Instructor's Guide Quick Start

The BookShark[™] Instructor's Guide (IG) is designed to make your educational experience as easy as possible. We have carefully organized the materials to help you and your students get the most out of the subjects covered. If you need help reading your schedule, see "How to Use the Schedule" in **Section Four**. This IG includes a 36-week schedule, notes, assignments, readings, and other educational activities. For specific organizational tips, topics and skills addressed, and other suggestions for the parent/teacher, see **Section Three**. Here are some helpful features that you can expect from your IG.



Easy to use

Everything you need is located right after the schedule each week. If a note appears about a concept in a book, it's easy to find it right after the schedule based on the day the relevant reading is scheduled.

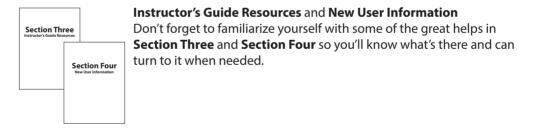


4-Day Schedule

Designed to save one day a week for music lessons, sports, field trips, co-ops, or other extra-curricular activities.

Notes

When relevant, you'll find notes about specific books to help you know why we've selected a particular resource and what we hope your children will learn from reading it. Keep an eye on these notes to also provide you with insights on more difficult concepts or content. **Notes** in pink indicate information a parent or teacher should read before beginning the lesson. Note: What are the two kinds of poisonous lizards? The book only lists one - the Gila monster (*Heloderma suspectum*) native to the southwestern United States. The other kind is known as a beaded lizard (*Heloderma horridum*) and is found in Mexico and Guatemala. [p. 35]



Activity Sheets and Answer Keys

Activity Sheets follow each week's notes and are customized for each lesson to emphasize important points in fun ways. They are designed with different skills and interests in mind. You may want to file them in a separate binder for your student's use. Corresponding Answer Keys have been included within your weekly Notes.





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Special Note to Instructors



The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth | pp. 6–17

Studies about the Earth and what's inside it fall under the broad category of geology. Another study that falls under the geology umbrella is the age and origin of the earth. This would be a good time to let your students know what you believe and why. [p. 8]

Activity Sheet Questions | #1–4

Note: Find each week's Activity Sheets immediately after the notes and answer the questions assigned on the schedule page. Each Activity Sheet has a corresponding Answer Key page at the end of each

a corresponding Answer Key page at the end of each week's notes.

- You do not have to do every question on the Activity Sheets.
- Feel free to adjust and/or omit activities to meet the needs of your students.
- If your students can't answer a question, don't worry. We cover the same concepts repeatedly throughout the year (and years to come!) to enable students to learn "naturally" through repetition and practice over time.

Please don't expect your students to write the answers until they gain considerable proficiency at handwriting. We have provided a variety of activities to interest and challenge your students. Feel free to let your students do those activities they enjoy and simply talk through others.

We have provided space for you to fill in answers as your students respond verbally, or simply check off the items that you discuss.

Suggestion: Your Activity Sheets might work more easily in a small binder for your students to keep and use as assigned. If you have more than one student using this program, extra Activity Sheets can be purchased for each student (Item #2SB1).

Occasionally we assign a "cut-out" activity. Please find these separate sheets in **Section Three.** If you like, color the sheets first, then cut them out and attach them to the worksheet.

Supplies

Note: When supplies are listed as "**We provide**:", find them in your course-specific (**25K**) Supplies Kit. When supplies are listed as "**You provide**:", they are materials you can generally find around your home.

Shipping Restrictions

Due to strict import regulations, it is illegal to ship biological matter to certain countries (including New Zealand, Mexico, South Africa and Australia). If you requested your science supplies shipped to a country with such restrictions, we may have removed that kit from your order and reduced your charge accordingly.

Optional: Do Together | Digging to the Center of the Earth

Each week throughout Science C, we will provide ideas for fun activities to do with your students. In general, we will try to make the activities actually "active": performing additional research on a particular topic, playing a game, getting outside, or some other type of "hands-on" activity that seeks to apply what your students have been learning in a meaningful way.

Take our ideas for what they are—mere suggestions and don't feel enslaved to them. If your students don't want to do a particular activity or have a different, better idea, by all means ditch ours and go with theirs!

