copy of these pages for each student. The students should cut out the pictures and lay them on the floor or desk. Say the key words and the students should show you the pictures. Repeat a number of times. This activity can also be done with pairs of students to determine who is the fastest player.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening Comprehension
Listening Comprehension

Read the following sentences to the students. The students should circle “true” or “false” for each of the sentences. Review the students’ work.

1. A wrist watch is made up of many individual components. True False

2. Geologic formations can be seen across Southeast Alaska. True False

3. Rocks are never formed as part of the rock cycle, only destroyed. True False

4. Evaporation is not a part of the water cycle. True False

5. The earth’s surface is the part of the planet on which we live. True False

6. You can determine the elevation of an area with a topographic map. True False

7. There is no plant or animal life that lives on tundra. True False

8. Boiling water is an example of convection current. True False

9. The mantel of the earth is completely frozen, too cold for humans. True False
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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Sight Words
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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading  •  Sight Recognition
# Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students highlight or circle the words in this word find. Words appear horizontally.

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Answer Key

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water cycle
earth surface

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Find each of the following words.

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Answer Key: Key # 1 - 694365
**Sight Words Activity Page**

*Have the students cut out the key words and glue them at the bottom of their pictures.*

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Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students print the key words from this unit horizontally in the boxes (each word may be written more than once). They should then fill in all other boxes with any letters. Have the students exchange pages. The students should then circle the words on the page.
Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

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Encoding Activity Page

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Have the students cut out the word halves and glue them together to create the key words for this unit.

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Reading Comprehension
Reading Comprehension Activity Page

Have the students read the text and then select the correct answer for it. They should fill in the appropriate bullet beside the answer of their choice.

1. Which of the following is made up of several components?
   - nails
   - stones
   - cars
   - clouds

2. Geologic formations may include:
   - mountains
   - plateaus
   - river valleys
   - all of the above

3. The rock cycle is a process where:
   - rocks are broken down and reformed through chemical and physical means
   - rocks tumble down mountainsides, often settling on the ocean floor
   - rocks fall apart due to their age
   - none of the above

4. Which of the following is NOT a part of the water cycle?
   - evaporation
   - precipitation
   - condensation
   - acceleration

5. Which of the following can be found on the Earth's surface?
   - forests
   - oceans
   - wildlife
   - all of the above
A topographical map can be useful in:
- identifying the elevation of an area
- identifying the slope of an area
- identifying safe routes of travel
- all of the above

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- low temperatures
- short growing seasons
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*Have the students cut out the words and glue them under their definitions.*

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Writing
Have the students write in the missing letters.

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rock c________e

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earth s________e

topo________l map

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Basic Writing Activity Page

Have the students write the word for each picture.
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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Creative Writing
Have the students write sentences of their own, using the key words from this unit. When the students’ sentences are finished, have them take turns reading their sentences orally. The students should say “Blank” for the key words; the other students must name the “missing” words. You may wish to have the students write the “definitions” for the key words.

COMPONENTS

GEOLOGIC

ROCK CYCLE

WATER CYCLE

EARTH SURFACE

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP

TUNDRA

CONVECTION CURRENT

MANTLE
Creative Writing Activity Page

Have the students write sentences of their own, based on the picture below. When finished, have each student read his/her sentences to the others.
UNIT ASSESSMENT

D-1: Concepts of Earth tatScience
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

BASIC LISTENING
Turn to page 1 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes.

1. Write the number 1 by the picture for COMPONENTS.
2. Write the number 2 by the picture for GEOLOGIC.
3. Write the number 3 by the picture for ROCK CYCLE.
4. Write the number 4 by the picture for WATER CYCLE.
5. Write the number 5 by the picture for EARTH SURFACE.
6. Write the number 6 by the picture for TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP.
7. Write the number 7 by the picture for TUNDRA.
8. Write the number 8 by the picture for CONVECTION CURRENT.
9. Write the number 9 by the picture for MANTLE.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 2 in your test. Listen to the sentences I say. Circle “T” for true and “F” for false sentences.”

1. Cars are comprised of many different components.
2. Geologic formations are absent from Southeast Alaska.
3. The rock cycle refers to the rise and fall of rock bands.
4. The water cycle helps to circulate water across the Earth.
5. Earth’s surface refers to the outermost layer of the planet.
6. There is no usefulness in a topographic map, who needs to know elevation anyway?
7. In Alaska, animals such as caribou and muskox thrive on the tundra.
8. Convection current refers to the electric charge used to run streetcars.
9. The mantle of the earth is extremely hot.
Unit Assessment

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SIGHT RECOGNITION
Turn to pages 3 and 4 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Circle the word for each picture.

DECODING/ENCODING
Turn to pages 5 and 6 in your test. Look at the word parts in the boxes. Circle the other half or part of each word.

READING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 7 in your test. Read the sentence part and fill in the bullet for the correct sentence ending.

BASIC WRITING
Turn to page 8 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Write the word for each picture.

CREATIVE WRITING
Turn to page 9 in your test. Write a sentence of your own, using each word.
Teacher: To get a percentage for this student’s assessment, divide the total number of questions correct by the total number of questions, then multiply this answer by 100 to determine the percentage of questions answered correctly.
SCIENCE PROGRAM

Unit Assessment Student Pages
Grade 8  •  Unit 7 (D–1)
Theme: Concepts of Earth Science

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UNIT 8

D-1: Concepts of Earth Science
KEY VOCABULARY
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based
Introduction of Science Vocabulary

TILT

Place-Based Perspective
Prop a can on its side in the front of the classroom and ask the students to imagine that this is your house. What might life be like inside this structure on a “tilt”? What famous building is on a tilt in Italy? The leaning Tower of Pisa! How many students have heard of this? The Earth is another object that is tilted on its axis. This tilt causes us to experience seasons as different parts of the Earth come nearer to the sun.

Heritage Cultural Perspective
Mankind has forever known the concept of tilt and tilted objects. What a boring world this would be if EVERYTHING stood straight! Just as trees sometimes tilt in growth or after they age, so do totem poles from time to time. Totems are said to be alive and that they die just like other organisms. Just as trees fall to the ground, so do totems. Several older photographs show village sites with both straight and tilted totems.

RELATIVE

Place-Based Perspective
On the board, draw a large circle representing the sun and a smaller circle representing the Earth. Ask the students how many of them think that the Earth is large? Explain to them that though it may be large in their perspectives, it is actually small “relative” to the size of the sun. In another example, 20 degrees Fahrenheit might be considered frigid to someone from the Lower 48 but it may be rather mild for someone from Fairbanks who is used to -30! The feeling is therefore relative!!

Heritage Cultural Perspective
The world can be seen from many different points of view. While comparisons dealing with size and other characteristics may be objective, they may also be subjective based on personal experience. Athabascans visiting Southeast Alaska in the winter probably found the weather extremely mild relative to the frigid interior.

ROTATION

Place-Based Perspective
Explain to the students that rotation is movement along a circle or a center. Ask the students to come up with as many objects that “rotate” as they can and list them on the board. Did they mention the Earth? Tell the students that the Earth does rotate around its axis — one full turn per day. The side that is turning toward the sun experiences daylight while the other side experiences darkness.

