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# Welcome, Texas Educators!

The Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program is built on the Science of Reading and is ready to support remote learning.

## The program offers:

- 180 days of instruction aligned to the TEKS and ELPS
- 60 minutes of foundational skills instruction every day in K–2 (English only)
- Coherent knowledge sequence that builds within each grade and across grade levels (English and Spanish)
- Digital materials to support learning no matter where it is happening



How it works

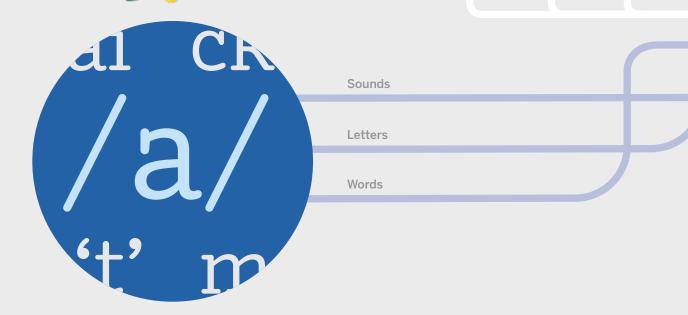
## **English and Spanish** Knowledge

Through complex Read-Alouds with an emphasis on classroom interactivity, oral comprehension, and contextual vocabulary, students start to build their awareness of the world around them—and the way the reading skills they're building give them access to it.



## **English Skills**

Starting with sounds, students practice their phonemic awareness, handwriting skills, vocabulary, spelling, and grammar. Through daily practice, students become aware of the connection between reading and writing, building confidence as they go.



## The Elementary Literacy Program is built on the science of how kids learn to read.

Every day in Grades K–2, students complete one full lesson that builds foundational reading skills in English, as well as one full lesson that builds background knowledge in English or Spanish. In Grades 3–5, students start to master the basic skills of reading, further opening up their worlds.



## Integration

Lessons begin to combine skills and knowledge with increasingly complex texts, close reading, and a greater writing emphasis. Students start to use their skills to go on their own independent reading adventures.

# What's our approach?





Great reading instruction starts with helping kids develop great reading skills. By separating skill development lessons from lessons that emphasize comprehension, we can give kids confidence without delaying them from learning key vocabulary and critical thinking skills.



## **Knowledge and context**

Research shows that reading comprehension increases when students have background knowledge about a topic. We've designed the Elementary Literacy Program around topics that interest kids, from science to world history to literature and art. Students build connections across domains and grades, deepening their understanding and engagement with each year.



## Relevant, challenging texts

We provide students with a variety of texts—imaginative, informative, and everything in between—including rich student Readers, trade books, and novel studies.







## Rich digital materials

The Elementary Literacy Program is proud to be the premier high-quality instructional material (HQIM) offering in elementary language arts, with rich and research-based content—including an expanding library of engaging digital materials—that helps you authentically challenge and engage your students.

## Assessment when you need it

Regular and reliable student assessment is the key to making you an effective teacher. Each Elementary Literacy Program lesson includes regular checks for understanding and formative assessments, as well as digital unit assessments designed to prepare students for high-stakes tests.

## **Extensive teacher support**

We provide easy-to-prepare Teacher Guides for all our lessons, digital versions of all instructional materials, planning resources to help make sure your students are meeting standards, and effective on-site and online professional development.

# Making connections year by year

	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2
	Nursery Rhymes and Fables . • • • •	• Fables and Stories • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Fairy Tales and Tall Tales
	The Five Senses	The Human Body	The Ancient Greek Civilization
	··· Stories · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Different Lands, Similar Stories ••••	• Stories from Mount Olympus • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	Plants	Early American Civilizations	The War of 1812
	Farms	Astronomy	Cycles of Nature
Literature connections	Native Americans	The History of the Earth	Westward Expansion · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
History connections	Kings and Queens	Animals and Habitats	Insects
	Seasons and Weather	Fairy Tales	The U.S. Civil War
:	Colonial Towns and Townspeople	A New Nation: American Independence	The Human Body
	Taking Care of the Earth •••	• Frontier Explorers • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Journeys to America: Land of Opportunity
	Presidents and American Symbols	Adventure Stories	Fighting for a Cause
Titles have been abbreviated for length.	Art and the World Around Us		Up, Up, and Away: The Age of Aviation

**Grade 3** 

Grade 4

**Grade 5** 







Classic Tales: The Wind in the Willows • •

Animal Classification

The Human Body

The Ancient Roman Civilization

**Exploring Light and Sound** 

The Viking Age

Astronomy: Our Solar System and Beyond

Native American Regions and Cultures

Early Explorations of North America • • \*

Colonial America

All That Jazz

Personal Narratives

Eureka!

Contemporary Fiction .....

