TALK ABOUT TEXTS

Exploring the Seven Continents



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Say

'Read the contents page and page 3 silently then aloud.'

Read

Ask the students to read the contents page and page 3 silently and then aloud.

Check Understanding

- What will we read about on page 6?
- What is the Earth's crust made up of?
- What is the meaning of the word 'masses'?
- What are 'continents'?

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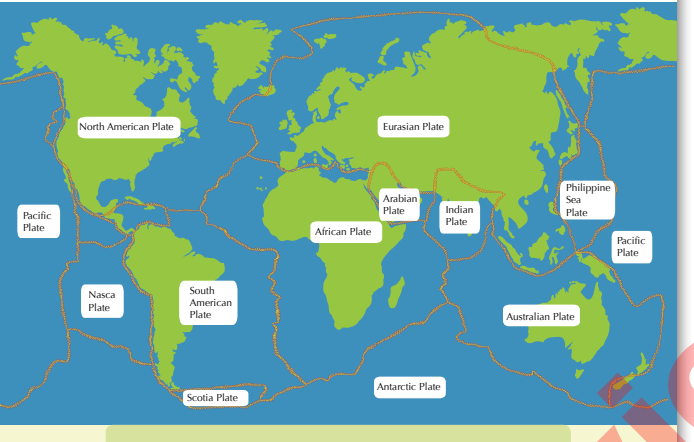
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Earth's Crust

The hard outer layer of the Earth is called its crust. It is made up of several large chunks called **plates**. The plates fit together like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. They lie mostly under the ocean, but large masses of land rise above them. These landmasses are called continents.



This map shows the borders of the plates that make up the surface of Earth.

Talk

What is the most important information you learnt on page 3?

The most **important information** I **learnt** on page 3 is _____.

How did the caption on page 3 help you understand the text?

The caption helped me understand the text **because** _____.

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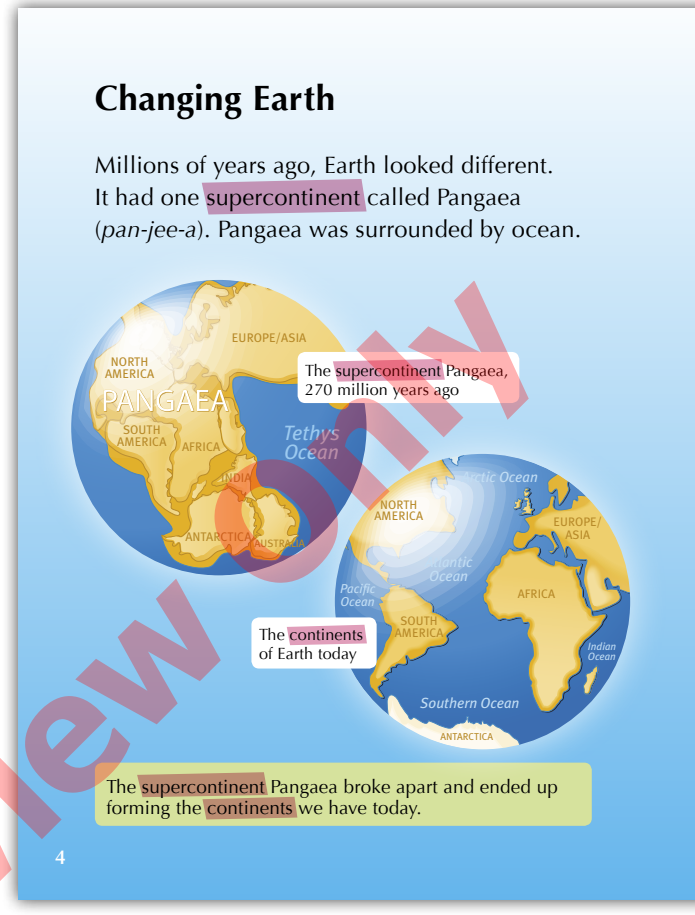
'Read pages 4 and 5 to yourself. If there are any words you cannot read, ask your group for help to sound them out.'

Read

Ask the students to read pages 4–5 to themselves. They should discuss any words with the group that they found difficult to read.

Check Understanding

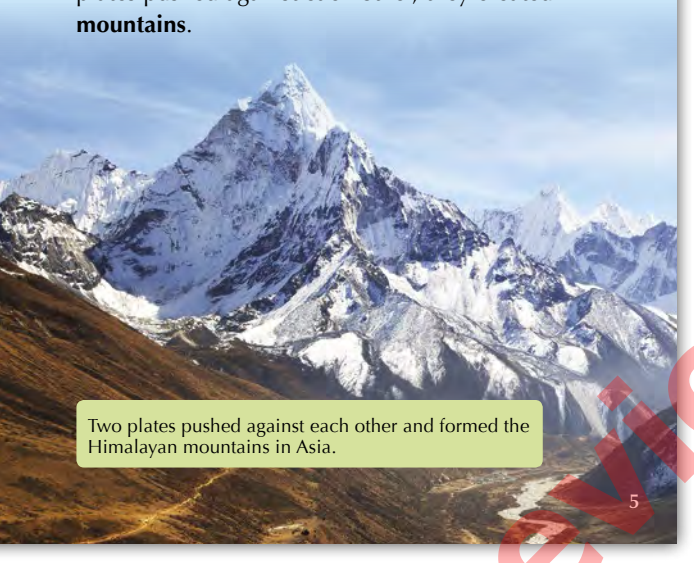
- How was Earth different millions of years ago?
- What happened to Pangaea?
- How were the seven continents created?
- What is a 'supercontinent'?



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Pangaea slowly broke apart. The pieces became the continents we see today. Even now, Earth's crust is changing. In the future, Earth's continents might join together into a supercontinent again.

The movement of Earth's plates created the seven continents we have today. The plates also shaped the landforms on the continents. When plates pushed against each other, they created **mountains**.



Two plates pushed against each other and formed the Himalayan mountains in Asia.

Talk

How does the diagram on page 4 help explain the information in the text?

The diagram helps explain the **information** in the text by _____.

What is the most interesting fact you learnt on these pages?

The **most interesting fact** I **learnt** is _____.

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