Heritage Cultural Perspective
The sun and the moon move across our sky in a circular motion every day. This is caused not only by our planet’s rotation around its axis but also its rotation around the sun. These movements were obvious to Native peoples of long ago. These celestial movements impact our daily life on planet Earth. Imagine what would happen if the Earth failed to rotate!
CONDUCTION

Place-Based Perspective

Show the students the photo of the camp stove on page 685. Ask the students to tell you the flow of heat between all of the objects: fire, pot, water, and air. Explain that thermal energy (heat) is being transferred between each of those objects through conduction. Molecules that are next to one another and of different temperatures are passing the heat along the gradient.

Radiation

Place-Based Perspective

Ask the students how many of them have had x-rays. Did they have to wear heavy blankets or bibs to block other parts of their body? Explain that x-rays emit radiation—high energy particles that pass through the body. In low doses these are safe but we do not want excess radiation if unnecessary. What else emits large amounts of radiation?

GEOCHEMISTRY

Place-Based Perspective

Show the students the picture of pallasite on page 689. Explain that these are rare stone-iron meteorites that have periodically fallen to earth from space. They are made up of several compounds. The study of rocks and minerals found on and in the earth is called geochemistry! How many students have thought about a career involving this field of study? What types of careers are possible in this field?
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based Introduction of Science Vocabulary

**POSITION**

Place-Based Perspective

Place several pencils (or pick-up sticks if available) in a pile on a table. Explain that each of the sticks is in a different "position" — a particular placement or arrangement. Have the students try to remove one pencil at a time without touching any other or causing any other to move. If it moves, that student is eliminated!

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The position of an object or objects can be very important for mankind. The position of an ancient Tlingit village, for example, often dictated its inhabitants’ access to resources and control of trade. The Stikine Tlingit villages were positioned along and near the Stikine river valley. This allowed them access to the river’s rich fisheries but also to an important trade route to the interior.

**COMPOSITION**

Place-Based Perspective

Show the students a can or bottle of soda or juice. Pass the can around the room and have the students each read off an ingredient from the label. Write these on the board as the students are reading them aloud. Explain that these make up the "composition" of that item. What is the composition of the classroom? What about of the human body?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The composition of tribes in Southeast Alaska has long been an important aspect of indigenous culture. Tribes are composed of several clans from both the Raven and the Eagle/Wolf moieties. Individual clans are composed of house groups. This composition dictates interpersonal, inter-clan, and inter-tribal relationships. What might happen if different components of this composition were added or removed?

**BRIGHTNESS**

Place-Based Perspective

Light a candle and place it on the desk. Set a standard flashlight and an LED flashlight next to it. Ask the students to rank the brightness of each. Explain that the "brightness" is their perceived intensity of each light source. What is the brightest light source they know of? The least bright (without being dark)?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The brightness of sunlight and moonlight in Southeast Alaska has obvious fluctuations from day to day based on the weather and has long had implications for Native peoples. On a bright day (or night), navigating in a canoe may be easier as one can see greater distances. Imagine now trying to navigate in very dim or lightless situations!
LESSONS
Science Language for Success

Introduce the key science vocabulary, using concrete materials and/or pictures.

LISTENING

Use the Mini Pictures activity page from the Student Support Materials. Have the students cut out the pictures. Say the key words and the students show the pictures.

Stretch

Place the vocabulary pictures on the floor, in a scattered form. The pictures should be quite close together. Have a student stand beside the pictures. Say a vocabulary word for one of the pictures. The student should place his/her left foot on that picture. Then, say other vocabulary words and the student must identify the correct pictures with different parts of his/her body. You may wish to have two students participate in this process at the same time for added motivation.

Student Support Materials

Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.

SPEAKING

Right or Wrong?

Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board. Point to one of the pictures and say its vocabulary word. The students should repeat the vocabulary word for that picture. However, when you point to a picture and say an incorrect vocabulary word for it, the students should remain silent. Repeat this process until the students have responded a number of times to the different vocabulary pictures.

Change Time

Group the students into pairs. One student should be without a partner to be “it” for the first round of the activity. Have the pairs of students stand, back to back, with elbows interlocked. Say a vocabulary word. Tell the students to listen for that word repeated once again. Say a number of vocabulary words—eventually repeating the vocabulary word you said at the beginning of the round. The students should drop arms and find new partners. However, “it” must also find a partner, thus producing a new “it” for the next round of the game. The student who is left without a partner must then use the vocabulary word you said (at the beginning of the round) in a complete sentence of his/her own. Repeat this process until all students have responded.
READING

Introduce the science sight words to the students—match the sight words with the vocabulary pictures. The sight words are included in the Student Support Materials, attached to these lesson plans.

The Disappearing Word
Mount all of the sight words on the board. For added motivation, you may wish to prepare an extra set of sight word cards to add to those on the board. Have the students look carefully at the sight words. Then, the students should close their eyes. When the students’ eyes are closed, remove one of the sight words from the board. Have the students open their eyes and identify the missing word. Repeat this process until all of the sight words have been removed from the board and identified in this way.

Letter Encode
Give each student his/her envelope that contains the alphabet letters. Mount one of the science pictures on the board. The students must use the cut-out letters to spell the word. Review the students’ work. Repeat, until all of the words have been spelled in this way.

Student Support Materials
Have the students complete the sight recognition and encoding activities in the Student Support Materials. When finished, review their work.

WRITING

Flashlight Writing
If possible, darken the classroom. Give a student a flashlight. Say one of the vocabulary words and the student should write that word with the light of the flashlight on a wall or on the board. Repeat until many students have had a chance to participate. An alternative is to provide each student with writing paper and a pen. Darken the classroom, if possible. Use the light of a flashlight to write one of the sight words on the wall or board. When you have completed the writing of the word, each student should then write the same word on his/her sheet of paper. Repeat until all sight words have been written in this way.

This activity may also be done in team form. In this case, group the students into two teams. Darken the classroom. Use the light of a flashlight to write one of the sight words on the board. When you say “Go,” the first player in each team should rush to the board and use chalk to write the same word on the board. The first player to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat until all players have played.
WRITING (CONTINUED)

Student Support Materials
Provide the students with a copy of the writing pages from the Student Support Materials. When finished, review the students’ work.
VOCABULARY PICTURES
TILT
RELATIVE
ROTATION
DANGER HAZARDOUS
RADIATION
GEOCHEMISTRY
POSITION
Baked Salmon

Salmon  Onion
Bacon  Tomato sauce

Put salmon into oven at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Put bacon strips on salmon 15 minutes after you put it in the oven. Then the last 10 minutes put onion rings on top. Pour 1 can tomato sauce over the top.
COMPOSITION
BRIGHTNESS
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening  •  Mini Pictures
Listening: Mini Pictures

Prepare a copy of these pages for each student. The students should cut out the pictures and lay them on the floor or desk. Say the key words and the students should show you the pictures. Repeat a number of times. This activity can also be done with pairs of students to determine who is the fastest player.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening Comprehension
Listening Comprehension

Read the following sentences to the students. The students should circle “true” or “false” for each of the sentences. Review the students’ work.

