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alter	collapse	destruction	severe
substantial	unpredictable	hazard	crisis

Finish each sentence using the vocabulary word provided.

- (alter)** When she saw that it was going to rain, _____

- (collapse)** The fort we made of sticks was so fragile, _____

- (destruction)** When the tidal wave hit the trees on the beach, _____

- (severe)** The show was interrupted _____

- (substantial)** Having to rebuild after the storm _____

- (unpredictable)** We tried to catch the firefly, _____

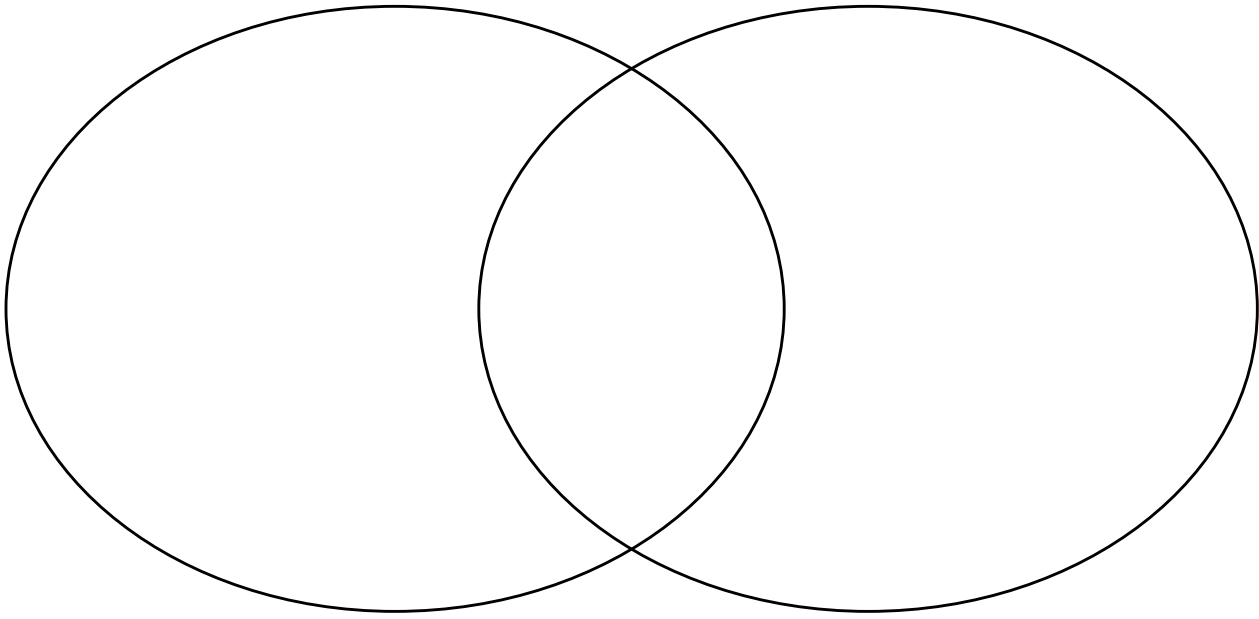
- (hazard)** When our neighborhood flooded, _____

- (crisis)** When all the lights went out in town, _____

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Read the selection. Complete the compare and contrast graphic organizer.



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Read the passage. Use the reread strategy to check your understanding.

Rising Waters

12 Have you ever been in an earthquake or a tornado? These things
24 may never happen where you live. But flooding is something that can
37 happen in almost every part of the United States. Not all floods are
49 alike. Some floods happen over many days. A flash flood can happen
in minutes. Learning about floods can help you stay safe.

59 Why Do Floods Happen?

63 There are two types of floods. The first type happens when a river
76 has too much water. The water in a river rises over the river's banks.
90 This might happen because storms have caused too much rain to fall.
102 In rivers near mountains, melting snow can also cause floods. Warm
113 weather can quickly melt the snow. The water flows down to flood
125 the rivers.

127 The second type of flood happens when seawater is pushed onto
138 the land. This can happen during a hurricane. Strong winds blow
149 water onto the land. Earthquakes can also cause this kind of flooding.
161 The sudden movement of the ground can cause walls of water to rush
174 toward the shore.

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What Happens Next?

There can be many problems after a flood. If a farm floods, the water can drown the crops. This means that there will be less food for people to eat. Floods also cause damage to buildings and bridges. They can even wash away entire roads! This can make it hard for rescue workers to help people who are trapped by the water. But it is important to get food and drinking water to people during a flood. Everything they own may have been washed away. Or it might be covered in dirt. Sewers can overflow and make drinking water dirty. This makes it unsafe. Without clean food and water, people can get sick.