For today, get your shovels! Picks ... axes ...whatever you need. It's time to dig! Just like the kids in your book, your students need to get outside and dig. Find a suitably inconspicuous area and have your students dig a hole. How deep they want to dig is entirely up to you.

Note: Please be certain that you do not choose an area with utilities underground! If you have any questions or doubts about a particular area, don't dig! When you've dug your hole, examine it. What is the soil like? Does it change as it gets deeper? If so, how? Did you come across any rocks as you dug? If so, collect some as samples. When you get back inside, use the Internet to try to identify the types of rocks you found. Have fun!



The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth | pp. 18-29

Later this year, you and your students will learn more about the rock cycle. As Ms. Frizzle explains the three types of rock in the book, you can introduce the concept of this cycle to your students and familiarize them with the words so it's easier to understand the cycle later. You'll learn about sedimentary rocks on page 18, metamorphic rocks on page 24, and igneous rocks on page 26. Finally, note that page 28 shows each type of rock within the different layers of the earth. Minerals that make up rocks go through the cycle and, as a result, continue transforming into different kinds of rocks. [pp. 18–28]

Activity Sheet Questions | #5-9

Day 3

The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth | pp. 30-39

Your students may know that Hawaii is made up of many volcanoes—five to be exact. Over time, these volcanoes, which are shield volcanoes, erupted over and over. These many eruptions eventually created the island chain that we call Hawaii. [pp. 30–33]

Activity Sheet Questions | #10–11

Optional: Do Together | Rock 'n Roll

Using your book as a guide, especially the rock collection on p. 37, try to find as many different types of rock as you can. Do you know of any nearby statues made of marble? What about a countertop made of granite? A building made of limestone? A house roof made of slate? A building exterior made of sandstone? Feel free to identify and discuss other types of rock not discussed in your book. Are there specific types of rock common to your area? What are they? Help your students to understand the amazing number of ways we use rock every day.

Day 4

BookShark Science C Experiments Book | #1 How Does Water Make Caves?

Note: Use the full stick of clay in this experiment. Be sure to dry and store the clay, it will be used again.

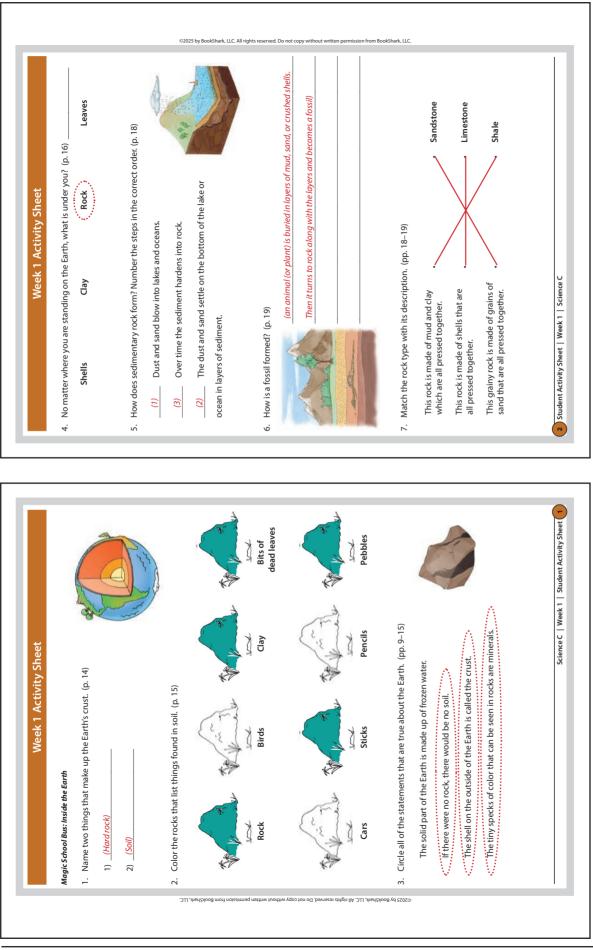
Science Notebook

Scientists keep diaries and journals. In these journals they record their theories, the procedures of their experiments, and their observations as their experiments progress. Their hope is that the results they observe will lead to new discoveries. Skills of observation and data collection are therefore fundamental to scientific research. These are important skills and habits for all students to learn.

Help your students learn this discipline by working with them to record their experiments and observations in their own personal Science Notebooks.