1. The earth is tilted on its axis. True False
2. There is a relative difference in size between killer whales and beluga whales. True False
3. The rotation of Ferris wheels is scary for some people. True False
4. Heating water on a stove is an example of conduction. True False
5. X-ray machines emit radiation. True False
6. Geochemistry is the study of organic tissues. True False
7. The position of a rear-view mirror is not important for a driver. True False
8. A turkey is usually part of the composition of a thanksgiving dinner. True False
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Listening Comprehension: Answer Key

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading  •  Sight Recognition
Have the students complete the cross word puzzle below. A blank box is present for any space between word phrase.

**Across**

1. Possessing a specified characteristic in comparison to something else.
3. The nature of something’s ingredients or constituents.
5. The perceived intensity level of light in a visual spectrum.
7. Turn on or around an axis or a center.
8. A particular way in which someone or something is placed or arranged.

**Down**

2. The study of the chemical composition of the earth and its rocks and minerals.
3. Transfer of thermal energy between neighboring molecules due to a temperature gradient.
4. A sloping position or movement.
6. Emission of energy as electromagnetic waves or as sub-atomic particles.
Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students cut out the key words and glue them at the bottom of their pictures.

tilt  relative  rotation  conduction
radiation  geochemistry  position  composition
brightness
Have the students print the key words from this unit horizontally in the boxes (each word may be written more than once). They should then fill in all other boxes with any letters. Have the students exchange pages. The students should then circle the words on the page.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading  •  Encoding
Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

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Encoding Activity Page

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Encoding Activity Page

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- position
  - po - tion - si
  
- possess
  - ness - bright
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out the word halves and glue them together to create the key words for this unit.

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Reading Comprehension
Reading Comprehension Activity Page

Have the students read the text and then select the correct answer for it. They should fill in the appropriate bullet beside the answer of their choice.

1. Which of the following is typically on a tilt?
   - planet Earth
   - telephone poles
   - skyscrapers
   - totem poles

2. Animals can be classified based on their relative:
   - intelligence
   - size
   - aggressiveness
   - all of the above

3. Rotation is the action of revolving around a center or an:
   - axis
   - anvil
   - asterisk
   - none of the above

4. Conduction is the transfer of thermal energy between ____________ molecules.
   - dissimilar
   - neighboring
   - distant
   - similar

5. Which of the following emit radiation?
   - nuclear power plants
   - x-ray machines
   - sun
   - all of the above
6. Which of the following are studied in geochemistry?
   - rocks and minerals
   - birds and mammals
   - reptiles and amphibians
   - none of the above

7. In what position does a teacher usually stand in a classroom?
   - right side
   - back and center
   - front and center
   - back left corner

8. The composition of beef stew may include:
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   - broth
   - vegetables
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Reading Comprehension Activity Page

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3. The rotation of a steering wheel
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B. chemical composition of the earth.
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E. influences the team's skill level.
F. determines the direction water will flow.
G. a watch battery.
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Reading Comprehension Activity Page

ANSWER KEY

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Have the students write in the missing letters.

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com________ion
bri________ss
Have the students write the word for each picture.
Basic Writing Activity Page

ANSWER KEY

composition  tilt  conduction

brightness  rotation  relative

position  radiation  geochemistry
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Creative Writing
Creative Writing Activity Page

Have the students write sentences of their own, using the key words from this unit. When the students’ sentences are finished, have them take turns reading their sentences orally. The students should say “Blank” for the key words; the other students must name the “missing” words. You may wish to have the students write the “definitions” for the key words.

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Have the students write sentences of their own, based on the picture below. When finished, have each student read his/her sentences to the others.
UNIT ASSESSMENT

D-1: Concepts of Earth Science
SCIENCE PROGRAM

Unit Assessment Teacher’s Notes
Grade 8  •  Unit 8 (D–1)
Theme: Concepts of Earth Science
Date:________________
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

BASIC LISTENING
Turn to page 1 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes.

1. Write the number 1 by the picture for TILT.
2. Write the number 2 by the picture for RELATIVE.
3. Write the number 3 by the picture for ROTATION.
4. Write the number 4 by the picture for CONDUCTION.
5. Write the number 5 by the picture for RADIATION.
6. Write the number 6 by the picture for GEOCHEMISTRY.
7. Write the number 7 by the picture for POSITION.
8. Write the number 8 by the picture for COMPOSITION.
9. Write the number 9 by the picture for BRIGHTNESS.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 2 in your test. Listen to the sentences I say. Circle “T” for true and “F” for false sentences.

1. The leaning Tower of Pisa is famous because of its tilt.
2. The sun is huge relative to the Earth.
3. The rotation of the earth is along its axis.
4. Conduction is a longer name for duct tape.
5. Radiation is a harmless substance found in river valleys.
6. Geochemistry is the study of the chemical composition of the Earth.
7. The position of a batter in baseball is at the home plate.
8. The composition of beef stew usually includes chicken.
9. All light bulbs have the same brightness.
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

SIGHT RECOGNITION
Turn to pages 3 and 4 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Circle the word for each picture.

DECODING/ENCODING
Turn to pages 5 and 6 in your test. Look at the word parts in the boxes. Circle the other half or part of each word.

READING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 7 in your test. Read the sentence part and fill in the bullet for the correct sentence ending.

BASIC WRITING
Turn to page 8 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Write the word for each picture.

CREATIVE WRITING
Turn to page 9 in your test. Write a sentence of your own, using each word.
Teacher: To get a percentage for this student's assessment, divide the total number of questions correct by the total number of questions, then multiply this answer by 100 to determine the percentage of questions answered correctly.
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   - narrow
   - leaning

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   - compared to
   - relative to
   - regardless of

3. The day/night cycle experienced on Earth is due to its _____________.
   - size
   - rotation
   - tides

4. Conduction affects weather patterns as it is the transfer of what kind of energy?
   - thermal
   - potential
   - static

5. Like nuclear power plants and x-ray machines, the sun emits _____________.
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   - water
   - radiation

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   - the chemical composition of the earth

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SCIENCE PROGRAM

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UNIT 9

E-1: Science and Technology
F-1: Cultural, Social, Personal Perspectives and Science
G-1: History and Nature of Science
KEY VOCABULARY
Introduction of Science Vocabulary

DIPLOMATIC

Place-Based Perspective

Split the students into two groups on either side of the room. Each group is to represent a country. Present the scenario that one of the countries has been caught illegally fishing in the waters of the other. Have students from each team present an argument that is likely to further inflame tensions about this issue. Now have them brainstorm a “diplomatic” solution and dialogue between the nations. Explain that diplomatic solutions to problems are important to retain peace and respect.

Heritage Cultural Perspective

While wars have plagued human existence, peace has also been frequently enjoyed too! This is a result of diplomatic relationships and approaches to problem solving. Following the sale of Alaska to the United States by Russia, Tlingit leaders discussed the possibility of war to secure their rights. They instead chose diplomacy — legal and political approaches to land claims rather than bloodshed.

