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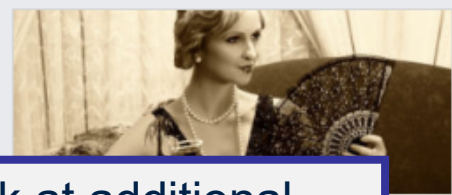
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- 'THE FRAGMENTS BEGIN to come together, like the slowly forming pattern of a kaleidoscope.'
- 'It was like a kaleidoscope but definitely the strangest kaleidoscope she had ever seen.'
- 'She organized the first American exhibition of kaleidoscopes at Strathmore Hall Art Center in Md., the year her book came out.'
- 'As a result, she says, "There is never a week where I don't get one to three new kaleidoscopes.'
- 'Is it a kaleidoscope that catches patterns at angles?'
- 'A list of galleries where the kaleidoscopes can be found is also available.'
- 'From the reflection of grains of sand and crystals in tubes through to the advances of computers, kaleidoscopes have always been truly beautiful and even puzzling.'
- 'Our projects will include building kaleidoscopes and telescopes, experimenting with UV and IR light, and arranging mirrors so that a laser shines on a predetermined spot.'
- 'They should be allowed to choose to construct either of the kaleidoscopes described below, based upon whatever materials are most readily available to them.'
- 'The three mirrors in the kaleidoscope are what provides the dance of ministry pieces and programs.'
- 'Cornelius mashes sounds together like a child shaking a kaleidoscope mashes colours, but with a deliberation and precision that refute chaos.'
- 'She has a passion for kaleidoscopes, and here she's seen with several of her creations.'
- 'To further the inherent fascination of kaleidoscopes, the Museum is offering children's programs where kids can make their own visual creations with the assistance of a Gallery Guide.'



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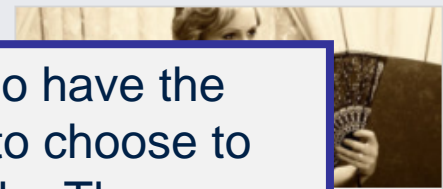
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1 *'the country's kaleidoscopic political landscape'*

### SYNONYMS

ever-changing, changeable, shifting, fluid, protean, mutable, variable, varying, inconstant, unstable, fluctuating, mobile, unsteady, unpredictable, ever-moving, chameleon-like, chameleonic, impermanent, indefinite

technical-sounding

ever-changing

### ANTONYMS

fixed, constant, immutable

2 *'children's questions about the kaleidoscopic world they are living in'*

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multifaceted, many-faceted, varied, manifold, multifarious

complex, intricate, complicated, convoluted

confused, chaotic, muddled, disordered, disorganized, disarranged, jumbled, confusing

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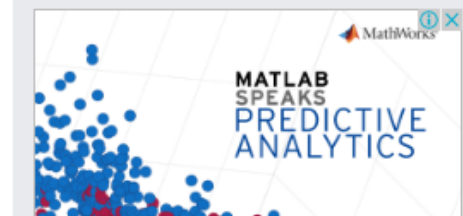


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