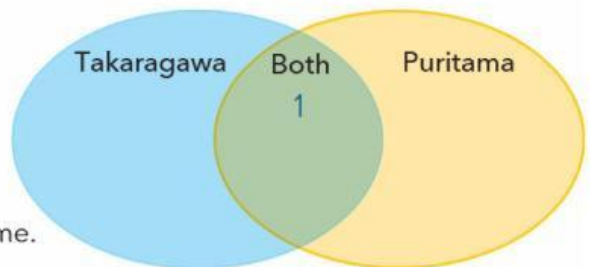


3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

- ✓ **A** Read the blog post again. What is the main idea of the post?
- Hot springs are a great place to relax.
 - Hot springs improve your health.
 - Hot springs exist around the world.

- ✓ **B** Read the statements. Which are true for Takaragawa? for Puritama? for both? Write the numbers of the statements in the diagram.

- A visit there will help you relax and feel better.
- These hot springs are in a desert.
- The air is very dry there.
- The water there is hot.
- These hot springs are in a beautiful location.
- These hot springs are close to the writer's home.
- The writer says people should visit in winter.
- The hot water comes from volcanoes.



- ✓ **C** **FOCUS ON LANGUAGE** Read. What do the underlined words mean?

- Doctors say there is no scientific proof that hot springs have real health benefits, but who cares?
 - That's not important.
 - I don't think that's true.
- You'll feel like a different person when you return.
 - You'll act like someone else.
 - You'll feel much better.

- ✓ **D** **READING SKILL** Read the Reading Skill. What is the purpose of each paragraph?

Paragraph 1

- to tell about the writer's vacation in Japan
- to introduce the reader to the topic of hot springs
- to explain where Takaragawa is located

Paragraph 2

- to describe the Takaragawa Hot Springs
- to give a definition of hot springs
- to explain medical problems

Paragraph 3

- to show why the Puritama hot springs are better than Takaragawa
- to tell readers about other hot springs in South America
- to describe the Puritama hot springs

Paragraph 4

- to compare the two hot springs
- to explain the science of hot springs
- to explain why readers should visit hot springs

READING SKILL

Understand the purpose of each paragraph

When you understand the reason for, or *purpose* of, each paragraph, it is easier to understand the whole article. After you finish each paragraph, ask yourself, why did the author write this?