EVIDENCE

Place-Based Perspective

Present the students with the hypothesis that orange juice will catch on fire if Tabasco sauce is added to it. Ask them to tell you what would be needed to convince others that this is true. What types of facts or “evidence” would you need? Why is evidence important in science?

Heritage Cultural Perspective

It is part of human nature to seek evidence that supports answers to life’s questions. The Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples consistently sought scientific evidence within the natural world. Would the salmon return to the rivers annually and why? Is a plant’s root safe to eat? Prove it! Evidence helps us to ground our theories in fact to better understand our surroundings.

DESIGN

Place-Based Perspective

Ask the students to take 5 minutes to come up with an original piece of equipment that would be useful in our daily lives. These can be funny! Have them draw their thoughts on a sheet of paper. Explain that these are “designs” for their inventions. Have the students share their designs with the rest of the class.

Heritage Cultural Perspective

Alaska Native designs are important aspects of their artistic expressions and can be used to identify cultural groups. The Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian are famous for their formline designs. Subtle differences in this art exist between the cultures but may not be obvious to the untrained eye.
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based 
Introduction of Science Vocabulary

DISCOVERY

Place-Based Perspective

Explain to the students that a discovery is new knowledge gained through study or observation. The “discovered” information can be new to an individual, a group, or all of mankind. What are some discoveries that the students have had in their own lives? What are some recent scientific discoveries in science? What types of discoveries would the students like to participate in throughout their lives?

Heritage Cultural Perspective

Discovery of new places and objects is not only a modern phenomenon but was likely exciting for Alaska Native peoples of long ago. Imagine the feeling felt by the first Tlingit to see shiny copper or travel along the beautiful Lynn Canal. Imagine discovering new animals and flowering plants when traveling to trade or hunt. Alaska is a vast land of natural resources and discovering these had to be very exciting!

BREAKTHROUGH

Place-Based Perspective

Explain to the students that a breakthrough is a sudden, dramatic, and/or extremely important discovery. Breakthroughs have been numerous throughout human history and have been especially important in medicine. New vaccines that prevent disease and cures for those who already have a disease have saved many human lives. We hope for breakthroughs in curing or preventing cancer, HIV, and other ailments in the near future.

Heritage Cultural Perspective

Breakthroughs, though often dramatic, can be large or small in scale. From time to time Alaska Native people of long ago would experience a breakthrough that would change their lives. Imagine when people discovered that hooligan oil would burn steady and could be used in lamps. Imagine when herring eggs were determined to be a tasty, healthy, and abundant treat. These breakthroughs improved the lives of Alaskan peoples.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Place-Based Perspective

Draw a rough outline of your community on the board, including any surrounding wetlands. Ask the students where they have seen frogs or salamanders in the vicinity. Explain to them that knowledge of these animals in Alaska is limited and that local knowledge may be very valuable in understanding their lives and locations. If they would like to contribute as “citizen scientists” to the knowledge of amphibians, have them contact the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum's Aquatics Collection.

Heritage Cultural Perspective

Local knowledge among Alaska peoples was and continues to be incredibly important for human survival. Local knowledge of resources and landscapes allows us to learn about, use, and protect them. Where is the best place to fish for sockeye or harvest berries? When is the best time to travel to Prince of Wales Island? No one can answer these questions better than local people familiar with their community and surroundings.
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based
Introduction of Science Vocabulary

**SUBSISTENCE**

**Place-Based Perspective**
Ask the students how many of them have eaten local plants and animals that have been harvested by themselves or their families. What types of foods were these? Did they enjoy them? Explain that “subsistence” has always been important for humans in Alaska and that it continues to be the means by which many families obtain food. State and federal laws protect the right to pursue subsistence foods but many believe these laws need to be strengthened even further.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**
Subsistence, the harvest of plants and animals for food, clothing, and other valuable objects, has allowed Alaska Native people to live off of the land in the far north. They have a right to these resources as they have utilized them since time immemorial. Subsistence foods have often been determined to be healthier than store-bought items that have more artificial ingredients.

**INCONSISTENT**

**Place-Based Perspective**
Show the students the egg carton on page 789. Ask them what is wrong with the contents of the carton. Explain that the product is “inconsistent” because it has all intact eggs except one. Ask the students what inconsistent results of experiments would mean. Perhaps the data is not valid or there is some fluctuation in what is being tested?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**
Alaska Native peoples of long ago knew that inconsistencies could have dire consequences. Years of unusually heavy rainfall or droughts can cause the plants and animals on which they depend to change their behavior or availability. What would happen if disease suddenly killed off all of the local deer or if an event prevented salmon from entering the mouth of the river?

**EMPIRICAL**

**Place-Based Perspective**
Ask the students to present theories as to whether or not “bigfoot” exists. What evidence do they have to support or reject their hypothesis? Explain that while theories have been incredibly useful to help us understand the world around us, “empirical” evidence, evidence obtained through experiment and observation, is necessary to prove a hypothesis in western science.

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**
The Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian peoples throughout time undertook experimentation and observation. They have empirical evidence to support their claims to the land and their knowledge of local landscapes derived from traditional use and occupation. They knew exactly what size fish would be caught by the size of the halibut hook. Why? Because they experimented and observed the results.
Science Language for Success

Introduce the key science vocabulary, using concrete materials and/or pictures.

LISTENING
Use the Mini Pictures activity page from the Student Support Materials. Have the students cut out the pictures. Say the key words and the students show the pictures.

Whisper
Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board. Group the students into two teams. Whisper a vocabulary word to the first player in each team. When you say “Go,” the first player in each team must then whisper the same word to the next player in his/her team. The players should continue whispering the vocabulary word in this way until the last player in a team hears the word. When the last player in a team hears the word, he/she must rush to the board and point to the picture for the word. The first player to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat until all players have had an opportunity to identify a vocabulary picture. When a player has identified a vocabulary picture, he/she should rejoin the front of his/her team.

Student Support Materials
Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.

SPEAKING
Half Match
Before the lesson begins, prepare a photocopy of each of the vocabulary pictures. Cut each of the photocopied pictures in half. Give the picture halves to the students (a student may have more than one picture half). Say one of the vocabulary words. The two students who have the halves of the picture for that word must show their halves and repeat the word orally. Continue in this way until all of the vocabulary words have been reviewed. This activity may be repeated more than once by collecting, mixing, and redistributing the picture halves to the students. This activity may also be adapted for team form. To do this, cut each of the vocabulary pictures in half. Place half of the pictures in one pile and the other halves in another pile (one pile for each team). Say a vocabulary word. When you say “Go,” the first player from each team must rush to his/her pile of picture halves. Each player must find the half of the picture for the vocabulary word you said. The first player to correctly identify the picture half and to repeat the vocabulary word for it wins the round. Repeat until all players have played.