You can either make your own notebook by tying together sheets of paper with yarn or use a spiral-bound notebook. We recommend the bound ruled notebooks that college students use because they are durable and stack so nicely on bookshelves. Don't worry about making it too complicated. Just provide a vehicle for recording drawings, questions, and observations. Make a special heading for each new experiment or field trip.

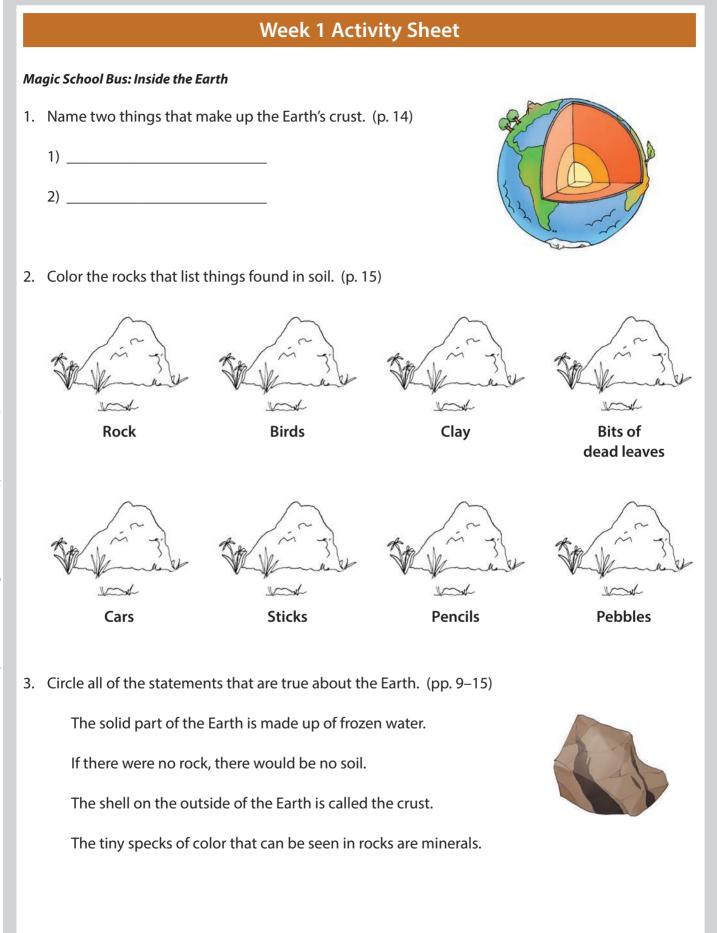
Perhaps someday when your students are grown and working as medical doctors keeping logs on their patients, or researchers keeping records of their experiments, you can smile to yourself and remember how you helped get them started.

