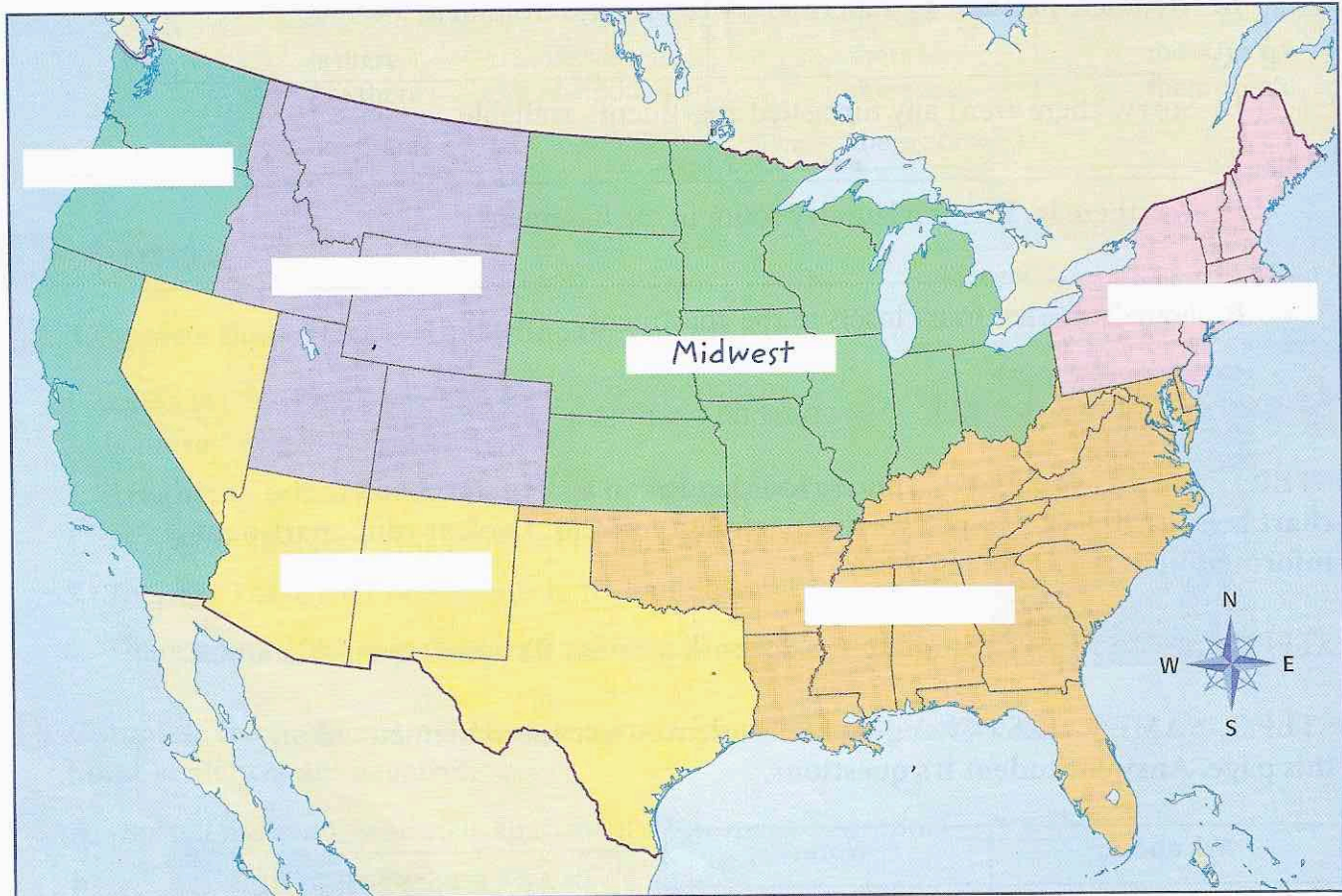


Reading

1 BEFORE YOU READ

- A** Look at the map of the continental U.S. Write the region names on the map. Use the words in the box.

Midwest Northeast South Southwest West Coast West



- B PAIRS.** Compare your answers.
- C** Skim the article on page 99. What is one of the important ideas discussed in the article?
- D PAIRS.** Compare your answers.

Reading Skill:**Skimming**

Skimming means you do not read every word. Instead, you read quickly to get the general idea of the article.

2 READ

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 Listen. Read the article.

Record Growth in Springville

Springville is growing fast. It is like many other cities in the South and Southwest. These are the fastest growing regions in the U.S. "Every day I meet another newcomer," says Amy Mark, a Springville real-estate agent.

New residents say they moved to Springville because of the warm weather, jobs, low cost of living, and natural beauty. The area is popular with people from the large, expensive cities of the Northeast and the West Coast. "We moved to Springville last year.



One of Springville's new housing developments

We exchanged a tiny apartment in Boston for this big, beautiful house," says Jim Walker. "We love it here."

But not everyone loves the growth. "We moved here from Philadelphia to get closer to nature, but instead we are stuck in traffic all the time," says Joanna Fields. Pam Foster, a longtime resident, agrees. "We're replacing the area's natural beauty with shopping malls and new houses. People come here to get away from the big city, but they're just bringing the big city with them."

3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A Read the article again. Then answer the questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. What are four reasons people move to Springville?
2. What are two problems caused by Springville growth?

B PAIRS. Compare your community to Springville. How is it the same? How is it different?

Show what you know!

PRE-WRITING. NETWORK. PAIRS. Find a partner who lives in your community. Talk about what you like and dislike about your community.

WRITE. Write about your community. See page 270.