Numbered Boxes
Before the activity begins, prepare a page that contains twenty (or more) boxes. Number each of the boxes. Provide each student with a copy of the numbered boxes. Each student should then shade in half of the boxes with a pencil (any ten
Speaking (continued)

Boxes). When the students are ready, mount the vocabulary pictures on the board and say the number of a box (between one and twenty) to one of the students. The student should look on his/her form to see if that box number is shaded in. If that box is shaded in, the student may “pass” to another player. However, if the box is not shaded in, he/she should say a complete sentence about a vocabulary picture you point to. The students may exchange pages periodically during this activity. Repeat until many students have responded in this way.

High Card Draw

Give each student in the class a card from a deck of playing cards. Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board and number each one. Call two students’ names. Those two students should show their cards. The student who has the highest card (aces can be high or low) should then say a complete sentence about a vocabulary picture you point to. The students may exchange playing cards periodically during the activity. Repeat until many students have responded.

Reading

Introduce the science sight words to the students—match the sight words with the vocabulary pictures. The sight words are included in the Student Support Materials, attached to these lesson plans.

Circle of Words

Before the activity begins, prepare a page that contains the sight words. Provide each student with a copy of the page. The students should cut the sight words from their pages. When a student has cut out the sight words, he/she should lay them on his/her desk in a circle. Then, each student should place a pen or pencil in the center of the circle of sight word cards. Each student should spin the pen/pencil. Say a sight word. Any student or students whose pens/pencils are pointing to the sight word you said, should call “Bingo.” The student or students should then remove those sight words from their desks. Continue in this way until a student or students have no sight words left on their desks.

Letter Encode

Give each student his/her envelope that contains the alphabet letters. Mount one of the science pictures on the board. The students must use the cut-out letters to spell the word. Review the students’ work. Repeat, until all of the words have been spelled in this way.

Student Support Materials

Have the students complete the sight recognition and encoding activities in the Student Support Materials. When finished, review their work.
**WRITING**

**Yarn Spell**
Group the students into two teams. Give the first player in each team lengths of yarn or string. Say a vocabulary word. When you say “Go,” the first player in each team must then use the yarn or string to “write” the word on the floor. The first player to complete his/her word wins the round. Repeat this process until all players in each team have played. If pipe cleaners are available, they may be used in place of the yarn or string (have both long and short lengths of the pipe cleaners ready for the activity).

**Overhead Configurations**
Before the activity begins, write the sight words on an overhead transparency sheet. Place an overhead projector on the floor, facing the board. Lay the overhead transparency sheet on the screen of the projector and turn the projector on. The sight words should be projected onto the board. Then, use chalk to draw configurations around each of the sight words. When a configuration has been drawn for each sight word, turn the overhead projector off. Call upon a student to use chalk to fill in one of the configurations with its sight word. You may wish to have more than one student participating in this process at the same time.

This activity may also be conducted in team form. In this case, when you say “Go,” the first player in each team must rush to the configurations. Each player must attempt to fill in one of the configurations with its correct sight word. The first player to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat until all configurations have been filled in in this way.

**Student Support Materials**
Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.
DIPLOMATIC
EVIDENCE
DESIGN
DISCOVERY
BREAKTHROUGH
LOCAL KNOWLEDGE
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INCONSISTENT
EMPIRICAL
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening  •  Mini Pictures
Listening: Mini Pictures

Prepare a copy of these pages for each student. The students should cut out the pictures and lay them on the floor or desk. Say the key words and the students should show you the pictures. Repeat a number of times. This activity can also be done with pairs of students to determine who is the fastest player.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening Comprehension
Listening Comprehension

Read the following sentences to the students. The students should circle “true” or “false” for each of the sentences. Review the students’ work.

1. Diplomatic discussions are usually the best approach
   - True
   - False

2. Scientists only depend on theory and do not seek evidence.
   - True
   - False

3. It is important for communities to design solutions for local problems.
   - True
   - False

4. It is important to consider the possible effects of a new discovery.
   - True
   - False

5. Scientific breakthroughs have helped to advance technology and medicine for mankind.
   - True
   - False

6. Local knowledge of landscapes can be a valuable source of information for scientists.
   - True
   - False

7. Subsistence is not an important life for indigenous peoples in Alaska.
   - True
   - False

8. Salmon runs are always inconsistent, you never know if they will return to the rivers each year.
   - True
   - False

9. Empirical data can be used to support a theory.
   - True
   - False
Listening Comprehension: Answer Key

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Sight Words
diplomatic evidence design
discovery
breakthrough
local knowledge
| subsistence | inconsistent | empirical |
### Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students complete the cross word puzzle below. A blank box is present for any space between a two-word phrase.

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sight words activity page
answer key

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evidence

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subsistence
diplomatic

empirical
breakthrough
local knowledge

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inconsistent
evidence

discovery

empirical
diplomatic

breakthrough
Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students cut out the key words and glue them at the bottom of their pictures.

diplomatic  evidence  design  discovery
breakthrough  local knowledge  subsistence  inconsistent
empirical
Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students print the key words from this unit horizontally in the boxes (each word may be written more than once). They should then fill in all other boxes with any letters. Have the students exchange pages. The students should then circle the words on the page.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading  •  Encoding
Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

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- **lo**
- **dip**
- **ic**

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STUDENT SUPPORT
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Basic Writing Activity Page

Have the students write the word for each picture.
**Basic Writing Activity Page**

**ANSWER KEY**

- **design**
- **inconsistent**
- **discovery**

- **evidence**
- **local knowledge**
- **breakthrough**

- **diplomatic**
- **empirical**
- **subsistence**
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Creative Writing
Creative Writing Activity Page

Have the students write sentences of their own, using the key words from this unit. When the students’ sentences are finished, have them take turns reading their sentences orally. The students should say “Blank” for the key words; the other students must name the “missing” words. You may wish to have the students write the “definitions” for the key words.

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Have the students write sentences of their own, based on the picture below. When finished, have each student read his/her sentences to the others.
UNIT ASSESSMENT

E-1: Science and Technology
F-1: Cultural, Social, Personal Perspectives and Science
G-1: History and Nature of Science
SCIENCE PROGRAM

Unit Assessment Teacher’s Notes
Grade 8  •  Unit 9 (E-1, F-1, G-1)
Science and Technology
Cultural, Social, Personal Perspectives and Science
History and Nature of Science

Date:________________
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

BASIC LISTENING

Turn to page 1 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes.

1. Write the number 1 by the picture for DIPLOMATIC.
2. Write the number 2 by the picture for EVIDENCE.
3. Write the number 3 by the picture for DESIGN.
4. Write the number 4 by the picture for DISCOVERY.
5. Write the number 5 by the picture for BREAKTHROUGH.
6. Write the number 6 by the picture for LOCAL KNOWLEDGE.
7. Write the number 7 by the picture for SUBSISTENCE.
8. Write the number 8 by the picture for INCONSISTENT.
9. Write the number 9 by the picture for EMPIRICAL.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Turn to page 2 in your test. Listen to the sentences I say. Circle “T” for true and “F” for false sentences.