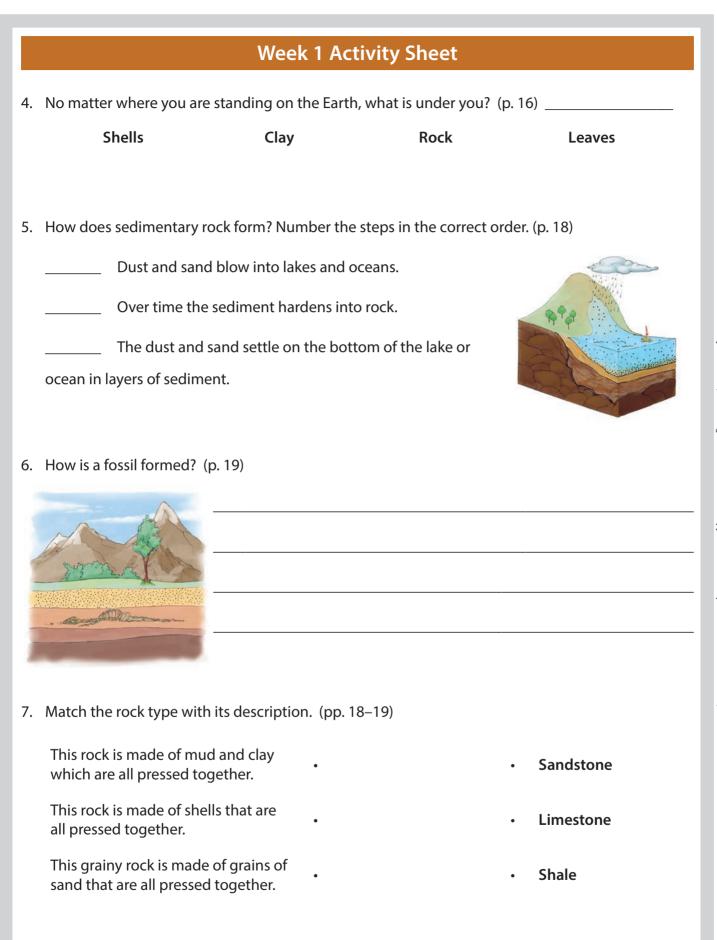


©2025 by BookShark, LLC, All right 11. On each line, write whether each rock is metamorphic (M), sedimentary (S), or igneous (I). (p. 37) Composite (Cindercone) Limestone Quartzite Obsidian 10. Using the word bank, write the name of the volcano below its picture. (p. 30) (S) () (M) Week 1 Activity Sheet (Composite) Shield 4 Student Activity Sheet | Week 1 | Science C Basalt Shale Slate Cindercone (Shield) Θ (W) (S) Science C | Week 1 | Student Activity Sheet 3 cooled rock that was once melted; this name comes from a word that rock that was changed from one kind to another by heat and pressure; rock that hardened as layers; this name comes from a word that Metamorphic this name comes from a word that means "to change" (p. 24) Name three types of rock based on the descriptions given. Use the words in the box. 8. What three things do you need to change limestone into marble? (p. 25) Week 1 Activity Sheet Igneous means "to settle" (p. 18) means "fire" (p. 26) p (ressure) H (eat) (ime) Sedimentary 3) (Metamorphic) (Sedimentary) (Igneous) = 5 9. r oʻG .ba 2025 by BookShark, LLC. All rights reserv

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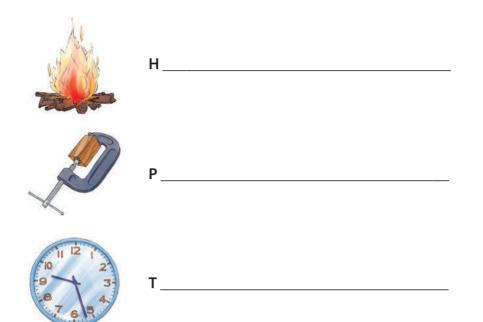
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Week 1 Activity Sheet

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Find Out! Earth | pp. 4-5

Note: Page 4 says the age of the earth and the solar system is about 4.6 billion years. It should be noted that no one really knows how old the Earth is. If you have a different belief, you could say, "A long time ago." This may be a good time to let your students know what you believe, and why.

Page 5 says that the earth and other planets were formed "as gravity forced material in clouds of gas and dust together." Again, use this as a transition to talk with your student about what people believe and what your family believes about the origin of the Earth.

Activity Sheet Questions | #1–4

Day 2

Find Out! Earth | pp. 6-7

The earth's atmosphere is the only one in our solar system suitable for humans. Each layer is made of different gases. The troposphere, the layer that is closest to the earth and where people live, is made up of 78% nitrogen. There is also a significant amount of oxygen present (21%) which is great since humans need oxygen to survive. [pp. 6–7]

Activity Sheet Questions | #5–6

Day 3

Find Out! Earth | pp. 8-9

Land makes up just 29% of the earth's surface and the land is divided into continents. There are seven continents: North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, and Antarctica. Asia is the largest and Australia is the smallest. [pp. 8–9]