How Do People Avoid Floods?

All over the world, people work to avoid flooding. In many countries, people build walls to keep water away from the land. In one part of England, there is a large metal wall across a river. The wall is raised when the sea level gets too high. This keeps the river from flooding.



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In the United States, many towns have sold part of their land. The government used that land to create wetlands. These wetlands act like sponges that absorb water from floods. This helps stop the water from reaching towns and damaging them.

Floods can be scary, but flooding does not last forever. People are working to make floods less harmful to buildings, land, and themselves. Knowing how floods happen can help keep you safe. Being ready can help you stay safe too.

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. What are the two things being compared in the second and third paragraphs?

2. What do these two things have in common?

3. How are these two things different?

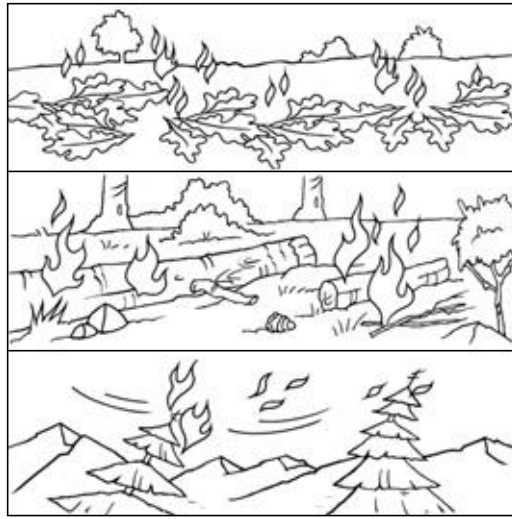
B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to accuracy. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	

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Forest Fires

Forest fires start and spread in different ways. The type of fire and the plants affect how it spreads. There are three types of forest fires. The first is a ground fire. It moves along the ground, sometimes below the leaf cover. Dead plant matter along the ground can burn for weeks and months. In a surface fire, low plants, twigs, and rotten logs catch fire. The flames can sometimes become tall and spread. The third type is a crown fire. It burns and spreads across the tops of trees and can be carried by the wind.



Answer the questions about the text.

1. How do you know this is an expository text?

2. What text features does the text include?

3. What is the heading of this text? How could it be made more specific?

4. What does the diagram show? How does it add to the text?

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Read each passage. Underline the context clues that help you figure out the meaning of each multiple-meaning word in bold. Then write the word's meaning on the line.

1. Have you ever been in an earthquake or a tornado? These things may never happen where you live. But flooding is something that can happen in almost every **part** of the United States.

2. Not all floods are alike. Some floods happen over many days. A **flash** flood can happen in minutes. Learning about floods can help you stay safe.

3. Floods also cause damage to buildings and bridges. They can even **wash** away entire roads! This can make it hard for rescue workers to help people who are trapped by the water.

4. The water in a river rises over the river's **banks**. This might happen because storms have caused too much rain to fall.

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A. Read the words in each row. Circle the word with the long e vowel sound. Then write the letters that make the long e sound on the line.

- 1. league large growl _____
- 2. deck sled sleek _____
- 3. scheme shelf sky _____
- 4. marked maybe melted _____
- 5. claim dense honey _____
- 6. farming family laying _____

B. Write the correct plural form of each noun. Use the plural ending -s, -es, or -ies.

Noun	Plural Form
1. kiss	_____
2. zebra	_____
3. buddy	_____
4. match	_____
5. stone	_____
6. box	_____

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Evidence is details and examples from a text that support a writer’s ideas. The student who wrote the paragraph below cited evidence that shows how the author compares and contrasts information in a text.

Topic sentence	→	In “Forest Fires,” the author includes an illustration that gives more details about the different types of forest fires.
Evidence	→	The author explains that there are three different types of forest fires. The first is a ground fire, the second is a surface fire, and the third type is a crown fire. The illustration shown adds more detail by showing what each type of fire looks like as it burns.
Concluding statement	→	The author uses the illustration to add more details that make it easier for the reader to understand how the fires are different.

Write a paragraph about the text you have chosen. Show how the author uses illustrations to add more details about the topic. Cite evidence from the text. Remember to include transitions that link ideas and use both simple and compound sentences.

Write a topic sentence: _____

Cite evidence from the text: _____

End with a concluding statement: _____

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A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you think about what supporting details you can add.

Draft Model

The park near my house is a great place to spend time. Many people enjoy hiking or walking in the park and looking at nature. The park has baseball fields.

1. Why is the park a great place?
2. What details would show what the park looks like?
3. What kinds of plants and animals might be in the park?
4. What do the baseball fields add to the park?

B. Now revise the draft by adding supporting details that help readers learn more about the park.
