

Reread

As you read, you may come across words, facts, or explanations that are new to you. You can reread these parts to make sure you understand them.



Find Text Evidence

After reading page 263 of "Alaska: A Special Place," I am not sure how glaciers form. I will reread this page.

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Land Features

The tallest mountain in the United States is in Alaska. It is called Mt. McKinley. Some people go to Alaska just to climb it.

Alaska also has the biggest glaciers in all of the United States. Glaciers are made when one **layer** of snow falls on top of another. The snowfall becomes very thick. It turns to ice. The **growth** of a glacier takes many years to form.

I read that over time, layers of snow turn to ice. These huge pieces of ice are glaciers.

Rereading helped me understand this part.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



What is the arctic region? Reread page 264 of "Alaska: A Special Place" to answer the question.

Compare and Contrast

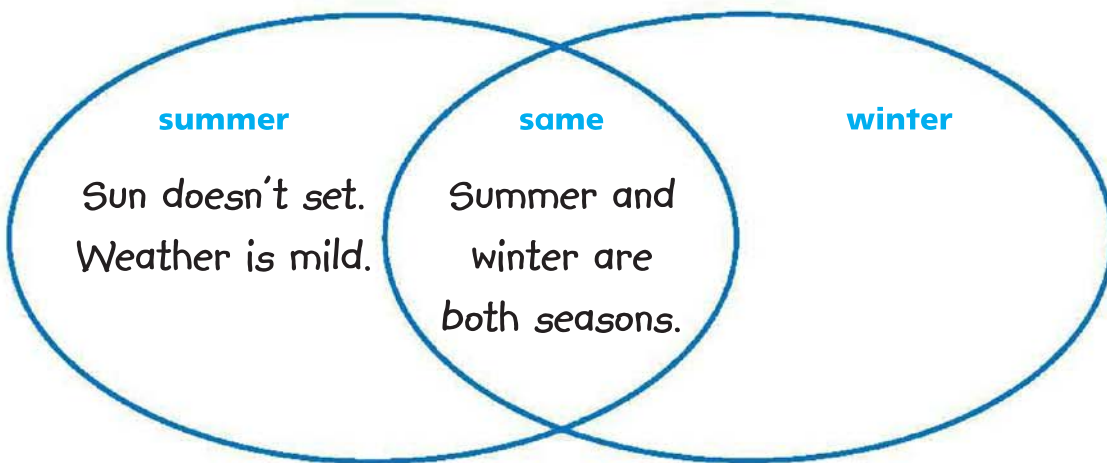
To compare is to tell how things are alike.

To contrast is to tell how they are different.



Find Text Evidence

When I read page 265 of "Alaska: A Special Place," I can compare and contrast the seasons in Alaska. I will first tell what the summer is like in Alaska.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Reread page 265 with a partner. Fill in the graphic organizer to compare how winter is different from summer in Alaska.

Go Digital!

Use the interactive graphic organizer

Expository Text

“Alaska: A Special Place” is an expository text.

Expository text:

- gives facts and information about a topic.
- includes text features.



Find Text Evidence

“Alaska: A Special Place” is an expository text. It gives facts about Alaska. We also learn about Alaska by looking at the text features.

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Where can you find mountains, glaciers, and volcanoes? Alaska is the **location** you would visit. Alaska has different **regions**. In each part of the state, there are different features.

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Text Features

A **map** is a flat picture of part of the earth.

A **map key** tells you what symbols on a map mean.

Your Turn

Talk about what information you learned from the map and map key.

COLLABORATE



Compound Words

A compound word is made up of two smaller words. You can put together the meanings of each smaller word to help you learn the meaning of the compound word.



Find Text Evidence

In the word snowfall, I see two smaller words: snow and fall. I think snowfall means snow that falls to the ground. Yes, that makes sense in this sentence.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Use the smaller words to figure out the meanings of these compound words in "Alaska: A Special Place."

sunlight, page 265

afternoon, page 265



Readers to . . .

In expository text, writers choose a topic to write about. They include facts that tell about the topic. Reread the passage from “Alaska: A Special Place.”

Expert Model

Ideas

What **topic** does the writer give facts about?

Animals

Alaska has many different animals. You may spot a walrus or polar bear among the glaciers. You can see a black or brown bear fishing in a river or stream. In another region, you can see a moose or caribou.



Writers



Editing Marks

≡ Make a capital letter.

^ Add

✂ Take out.

Grammar Handbook

Linking Verbs

See page 481.

Julia wrote an expository text.
Read Julia's writing.

Student Model

Alaska

Alaska^{is} very different from where I live! In the summer where I live, it is hot. ~~the sun~~ sets after dinner. In parts of Alaska, the sun does not go down in summer! Where I live, it doesn't snow. In Alaska it snows a lot in ^{winter} the ~~summer~~.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



- Identify Julia's topic.
- Identify a linking verb.
- Tell how revisions improved her writing.

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