Activity Sheet Questions | #7–11

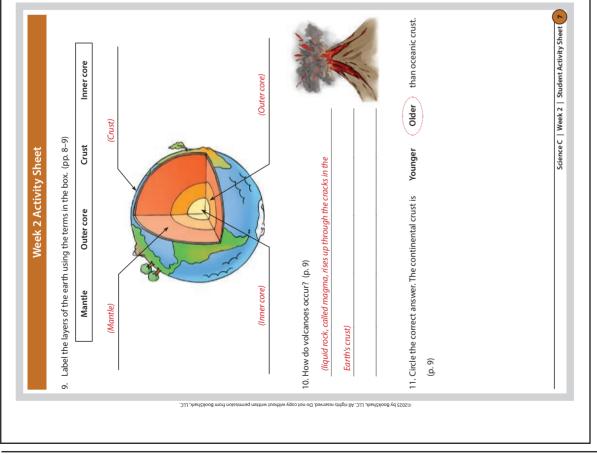
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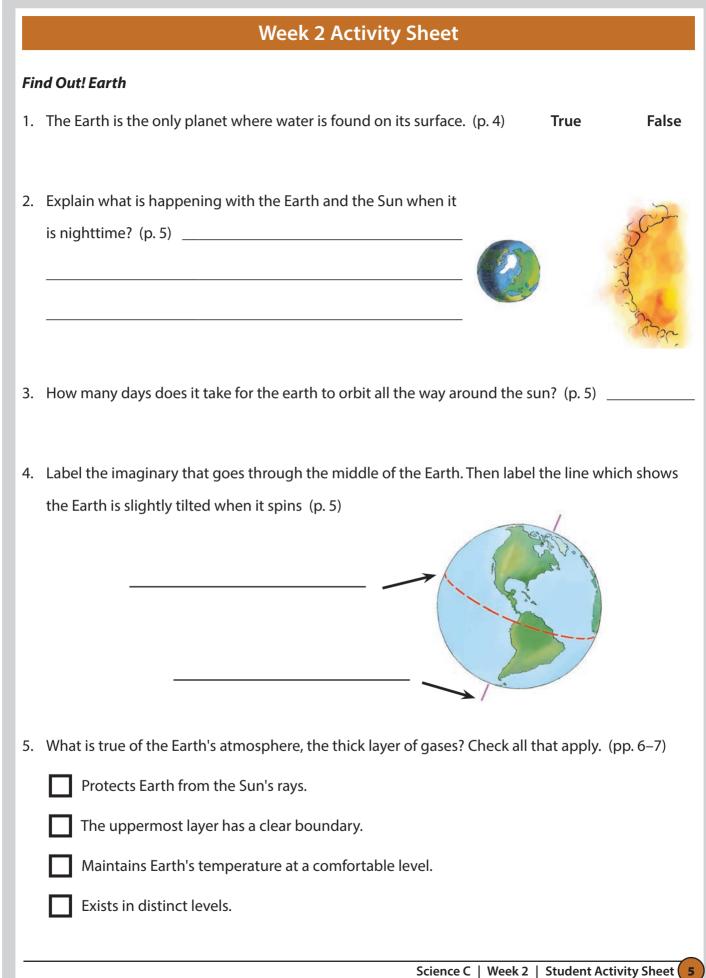
Today, you and your students learned that the Earth is made up of layers. Make a fun-layered food. You could make a layered dip such as a 7-Layered Southwestern Dip, a layered salad, a layered main dish such as lasagna, or a tasty layered dessert like a trifle. Be as creative as you want. As you cook, review the layers of the Earth and compare it to the food you are making. Is there a crust? Is one layer more solid or liquid than another? Enjoy your time in the kitchen together and then around the table as you eat your culinary masterpiece.

Day 4

BookShark Science C Experiments Book | #2 How Does Weathering Change Rocks? ■

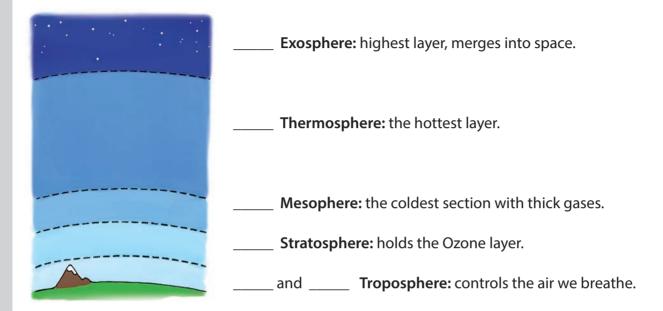
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Week 2 Activity Sheet

