Natural Resources and Communities

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

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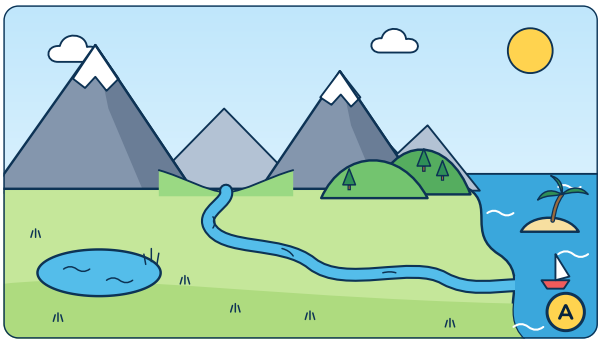
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   River water is never safe to drink.

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wind sunlight coal ocean waves

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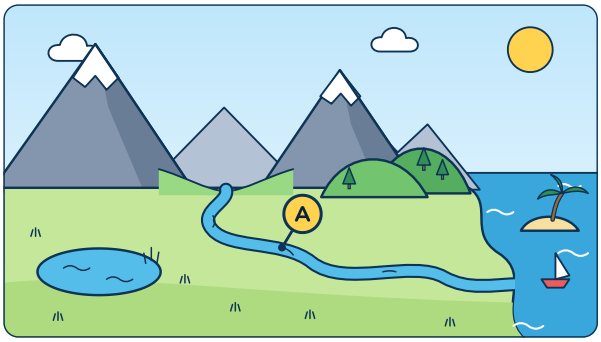
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wind sunlight burning coal moving water

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plow up the grass before storms

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dig up all the plants

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Rivers keep towns warm in winter.

Rivers stop all floods.

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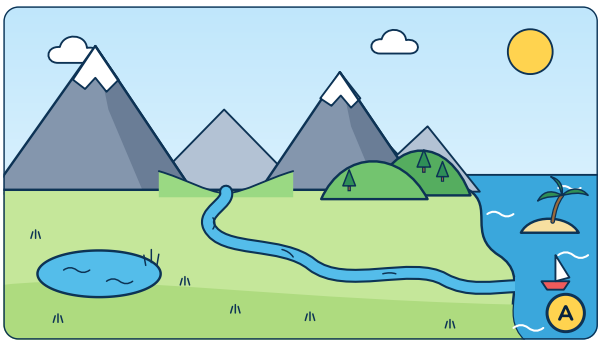
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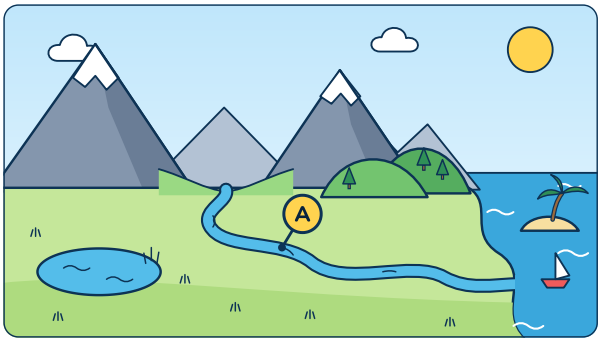
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