1. Diplomatic relations between countries is important to avoid conflict and war.
2. There is ample evidence to conclude that intelligent life exists on other planets.
3. The design of an experiment is relatively unimportant.
4. A discovery is typically just the validation of previously known information.
5. Polio vaccines were a medical and scientific breakthrough.
6. Local knowledge is unimportant and should never be pursued or utilized in science.
7. Harvesting plants and animals for food is the definition of subsistence.
8. Inconsistent patterns in nature are easily predictable.
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SIGHT RECOGNITION
Turn to pages 3 and 4 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Circle the word for each picture.

DECODING/ENCODING
Turn to pages 5 and 6 in your test. Look at the word parts in the boxes. Circle the other half or part of each word.

READING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 7 in your test. Read the sentence part and fill in the bullet for the correct sentence ending.

BASIC WRITING
Turn to page 8 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Write the word for each picture.

CREATIVE WRITING
Turn to page 9 in your test. Write a sentence of your own, using each word.
Teacher: To get a percentage for this student's assessment, divide the total number of questions correct by the total number of questions, then multiply this answer by 100 to determine the percentage of questions answered correctly.
SCIENCE PROGRAM

Unit Assessment Student Pages
Grade 8 • Unit 9 (E-1, F-1, G-1)

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3. When is an experiment's design important?
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UNIT 10

CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE:
Story of the Frog Crest of the Kiks.ádi of Wrangell
CULTURAL CONTENT
STORY OF THE FROG CREST OF THE KIKS.ÁDI OF WRANGELL

This story was adapted from John R. Swanton’s “Tlingit Myths and Texts.” Swanton’s informant was Chief Kadashaan of the Kaasxágweidi of Wrangell. The story is owned by the Stikine Kiks.ádi and permission was granted to use it here for educational purposes by the clan’s matriarch, Marge Byrd.

A man belonging to the Stikine Kiks.ádi kicked a frog over on its back, but as soon as he had done so he lay motionless unable to talk, and they carried his body into the house. This happened at Town-of-the-frogs (Xíxch’i Xaayik Aan), so named because there are many frogs nearby.

The reason why this man lost his senses was because the frogs had taken his soul. They had it tied to a house post, and some of them said, “Let him starve right there where he is tied.” Others said, “No, don’t let him starve there. Feed him and let us see what the chief says.” This chief’s name was Frightful-face (Yakwlixéitl’shán). When he at last came in his canoe, they said, “Frightful-face has come.” Then all went down to his canoe to welcome him, and, when he reached his house, they told him the news. They said, “This man disgraced us terribly. He threw one of our women down and kicked her over.” The woman was called Woman-in-the-road (Dei yax sháawu). When the chief looked up, he said, “Untie him and bring him here.” Then he said to the man, “We belong to your clan, and it is a shame that you should treat your own people as you have done. We are Kiks.ádi, and it is a Kiks.ádi youth who has done this. You better go to your own village. You have disgraced yourself as well as us, for this woman belongs to your own clan.”

As soon as he had left the frogs’ house, his body lying at home came to. He had thought all the time that his body also was in the house of the frogs. Then he got up and began to talk. He said, “Something strange has happened to me. The frog people captured me on account of that frog that I kicked over in front of the house the other day. They had tied me to the chief’s house-post, and some wanted to kill me at once, while others wanted to starve me, and still others wanted to wait until their chief, Frightful-face, came home. When the latter at length arrived, they said to him, ‘We have a man in here who has been throwing down one of our women. We have been waiting for you to see what shall be done with him.’ I listened to all they said. Then the frog chief said, ‘Untie him,’ and all minded him. As soon as he had heard about it, he said, ‘See here, young man, what is this you have done? Don’t you know that we belong to your clan and that this woman you have done that to is of the same clan. If it were not for that, we would not let you go. As it is you may go.’”

All of the Kiks.ádi were listening to what this man said, and it is because the frog himself said he was a Kiks.ádi that they claim the frog.
KEY VOCABULARY
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based
Introduction of Science Vocabulary

CREST

Place-Based Perspective
Show the students the image of the Kiks.ádi frog crest on page 873. Explain to them that many crests among the Tlingit and Haida were obtained through an event involving that animal. Have the students had any interesting encounters with animals that stick out in their memory? Are they willing to share? What other clan crests do they know about?

Heritage Cultural Perspective
In Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian cultures, crests help to define one's cultural and self-identity. They were often obtained from an event in the past and the clans themselves own the stories. The crests are often depicted on regalia, totems, house poles, instruments, houses, and other forms of property. The people relate closely to their crests and sometimes even consider themselves one in the same with them.

FROG

Place-Based Perspective
Explain the life cycle of the frog by drawing images of each stage on the board: egg, tadpole, metamorph, and adult. Ask the students how many of these stages they have seen. Where were they seen? How did they know it was a frog? Have the students draw the frog that they saw and its habitat on a piece of paper.

Heritage Cultural Perspective
Frogs are very important to the Native peoples of Alaska. Several clans claim the frog as their crest and most have or know stories related to these animals. Frogs are believed to have been in Alaska for thousands of years. They can survive frigid temperatures and freeze most of their bodies in the winter. They also provide an ample food source for many animals and help to control insects!

MOTIONLESS

Place-Based Perspective
Ask the students if they have ever heard of a flash mob. Choose a simple and well known song and have one word be the signal for freezing. When that word is sung, everyone is to be “motionless.” Why might an animal benefit from being motionless? Explain that being still can help to hide from predators OR help to hide from one's prey!

Heritage Cultural Perspective
Alaska Native peoples were quite good at remaining motionless when it was necessary. This was an important skill in hunting when you did not want to be seen by the animals that you were seeking. It is also important if you are being stalked by a predator or an enemy!
Heritage Cultural Perspective

Southeast Alaska is known for abundant food resources, even in winter, and so starvation of humans was generally not an extreme danger in the region. In other parts of Alaska though, wildlife and plant life can be extremely scarce for a large part of the year. A poor harvest often meant that people would not make it through the winter. Other animals too can struggle with finding enough food to survive.

Place-Based Perspective

Ask the students how many of them have felt extremely hungry at some point in their lives. Did they use the phrase “I am starving?” Explain that this term is often misused as hunger is not necessarily the same as a prolonged lack of essential nutrients — starvation. Many species including humans sometimes have trouble finding ample food. Diseases that prevent digestion can also cause starvation.

**STARVATION**

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Heritage Cultural Perspective

Personal integrity was and continues to be an important part of Tlingit culture. The actions of an individual can cause disgrace upon his or herself as well as with family and friends. It was traditionally the role of maternal uncles to teach integrity and honor. Sometimes uncles would even take responsibility for the actions of their relatives.

Place-Based Perspective

Ask the students what types of things would cause them to feel disgraced and make a list of these on the board. Now ask each student which of these would cause the most disgrace and put a tally mark next to those that are said. Explain that disgrace is a very personal emotion and that most of us try to avoid actions that would lead to this.

**DISGRACE**

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Heritage Cultural Perspective

Shame is a feeling that can be experienced not just by individuals but also by entire groups. Many people of European descent, for example, feel shame for the actions of their forefathers against the Native peoples of North America. While the feeling is negative, knowledge of its origins can lead to improved awareness and sensitivity. It can help us to avoid the atrocities of the past.

