

SPEAKING MATS

BUILDING ORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

WITH ENGLISH LEARNERS

NATURE

LANDFORMS

PLANTS & ANIMALS

NATURAL RESOURCES

➤ DIFFERENTIATED

➤ FOR PARTNERS
& SMALL GROUPS

LET'S TALK ABOUT! OBSERVING NATURE

Water & Landforms	Natural Resources	Plants & Animals
What are examples of bodies of water?	What are natural resources?	What do plants and animals need to survive?
What are examples of landforms?	How are they used?	
What plants and animals live there?	Do they need to be protected?	

Water and Landforms

1- What do you see?

2- IT IS _____ IT HAS _____

3- What lives there?

Natural Resources

1- What do you see?

2- IT FEELS _____

3- How is it used?

Plants and Animals

1- What animal do you see?

2- THE _____ IS _____

3- How is the animal using the plant?

water

flower

bee

mountain

PLUS- 6 "ROLL & TALK" MATS!



TOPIC POSTERS

ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE
& VOCABULARY

LET'S TALK!



landform

a natural
feature of the
Earth's surface



natural
resource

something
that
neces

survive

to

adapt

the way
looks
help

VOCABULARY

LET'S TALK ABOUT!



OBSERVING NATURE

Water &
Landforms



Natural
Resources



Plants &
Animals



What are
examples of
bodies of water?

What are natural
resources?

What do plants
and animals need
to survive?

What are
examples of
landforms?

How are
they used?

How do plants
and animals
adapt to their
environment?

What plants and
animals
live there?

Do they need to
be protected?

Why are plants
and animals
important to
nature?

SPEAKING MATS

PARTNERS OR SMALL GROUPS

LET'S TALK!¹

Water and Landforms

1- What do you see?

2- IT IS _____. IT HAS _____.
(COLOR OR SIZE) (FEATURE)

3- What lives there?

I SEE _____
(PLANT OR ANIMAL)

2- What does it look like?

3- _____ LIVE THERE.
(PLANT OR ANIMAL)

LET'S TALK!²

Natural Resources

1- What do you see?

2- IT FEELS _____.
(HARD, SOFT, HOT, COOL, BUMPY, SMOOTH)

3- How is it used?

I SEE _____
(NATURAL RESOURCE)

2- What does it feel like?

3- _____
(NATURAL RESOURCE)

LET'S TALK!³

Plants and Animals

1- What animal do you see?

2- THE _____ IS _____.
(ANIMAL)

3- How is the animal using the plant?

I SEE _____
(ANIMAL)

2- What does it do?

3- THE _____
(ANIMAL)

SCAFFOLDED FOR ALL ELP LEVELS

Level 1 & Level 2 Mats

put picture here

1- Describe what you see.

2- Describe how it's similar to another.

3- IT'S SIMILAR TO A _____ BECAUSE BOTH _____

4- Where can this be found?

IT CAN _____ AND _____

THIS _____ CAN BE FOUND ...

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36 PHOTOS

PLANTS & ANIMALS

Water and Landforms



Landform



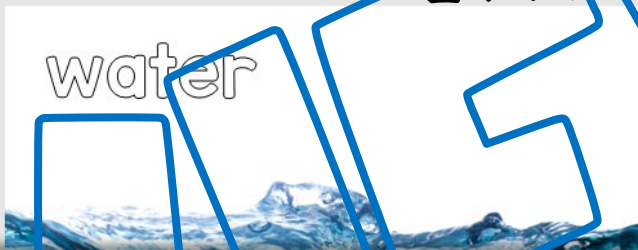
Natural Resources

sunlight



Natural Resource

water



WATER &
LANDFORMS



Landform

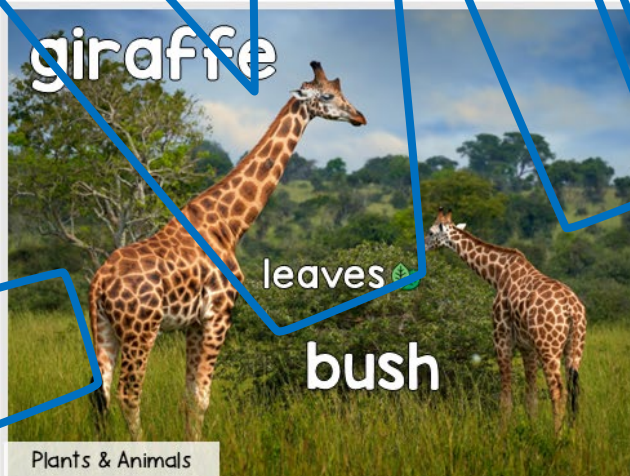
trees



Natural Resource

Plants and Animals

giraffe



Plants & Animals

leaves

bush

chimpanzee



Plants and Animals

fruit

tree

bee

flower



Plants and Animals

lion

grass



Plants and Animals

NATURAL
RESOURCES

PLUS

ROLL & TALK

6 ACTIVITY MATS & 48 QUESTION PROMPTS



Roll & Talk



about
Natural Resources

1



wind

2



water

3



animals

4



trees

5

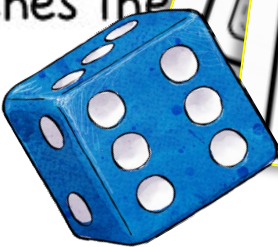


coal

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- Roll the die and find the picture that matches the
- Take a card.
- Use the picture to respond to the card.
- Pass the die and start again.



2- NATURAL RESOURCES

Why is this resource important to people?