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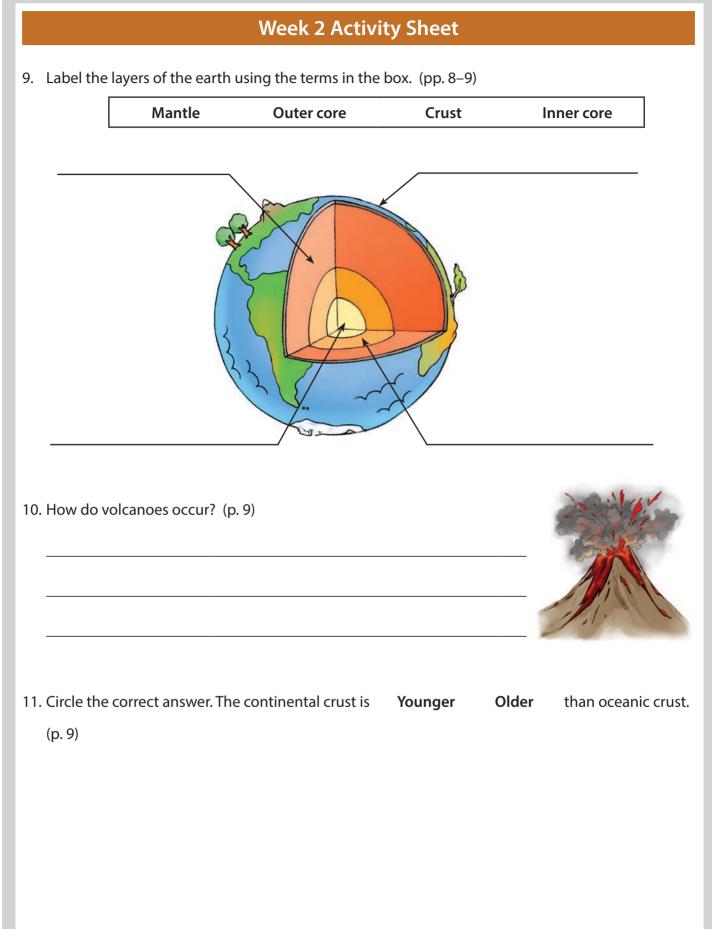
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Statement #4: Satellites travel in this layer. (Hint: This statement is used twice.)

Statement #5: Weather occurs here.

- Seas and oceans cover most of our planet. What percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water? (p. 8) _____%
- 8. What is the name of the beautiful bright lights that appear in the thermosphere when particles from the Sun fall into the Earth's atmosphere? (p. 6) _____





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Special Note to Instructors



Find Out! Earth | pp. 10–11

There are more than 450 volcanoes located in the Ring of Fire which is a path along the rim of the Pacific Ocean which extends approximately 24,900 miles. That's about 75% of all of the Earth's volcanoes. Mount St. Helens is located in the state of Washington. When it erupted in May of 1980, it became the deadliest and most economically destructive volcanic event in the history of the United States. [pp. 10–11]

Activity Sheet Questions | #1–2

Day 2

Find Out! Earth | pp. 12–13

What is the difference between magma and lava? Scientists classify molten rock under the surface of the Earth as magma. Once the liquid rock breaks through the Earth's surface, it is called lava. [pp. 12–13]

Activity Sheet Questions | #3-4

Day 3

Find Out! Earth | pp. 14–15

The eruptions from shield volcanoes can last for years. The longest lasting eruption started in 1983 from the Kīlauea volcano located on the island of Hawai'i. This volcano has several vents, or places, where the lava erupts. Since it is a shield volcano, the lava tends to ooze out rather than shoot out into the air. Even though the lava is moving slowly, dangerous conditions can still exist due to the gases that are emitted from the volcano. [pp. 14–15]

Activity Sheet Questions | #5-9

Note: Throughout the year, you will see some Activity Sheet questions marked as **Challenge** or as **Critical Thinking**. These are questions whose answers are not necessarily in the book. While we believe the material covered in the challenge questions is worthwhile for your students to know, it may not be specifically explained in their reading assignment. As always, if you think any question is too difficult for your students, please feel free to skip.

For **Challenge** questions, you and your student will need to complete outside research to answer the question. If you choose to do your research online, please review "Tips When Using the Internet" found in **Section Four** of our guide for precautions on surfing the web.

