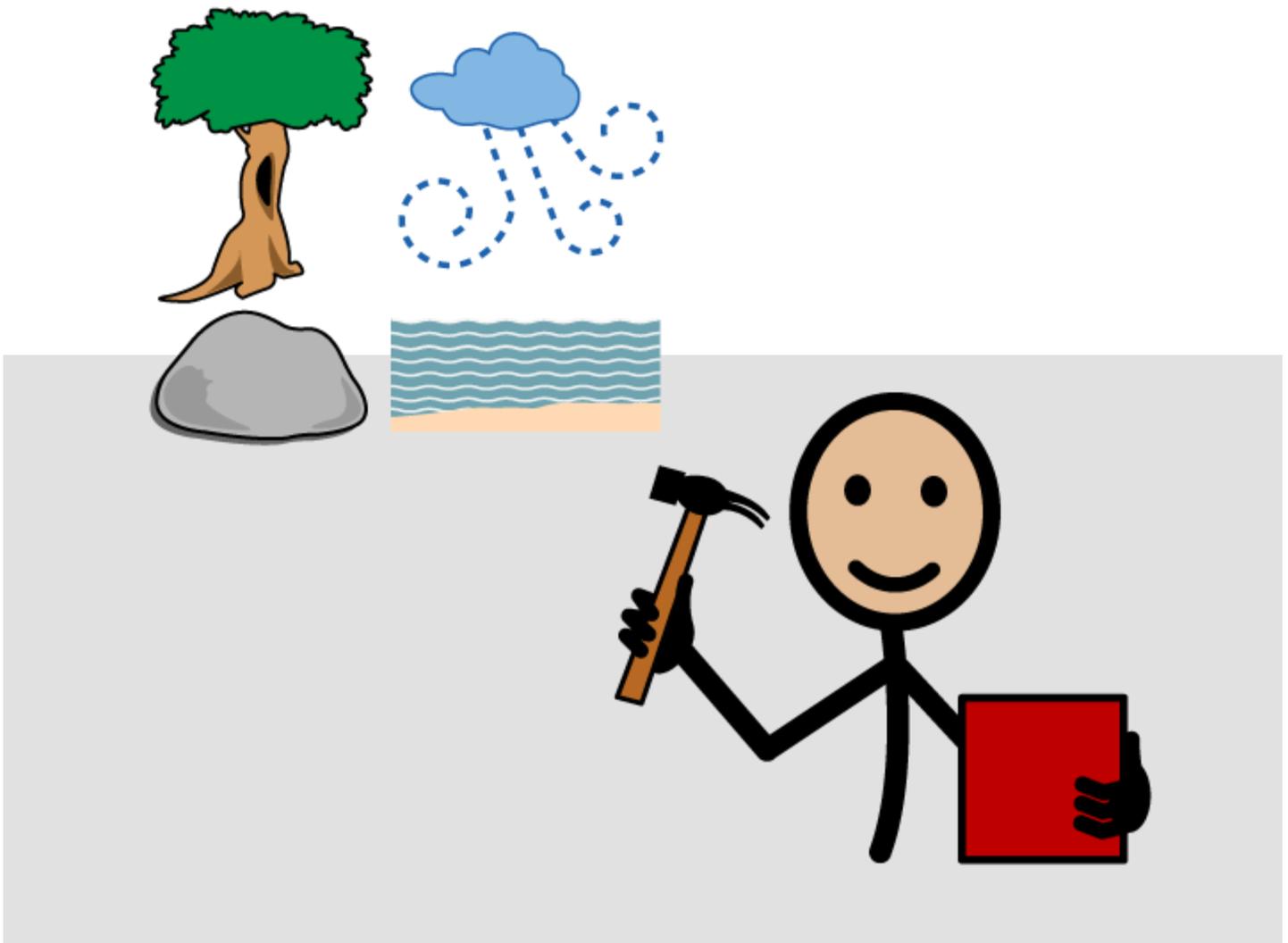


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Unit Overview

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This unit explores natural and man-made features that can be found on a map as well as jobs related to those physical features in a community. Also, students will learn about the differences of land and water on Earth's surface.

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Instructional Target

Social Studies Standards for Geography

- Describe the items found on a physical map and distinguish between those that are natural geographical features and those that humans have made part of the environment.
- Connect physical features of a community with jobs.

Science Standards for Earth and Space Science

- Recognize areas of land and water on Earth's surface (ocean, lake, mountain, desert, etc.).



Differentiated Tasks

Level 3 Students will...

- Describe features found on a physical map and identify them as natural or man-made.
- Describe jobs with various geographical and human-made features (fisherman in water, farmer in field, worker in a factory, a city scene, etc.).
- Describe differences between areas of land and water (a mountain is high, a field is flat, an ocean is big, a pond is small, etc.).

Level 2 Students will...

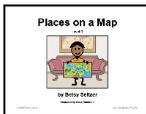
- Distinguish different features found on a physical map. (land, water, farmland, urban area, forest, ocean, etc.).
- Match jobs to appropriate geographical and human-made features (farmer/field, teacher/school).
- Sort pictures representing areas of land or water (ocean, lake, mountain, field, etc.).

Level 1 Students will...

- Distinguish basic physical features of land or water.
- Identify geographical features in the community.
- Identify a picture of water and land in various forms (ocean, lake, mountain, field, etc.).

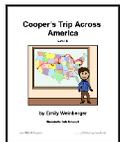


Standards Connection



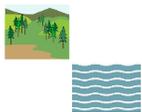
Places on a Map

In the Leveled Book, students are introduced to different man-made and natural features that can be found on maps. Students follow Collin as he looks at different maps that show features that were made by people and features that are a part of nature. After reading this book, encourage students to think about different man-made and natural features in their local community, such as bridges, roads, lakes or forests. Then, complete Lessons 2, 14 and 16 to help students think about different natural and man-made features.



Cooper's Trip Across America

In this unit's Easy Read Book, students read about Cooper as he meets people in different places while traveling across America. Students are introduced to different land and water features as well as jobs related to those features. After reading this book, have students discuss the different jobs each character wants. Point out how each job was unique to the place the character lives, such as a farmer on the plains or a ferry boat captain on an island. Then, in Lessons 19, 24 and 25, point out the different places Paige and Drew are located and items that could be seen when working in or visiting those places. Throughout the unit encourage students to make connections with different land and water features found on a map as well as ways to describe them.



Land and Water

Many different features can be found on a map, including water and land. In Lesson 27, students will read about land and water features and how they appear on a physical map. Students will also use a chart to sort or describe the differences between each type of land or water feature. As you work through this lesson, encourage students to make connections with different land features and water features and what similarities and differences they have. After completing this lesson, have students continue to discuss land and water features and encourage them to make connections with land and water features in their community.

The **n2y Library** has several books that may build and extend understanding of the unit concepts:

- **Around the U.S.A.** (Level E) describes what children from various states like to do in their communities.
- **Community Helpers** (Levels aa and D) describes various jobs and where those jobs are done in the community.
- **The Mighty Mississippi River** (Level E) provides facts about the Mississippi River.
- **Ocean View** (Levels aa and C) presents the features of an ocean, including plants and animals.
- **Reading a Map: Landforms** (Level E) describes various land and water features that can be found on a map.