Place-Based Perspective

Explain to the students that shame and disgrace are synonyms. Shame can be brought on by a variety of actions including those of individuals, groups and even nations. In order to avoid shame, people and nations should consider alternative actions to various situations. Ask the students to brainstorm antonyms for shame, words that describe a feeling of accomplishment, honor or respect.

**SHAME**
Culturally Responsive & Place-Based Introduction of Science Vocabulary

**CAPTURE**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Explain to the students that to capture something is to take control of it, often by force. What types of things have they captured in their lives? Explain that capturing something doesn’t always have to have a negative connotation; it can be positive to take control of many things! What would the students like to capture in the future?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The Tlingit know that there are many different ways to capture a fish. You can use hooks, nets, traps, weirs, spears, and sometimes, even your bare hands! Capturing things does not only have to be useful, it can be fun too! Children often enjoy capturing insects and other small animals to observe them up close. How many of the students have gone tide-pooling?

**MIND**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Show the students the picture of a mother shaking her finger on page 887. Ask the students what the mother might be saying and make a list of these on the board. Then ask the students what the outcome would be if the child minded the mother. What if he or she didn’t? Why are parents and elders worthy of being minded?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

Minding ones Elders is an important part of all Alaska Native cultures. Elders have lived for a long time and have experiences and knowledge that are vast and important. Native peoples teach that Elders are to be respected and admired for this wisdom. We are to listen closely to what they have to say and to heed their advice in our lives.

**CLAIM**

**Place-Based Perspective**

Place pieces of candy in different places around the room without the students knowing. Tell the students about the candy and that when you say “go” they are to claim as many of the pieces that they can without running. Explain that man has laid claim to many resources throughout history. Sometimes this leads to conflict, especially since some resources are limited. Did everyone get candy? What if the stakes were higher, such as land, fisheries, and forests?

**Heritage Cultural Perspective**

The Tlingit and Haida peoples of Southeast Alaska have long claimed the region as their home. This legitimate claim has not always been recognized by foreign powers that have sought to claim Alaska’s resources as their own. While it did not restore all of the land to Alaska Native peoples, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was instrumental in returning some land to its rightful owners.
LESSONS
Science Language for Success

Introduce the key science vocabulary, using concrete materials and/or pictures.

LISTENING

Use the Mini Pictures activity page from the Student Support Materials. Have the students cut out the pictures. Say the key words and the students show the pictures.

Whisper

Mount the vocabulary pictures on the board. Group the students into two teams. Whisper a vocabulary word to the first player in each team. When you say “Go,” the first player in each team must then whisper the same word to the next player in his/her team. The players should continue whispering the vocabulary word in this way until the last player in a team hears the word. When the last player in a team hears the word, he/she must rush to the board and point to the picture for the word. The first player to do this correctly wins the round. Repeat until all players have had an opportunity to identify a vocabulary picture. When a player has identified a vocabulary picture, he/she should rejoin the front of his/her team.

The Story

Read or tell the story “Story of the Frog Crest of the Kiks.ádi of Wrangell” on page 766 to the students. You may wish to cut out props from construction paper to enhance the story’s contents.

Student Support Materials

Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.

SPEAKING

Sheet Golf

Before the activity begins, obtain an old sheet. Cut a hole (approximately two inches in diameter) in each end of the sheet. Group the students into two teams. Have the first player from each team hold opposite ends of the sheet. Place a marble or small ball in the center of the sheet. When you say “Go,” the players must then lift their ends of the sheet and attempt to cause the marble or ball to fall through the hole in the other player’s side of the sheet. When the ball or marble falls through one of the holes, the player on that side of the sheet must say the name of a vocabulary picture you show or he/she should repeat a sentence you said at the beginning of the round. Repeat with other pairs of students until all students have participated. If the sheet is large enough, all students can play—divide the students into four groups (one group for each side). Cut a hole in the sheet near each side. When the marble or ball falls through, all the players on that side must say the name of a vocabulary picture that you show. Repeat.
**SPEAKING** (CONTINUED)

**Picture Jigsaw**
Cut each of the vocabulary pictures into four pieces. Mix the cut out pieces together and distribute them to the students (a student may have more than one picture section). When you say “Go,” the students should attempt to match the jigsaw sections they have to reproduce the original vocabulary pictures. When the students put the necessary pieces of a picture together, they should identify the picture by its vocabulary word. Continue until all vocabulary pictures have been put together and named in this way.

**The Story**
Have the students say sentences related to the story “Story of the Frog Crest of the Kiks.ádi of Wrangell” on page 766. You may wish to write the students’ sentences on strips of paper or on chart paper. Later, have individuals tell the story, in their own words.

**READING**
*Introduce the science sight words to the students—match the sight words with the vocabulary pictures. The sight words are included in the Student Support Materials, attached to these lesson plans.*

**Balloon Volleyball**
Group the students into two teams. The two teams should stand, facing one another. Toss a round, inflated balloon to the members of Team One. The members of Team One must then bounce the balloon to the members of Team Two. The players should continue to bounce the balloon back and forth in this way until a team loses the balloon. You may wish to establish the rule that players may not move their feet during the activity. When a team loses the balloon, show them a vocabulary picture and all team members in that team must say the vocabulary word for it. Repeat until players in both teams have responded a number of times.

**The Story**
Give each student a copy of the story “Story of the Frog Crest of the Kiks.ádi of Wrangell” on page 766. Have the students read the story silently. Then, they should take turns reading portions of the story orally. Afterward, ask questions related to the story’s contents; the students must read to find the answers to the questions.

**Student Support Materials**
Have the students complete the sight recognition and encoding activities in the Student Support Materials. When finished, review their work.
WRITING

Word Completion
Before the activity begins, prepare clozure cards for the sight words; omit letters and syllables. Provide each student with a clozure card. Call upon the students to complete their words on the clozure cards by writing in the missing parts. Afterwards, review the students’ responses.

Every Second Letter
Write a sight word on the board, omitting every second letter. Provide the students with writing paper and pens. The students should look at the incomplete word on the board and then write the sight word for it on their papers. Repeat using other sight words.

This activity may also be done in team form. In this case, have the incomplete words prepared on separate flash cards. Mount one of the cards on the board. When you say “Go,” the first player from each team must rush to the board and write the sight word for it—adding all of the missing letters. Repeat until all players have participated.

The Story
Make a version of the story that has the key words missing. Give a copy of the story to each student. The students should then write in the missing words. Later, review their work.

Student Support Materials
Have the students work on the activity pages from the Student Support Materials from this unit. Afterward, review their work.
VOCABULARY
PICTURES
FROG
MOTIONLESS
STARVATION
DISGRACE
SHAME
CAPTURE
MIND
CLAIM
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening  •  Mini Pictures
Listening: Mini Pictures

Prepare a copy of these pages for each student. The students should cut out the pictures and lay them on the floor or desk. Say the key words and the students should show you the pictures. Repeat a number of times. This activity can also be done with pairs of students to determine who is the fastest player.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Listening Comprehension
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Read the following sentences to the students. The students should circle “true” or “false” for each of the sentences. Review the students’ work.

