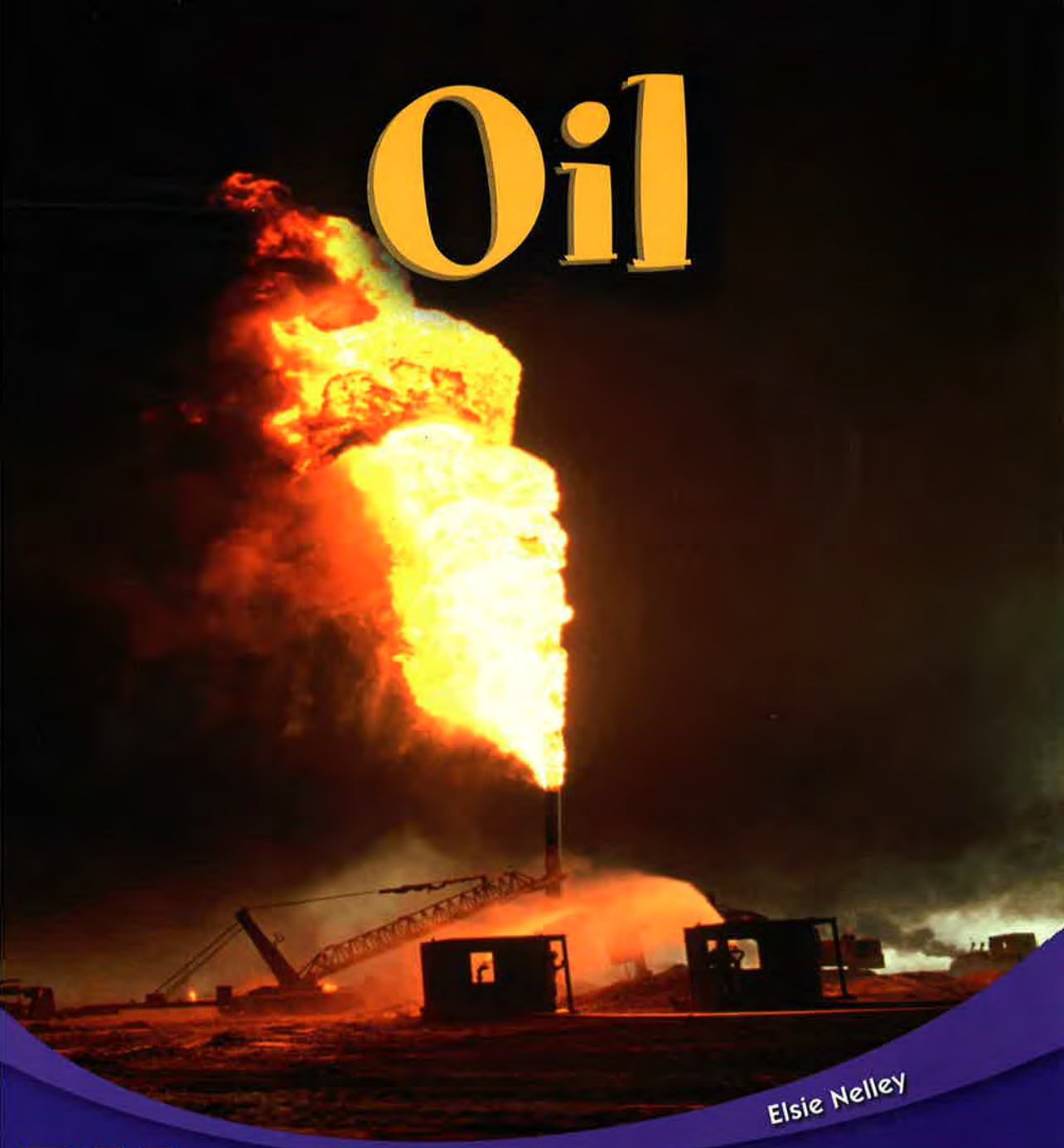
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Discussion & Recount

Oil

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Key Learning Area **Earth Science**

Theme **Oil as a source of energy**

Title **Is Oil an Important Source of Energy?**

Text Type *Discussion*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Debate**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To examine more than one side of an issue**

Text Structure

Opening Statement: Outlines the issue *(Page 2).*

Arguments 'For' and 'Against': Includes evidence in support of and against the issue *(Pages 3–8).*

Concluding Statement: Summary of the writer's opinion *(Page 9).*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. resources, electricity)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. it, They)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. renewable, cheaper)*
- Sensing verbs *(e.g. believe, think)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. easily, also)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. through long pipelines)*
- Conjunctions/Text connectives *(e.g. and, because)*

Title **The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill**

Text Type *Recount*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Article in a journal**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To retell and evaluate events and experiences**

Text Structure

Orientation: Provides information about who, where and when *(Page 10).*

Sequence of Events: Presents events in chronological order *(Pages 11–15).*

Personal Comment: Evaluates the events that took place *(Page 16).*

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. (Prince William Sound, volunteers)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. it, they, them)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. sheer, soapy)*
- Past tense verbs *(e.g. caused, removed, prevented)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. unfortunately, quickly)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. with the enormous clean-up)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. On 24 March 1989)*

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Is Oil an Important Source of Energy?

People all around the world are divided on the importance of oil. As the need for energy keeps growing, many believe oil is still one of the world's most useful resources. Others think the use of oil should be decreased and more use made of renewable resources.



an oil-fired power station

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Arguments to support the use of oil

- is a most useful resource
- gives off great amounts of heat and power
- is cheaper to make than using renewable resources.

First, many people say oil is a useful source of energy because it gives off great amounts of heat and power when it burns. This makes it a good source of electricity for home and work use. It is a cheaper source of energy than renewable resources. A large amount of the world's energy is still produced in oil-fired power stations.



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Arguments to support the use of oil

- is a liquid
- is easy to transport through pipelines or by oil tankers
- provides many useful by-products
- is the main source of energy in cars, etc.

These people also say oil is a useful resource because it is a liquid. It can be pumped from the ground and transported easily from one place to another through long pipelines and by large oil tankers.



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They further support their beliefs by adding that processed oil provides many useful by-products that give off energy when burned. These products are the main source of energy in the engines of cars, trucks, ships, trains and planes.





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Arguments against the use of oil

- supplies will run out soon
- sends carbon dioxide gas into the air
- is linked to global warming and climate change
- is unsafe to transport.

On the other hand, those who think the world's reliance on oil should be decreased say Earth's supplies of oil will run out. They also state that when oil is burnt, it sends carbon dioxide gas into the air. This gas is harmful to the environment and is linked to global warming and climate change.



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Furthermore, these people say oil is easily set on fire and is unsafe to transport. Even the process of moving oil from one place to another can harm the environment.