

Text Features Activity

Directions: Use the National Geographic Explorer magazine to answer the following questions on text features found in the articles. Practice responding in complete sentences.

1. Using the map on page 4, what lake can manatees be found year-round?

2. Using the glossary on page 6, give the definition of “activist”.

3. Using the diagram/photo on page 8, describe what the manatee’s tail can do.

4. According to the fact box about Isaac Newton (page 13), what branch of mathematics is used to calculate light and color?

5. According to the infographic on page 15, how much would you weigh on the moon if you were 80 pounds on Earth? How much would you weigh on Mars?

Moon weight: _____ Mars weight: _____

6. According to the photo and caption on page 18, what type of exercise does Jade do to build strength?

7. According to the map of the North Pole (page 19), which country has claim to Greenland?

8. According to the fact box on page 22, how many people have been to outer space?

9. On page 22, why did they use the subheading “Success!” for that section?

10. According to the last page, who is the Creative Director of the Development Team? Why would they need to list the names of the Development Team?

Answer Key:

- 1. Manatees can be found year-round in Lake Okeechobee.**
- 2. An activist is a person who campaigns for some kind of social change.**
- 3. A manatee's tails help them do somersaults, barrel rolls, and swim upside down.**
- 4. The branch of mathematics that deals with light and color is calculus.**
- 5. Moon weight: 13 pounds Mars weight: 30 pounds**
- 6. Jade drags tires across the beach to build up strength.**
- 7. Denmark lays claim to Greenland.**
- 8. The fact box states that 550 people have been to outer space.**
- 9. The section is named "Success!" because it is all about Jade and her team reaching the North Pole. They were successful in accomplishing their goal.**
- 10. The creative director of the development team is Karen Thompson. Listing the names of the development team acknowledges those who were a part of creating this issue of the National Geographic Explorer.**