1. Crests are important parts of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian culture.  
True  False

2. Several species of frogs occur in Southeast Alaska.  
True  False

3. Someone who is lying motionless appears hyperactive.  
True  False

4. Animals with lots of food are very likely to starve.  
True  False

5. There is shame in doing well on school exams.  
True  False

6. Birds often capture insects to eat.  
True  False

7. A person may feel disgrace after making fun of another in public.  
True  False

8. Children ALWAYS mind their parents.  
True  False

9. People have been laying claim to land for much of human history.  
True  False
Listen to the following sentences. The students should circle “true” or “false” for each of the sentences. Review the students’ work.

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Sight Words
starve
shame
capture
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading • Sight Recognition
Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students complete the cross word puzzle below. A blank box is present for any space between a two-word phrase.

Across
1. a right or title to something
4. take into one's possession or control by force
6. regard as important and worthy of attention
8. extreme hunger resulting from lack of essential nutrients over a prolonged period.
9. a person, action, or situation that brings a loss of respect or honor

Down
2. at rest; stationary; immobile; not moving
3. take into one's possession or control by force
5. loss of reputation or respect especially as the result of a dishonorable action
7. amphibians characterized by a short body, webbed digits, protruding eyes and the absence of a tail.
Sight Words Activity Page

Answer Key

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1. CLAIM
2. O
3. C
4. CAPTURED
5. MI
6. ND
7. F
8. STARVE
9. G
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Sight Words Activity Page

Have the students cut out the key words and glue them at the bottom of their pictures.
**Sight Words Activity Page**

Have the students print the key words from this unit horizontally in the boxes (each word may be written more than once). They should then fill in all other boxes with any letters. Have the students exchange pages. The students should then circle the words on the page.
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Reading  •  Encoding
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

- crest
- frog
- less  tion  mo
Encoding Activity Page

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- starve
- shame
- ture cap
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out and encode the syllables of the words, OR number the syllables in their correct sequence.

grace  dis

mind

claim
Encoding Activity Page

Have the students cut out the word halves and glue them together to create the key words for this unit.

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moti  st
sta  ture
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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Reading Comprehension
Reading Comprehension Activity Page

Have the students read the text and then select the correct answer for it. They should fill in the appropriate bullet beside the answer of their choice.

1. Which of the following is a crest used by the Kiksádi?
   - frog
   - salamander
   - moose
   - polar bear

2. Which of the following does NOT characterize most frogs?
   - short body
   - long hind legs
   - black hair
   - webbed feet

3. Which of the following are typically motionless?
   - insects
   - salmon
   - bears
   - rocks

4. An animal that is starving has a lack of:
   - shelter
   - food
   - water
   - space

5. Shame is the loss of:
   - knowledge
   - car keys
   - money
   - respect
To capture is to take into one’s possession by _____________ or _____________.
- control, force
- asking, trading
- sleeping, resting
- screaming, pouting

Disgrace is often brought on a person or family because of:
- an honorable act
- a charitable act
- a dishonorable act
- a successful act

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Reading Comprehension Activity Page

Have the students write the letters for sentence halves that match.

1. The Kiksádi clan of the Tlingit
2. There are at least three species
3. On a calm day, the boats on the lake appear
4. Not having enough food can cause
5. There is no shame in taking a
6. Russia was eager to capture the
7. The family was disgraced when
8. We are taught to mind our
9. Tlingit clans often laid claim to prime

A. very still, almost motionless.
B. vacation now and again.
C. of frogs that occur in Southeast Alaska.
D. their child stole candy from the store.
E. natural resources of Alaska.
F. elders.
G. fishing locations.
H. bears the frog as their crest.
I. an animal to starve.

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STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Basic Writing
Have the students write in the missing letters.

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m_______d
c_______m
Basic Writing Activity Page

Have the students write the word for each picture.

[Images of various objects and scenes, requiring students to write the corresponding words.
Basic Writing Activity Page

ANSWER KEY

mind

disgrace

crest

shame

starve

frog

claim

capture

motionless
STUDENT SUPPORT MATERIALS

Creative Writing
Have the students write sentences of their own, using the key words from this unit. When the students’ sentences are finished, have them take turns reading their sentences orally. The students should say “Blank” for the key words; the other students must name the “missing” words. You may wish to have the students write the “definitions” for the key words.

CREST

_____________________________________________________________

FROG

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MOTIONLESS

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CLAIM

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Have the students write sentences of their own, based on the picture below. When finished, have each student read his/her sentences to the others.
UNIT ASSESSMENT

CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE:
Story of the Frog Crest of the Kiks.ádi of Wrangell
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

BASIC LISTENING

Turn to page 1 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes.

1. Write the number 1 by the picture for CREST.
2. Write the number 2 by the picture for FROG.
3. Write the number 3 by the picture for MOTIONLESS.
4. Write the number 4 by the picture for STARVE.
5. Write the number 5 by the picture for SHAME.
6. Write the number 6 by the picture for CAPTURE.
7. Write the number 7 by the picture for DISGRACE.
8. Write the number 8 by the picture for MIND.
9. Write the number 9 by the picture for CLAIM

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Turn to page 2 in your test. Listen to the sentences I say. Circle “T” for true and “F” for false sentences.

1. A clan crest refers to the top of a particular mountain.
2. Frogs are mammals with long hair and hooves.
3. The earth is stagnant and motionless, never moving.
4. A prolonged period without essential nutrients can cause an animal to starve.
5. There is shame in brushing one's teeth daily.
6. Some children like to capture insects in the summertime.
7. People sometimes disgrace their families by breaking the law.
8. There is no need to mind our elders.
9. Various groups have laid claim to land and resources in Alaska.
Unit Assessment

Provide each student with a copy of the students’ pages. Read the following instructions aloud. The students should answer the questions on their copies of the assessment.

SIGHT RECOGNITION
Turn to pages 3 and 4 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Circle the word for each picture.

DECODING/ENCODING
Turn to pages 5 and 6 in your test. Look at the word parts in the boxes. Circle the other half or part of each word.

READING COMPREHENSION
Turn to page 7 in your test. Read the sentence part and fill in the bullet for the correct sentence ending.

BASIC WRITING
Turn to page 8 in your test. Look at the pictures in the boxes. Write the word for each picture.

CREATIVE WRITING
Turn to page 9 in your test. Write a sentence of your own, using each word.
Teacher: To get a percentage for this student’s assessment, divide the total number of questions correct by the total number of questions, then multiply this answer by 100 to determine the percentage of questions answered correctly.
CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE:
Story of the Frog Crest of the Kiks.ádi of Wrangell

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   - animals

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   - mammal
   - reptile

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   - sad
   - still
   - active

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   - shelter
   - nutrients
   - water

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   - respect
   - teeth
   - keys

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   - leaves them
   - ignores them
   - pays attention to them

9. Which of the following have people NOT laid claim to in Alaska?
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   - flamingos
   - natural resources
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   - ignores them
   - pays attention to them

9. Which of the following have people NOT laid claim to in Alaska?
   - land
   - flamingos
   - natural resources
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