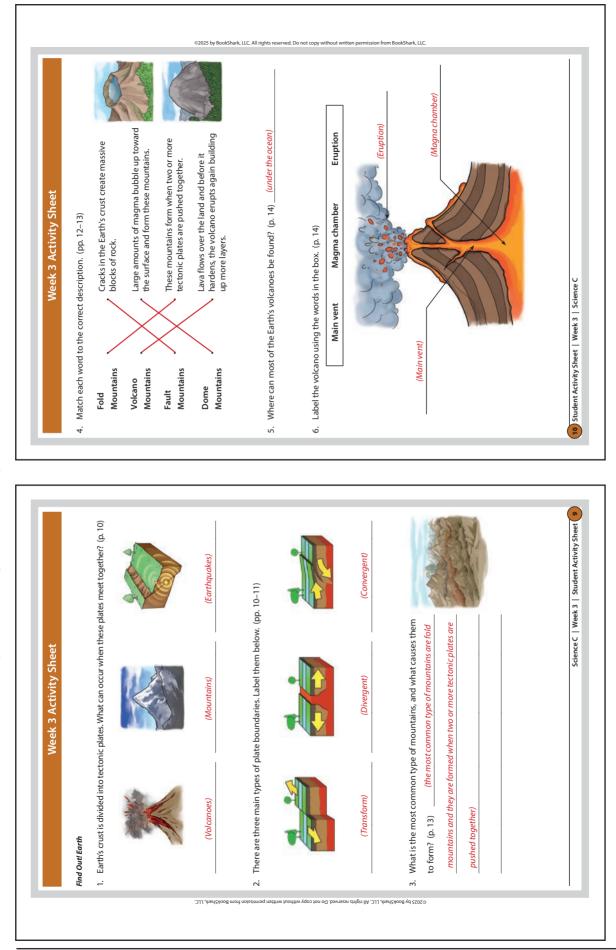
For **Critical Thinking** questions, the answer may be inspired by information that you learned that day or may be a statement of opinion. Encourage your student to take some time to write their best answer.

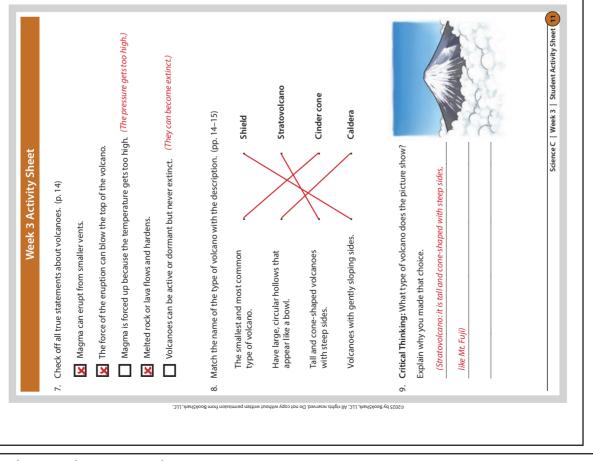
Optional: Do Together | Eruption!

Today, you and your student read about volcanoes around the world. Now you can make a volcano right in your own backyard. You will need a spot that has some sand, dirt or gravel, a plastic cup, water, 4-6 Tablespoons of baking soda, a teaspoon of dish soap, 1/2 ounce to 2 ounces of washable paint (if you want your lava to be colored), and about a cup of vinegar. Vinegar can harm plants, so make sure to do this away from your yard! If you prefer to do this activity indoors, you can use clay in a sink or large bowl to make your volcano. To make your volcano, put everything but the vinegar in your cup. Mix the ingredients well. It should be about 2/3 of the way full. Use the sand, dirt, or gravel to build the volcano structure around the cup. Once you are happy with your volcano, slowly pour in the vinegar until it starts to erupt. As the eruption slows, you can add more vinegar to keep it going.

Day 4

BookShark Science C Experiments Book | #3 How do Landforms and Water Relate? ■





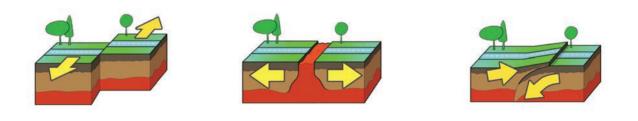
Week 3 Activity Sheet

Find Out! Earth

1. Earth's crust is divided into tectonic plates. What can occur when these plates meet together? (p. 10)



2. There are three main types of plate boundaries. Label them below. (pp. 10–11)



 What is the most common type of mountains, and what causes them to form? (p. 13)

