



Orientation

Ensure that you have read about using the plan in the Program Guide.

Book summary

Read the following summary to the student.

Have you ever seen a hailstone the size of a tennis ball? What's the hottest place on Earth? Read this book to find out.

Introduction

Foster interest and activate the student's background knowledge. Be concise – focus on motivating and involving the student. Encourage prediction by using the text and illustrations on the cover of the book. Discuss new vocabulary and remind the student to use the glossary (when applicable). Also remind the student to ask him/herself questions before, during and after the reading.

Ask the student to tell you about different kinds of weather. Discuss which kinds the student likes and dislikes, and why. Tell the student that this book describes some of the most extreme weather ever recorded, including the hottest and coldest places on Earth. You could ask the student to predict where these places might be.

Conferencing

Check how well the student reads

When you are conferencing, the student reads all or part of the book to you. Then:

- praise, pause, and prompt appropriately;
- check for accuracy (by counting mistakes) and fluency;
- check for understanding by using one or more of the following methods:
 - asking the comprehension questions provided and any others that seem necessary;
 - asking the student to retell the story in their own words;
 - asking questions about and discussing aspects of the story, such as the theme, plot, main ideas, sequence and characters;
 - encouraging the student to confirm the predictions they made during the orientation.

Decide what the student does next

Next recommend that the student:

- practices some more on the same book, with or without the audio;
- completes one of the activities provided that is related to the book;
- practices with another book from the same level; or
- is assessed for promotion to the next level.

Comprehension questions

1. Where is the rainiest place on Earth?
2. How often is it dry there?
3. What comparisons does the book make with the hottest and coldest temperatures on Earth?
4. What other comparisons does the book make?
5. What would it be like to live in the hottest/coldest place on Earth?

Answers to the Comprehension questions

1. A mountain in Hawaii.
2. About 15 days a year.
3. Compares the hottest temperature on Earth with the temperature needed to cook an egg and the coldest temperature with the inside of a freezer.
4. It compares the largest snowflake with a dinner plate and a hailstone with a tennis ball.
5. Answers will vary.

Supporting English Language Learners

The following are suggestions for optional lessons to take with your English language learners. See the overview chart in the Program Guide for a summary of the text features of this book.

Purpose

Using comparative language

Introduce the concept and practice

Understanding and using comparative language is essential in enabling students to compare and contrast information.

Check that the student is familiar with the book and understands the topic-specific vocabulary. Go through the text together, identifying the comparative language. As well as the comparative and superlative endings “-er” and “-est,” consider words and phrases such as “much,” “more than,” “nearly,” “only,” and “as big as.”

Choose two people the student is very familiar with, for example, previous and current teachers or two special friends. Encourage the student to use comparative language to describe these people. Provide models of sentence structures if necessary.





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Introduction: Have you ever seen a hailstone the size of a tennis ball? What's the hottest place on Earth? Read this book to find out.

Errors M S

Some places are very hot. Some places are very cold. Death Valley in California is one of the _____ places on Earth. The temperature there can be 130 _____. That's hot enough to cook _____ egg on the ground. Antarctica _____ the coldest place on _____. The temperature there can drop _____ minus 120 degrees. That's _____ colder than the inside _____ a freezer. A mountain _____ Hawaii is the rainiest _____ on Earth. It rains _____ 350 days a year. _____ only 15 days a _____ without rain! The largest snowflakes _____ seen fell in Montana. _____ were 15 inches wide. _____ bigger than a dinner plate! _____ about hailstones? How big _____ they get? Some hailstones _____ as big as tennis _____. The biggest hailstone ever _____ fell in Bangladesh. It _____ more than 2 pounds! Other planets have amazing weather, too. The temperature on the planet Venus is nearly 900 degrees. That's more than six times the hottest temperature on Earth.

Accuracy Chart (Exact word replacement only)

Words Entered	Score	Level
More than 11 correct		Independent
10 or 11 correct		Instructional
Fewer than 10 correct		Frustration

Errors

M = Meaning (makes sense) ____ S = Syntax (sounds right) ____

Heard Seen Unseen

Comments:





Some places are very hot. Some places are very cold. One of the hottest places on Earth is Death Valley in California.

The temperature there can be 130 degrees. Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. The temperature there can drop to minus 120 degrees.

That's much colder than the inside of a freezer. The largest snowflakes ever seen fell in Montana. They were 15 inches wide.

That's bigger than a dinner plate! Other planets have amazing weather, too. The temperature on the planet Venus is nearly 900 degrees.





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Words can be found in these directions:



The letter in each square can only be used in one word.

f	y	e	a	r	h	a	v	e
a	o	d	a	y	s	c	t	p
b	t	u	e	v	e	r	h	l
o	t	h	n	c	b	e	e	a
u	h	m	e	d	a	o	y	c
t	a	v	u	r	l	n	s	e
b	n	f	e	c	e	n	e	a
i	t	o	i	r	h	o	e	n
g	o	r	d	s	y	t	n	d

Words to find:

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| about | and | be | big | can | days |
| ever | for | found | have | is | much |
| not | place | seen | than | there | they |
| to | very | year | | | |

Use the letters that are left to make the word that tells what the temperature is like in Antarctica.....





- ★ Spin the numbered spinner.
- ★ The highest number starts.
- ★ You need to spin the exact number to move onto the END square.

START
Read all about the records for weather.

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3 One of the hottest places on Earth is Death Valley in California. Miss a turn.

19 The largest snowflakes ever seen fell in Montana. Spin again. Go back that number.

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22 Some snowflakes are bigger than a dinner plate! Spin again. Go forward that number.

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END
Other planets have amazing weather, too

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16 It rains about 350 days a year on a mountain in Hawaii. Go on to 20.

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25 The biggest hailstone ever found fell in Bangladesh. Go back four spaces.

7 Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. Name two numbers. If you spin one of them, go on to 11.

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28 Some hailstones are as big as tennis balls. Spin again. If you spin a 3 or a 4, go on to 29.

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13 A mountain in Hawaii is the rainiest place on Earth. Go forward four spaces.

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10 It's colder than the inside of a freezer. Go back four spaces.

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Name: **Date:**

Fill in the grid to show amazing weather in different places. Use details from the text to add to the grid.

Place	Amazing Weather	Extra Details
Death Valley, California		
		Minus 120 degrees Colder than the inside of a freezer
	Rainiest place on Earth	
Montana		
Venus		

Write on the back of this page if you need more space.



Every space should be filled. Extra details may show how cold or hot or rainy or big.

