



The Hot, Hot Sun

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Introduce the Unit and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the Unique Learning System Unit. Introduce key vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: This month, the unit is on physical science and the study of the Sun. We will be talking about which objects are hot or cold, and how objects change when they are heated or cooled. We get our warmth from an old star called the sun. We we discuss other terms like heat, light, dark, warm, seasons, and land. We will discuss what happens to things when they are in the sun or get warm. We will also talk about the sun’s energy or solar energy. What can it do and what it does to our planet.

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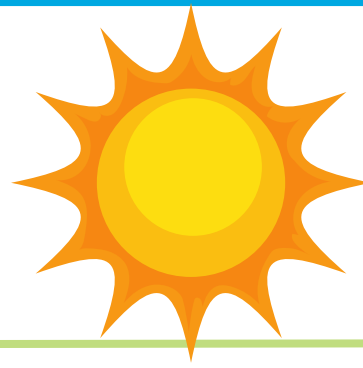
Read Passages While you TAAP

As you read the passages within each unit with students, remember to TAAP: Talk about it, Ask a question, Acknowledge via response, and Propel the conversation or Predict!

(View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Sun energy warm change light	What do you know? Tell me about the sun? How does your clothes dryer work? What happens on a hot day?	I agree Good thinking Thank you Man, you’re on fire! Brilliant answer!	I think... Let’s see More What else



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the unit with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting on what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today about the sun? What happens to you when you're outside in the sun on a bright sunny day? What happens to other things when they are in the sun? What happens at night when you can't see the sun?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the unit with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the unit or passage. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me what we learned about the sun.	Tell me about what the sun does to objects.	Why is the sun important to us?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sun is hot • sun is a big old star • sun is in sky • keeps us warm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes things grow • light to see • sand is hot • makes ocean/ water warm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grow food • helps keep me warm • gives energy to store • it be dark without the sun