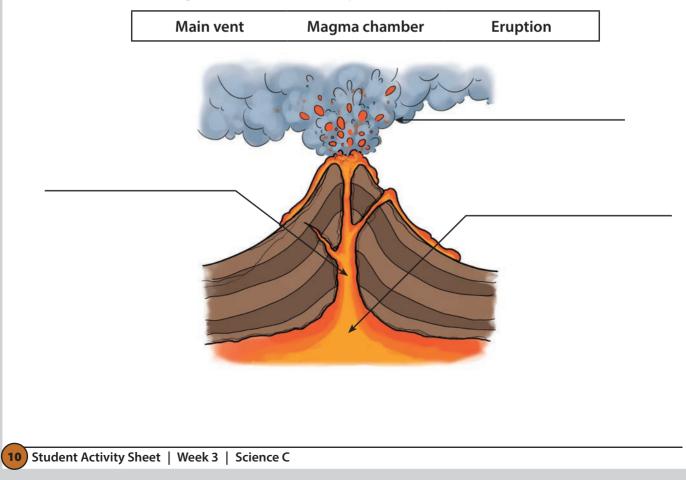


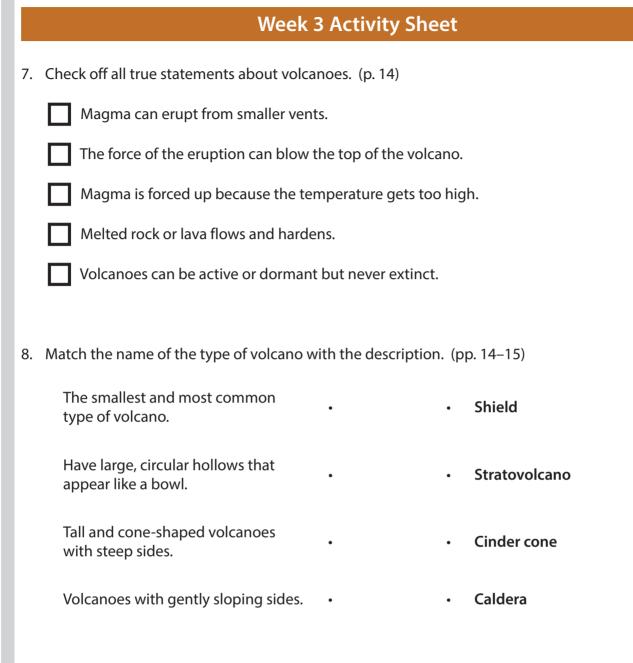
Week 3 Activity Sheet

4. Match each word to the correct description. (pp. 12–13)

Fold Mountains	•	Cracks in the Earth's crust create massive blocks of rock.	
Volcano Mountains	•	Large amounts of magma bubble up toward the surface and form these mountains.	-
Fault Mountains	•	These mountains form when two or more tectonic plates are pushed together.	
Dome Mountains	•	Lava flows over the land and before it hardens, the volcano erupts again building up more layers.	

- 5. Where can most of the Earth's volcanoes be found? (p. 14)
- 6. Label the volcano using the words in the box. (p. 14)





9. **Critical Thinking:** What type of volcano does the picture show? Explain why you made that choice.



Science C | Week 3 | Student Activity Sheet 11

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More notes with important information about specific books.

The IN symbol provides you with a heads-up about difficult content. We tell you what to expect and often suggest how to talk about it with your kids.

4-Day Schedule:

This entire schedule is for a 4-Day program. Designed to save one day a week for music lessons, sports, field trips, co-ops and other activities.

Science A Week 1 Schedule Date: Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4 Find the Activity Sheets for students directly after the The Usborne Children's Encyclopedia pp. 10–11 pp. 8–9 pp. 12–13 Notes. Students should "Before You Begin" complete only the Discover & Do Level K DVD Tracks #1-3 questions assigned. "Air All Around" Science Activities, Vol. 2 pp. 2–3 We schedule #1-2 optional Activity Sheet Questions #3–4 #5-7 N assignments to be The Seasons at used if desired. Optional: Do Together Your House You provide: sheets of paper, 8" x 10" cardboard for each player (optional: crayons, Find all the supplies Supplies thread or string or yarn) bottle, bowl, water. 🔳 needed for this . LLC. All rights For next week: feather from any bird, plate, 10" x 10" paper, pencil, scissors, crayweek as well as the Shopping/Planning List ons, needle, thread or string or yarn. supplies needed for BookShark. **Other Notes** next week here. 02020 by Additional space for writing extra assignments, activities, or notes. Special Note to Mom or Dad Biology, Botany, and Physics | Section Two | Week 1 | 1