American Revolution • • • •

Treasure Island

Poetry

Geology

Energy

Novel Study

Personal Narratives

The Renaissance

Early American Civilizations

Don Quixote

Poetry

Introduction to Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Native Americans

Chemical Matter

Beyond Juneteenth: 1865 to Present

Novel Study

# Students grow from week to week . . .



## **Plants**

Students learn that plants are living things that need food, water, and space to live and grow.

## **Farms**

Students learn that the plants we use for food grow through a seasonal cycle of planting and harvesting.

## **Seasons and Weather**

Students learn more about the cycle of the seasons and how they connect to weather events like rain, snow, and sun.

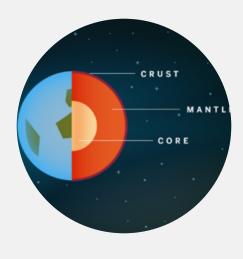


# ... and year to year

Kindergarten Grade 2 Grade 4







## **Plants**

Students learn that plants are living things that need food, water, and space to live and grow.

## **Cycles of Nature**

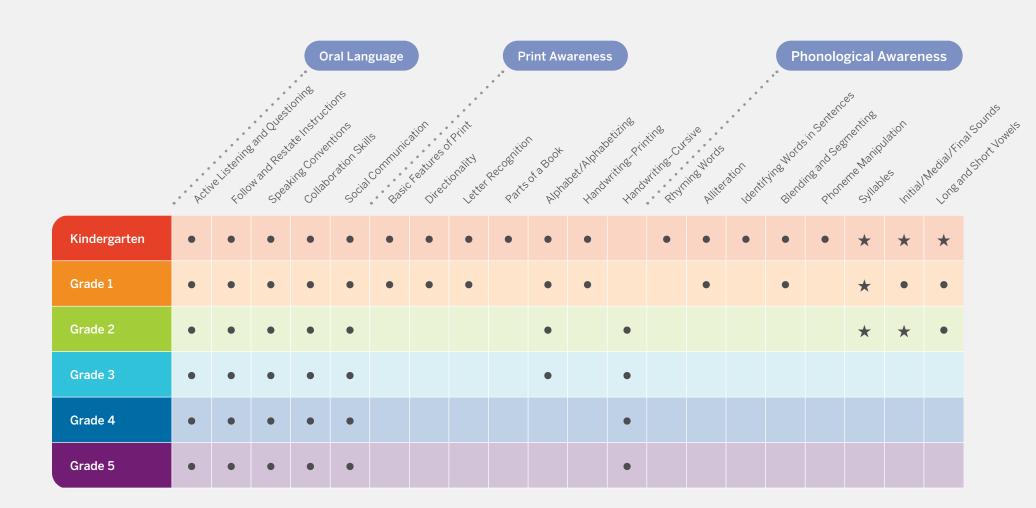
Students learn that the revolution and tilt of the earth cause the cycle of seasons.

## Geology

Students learn that sedimentary rock is formed in part by the decomposition process.

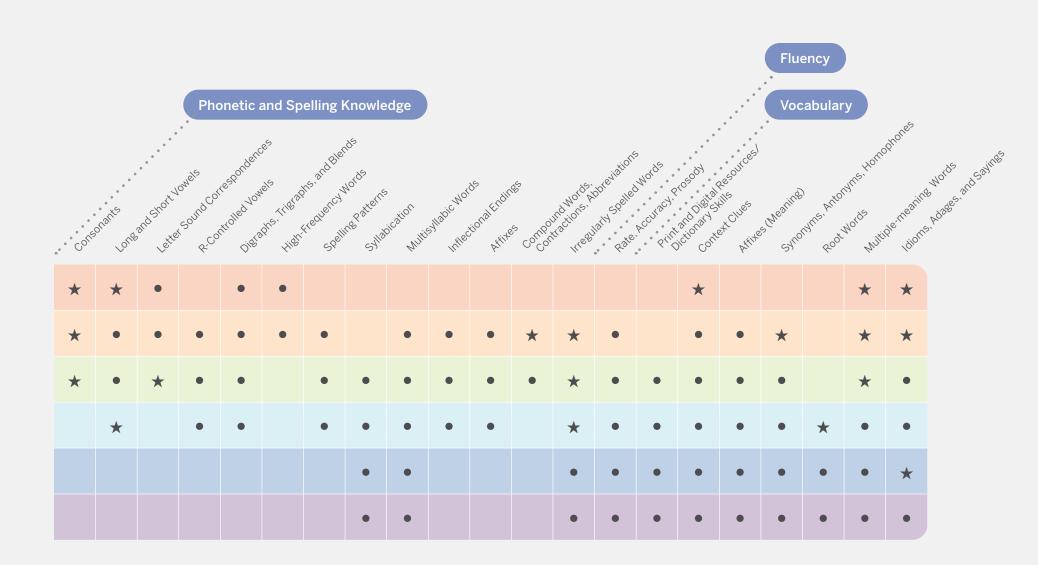
**Plants Nutrients** Cycle Revolution **Sediments** Sedimentary

# Foundational skills year by year



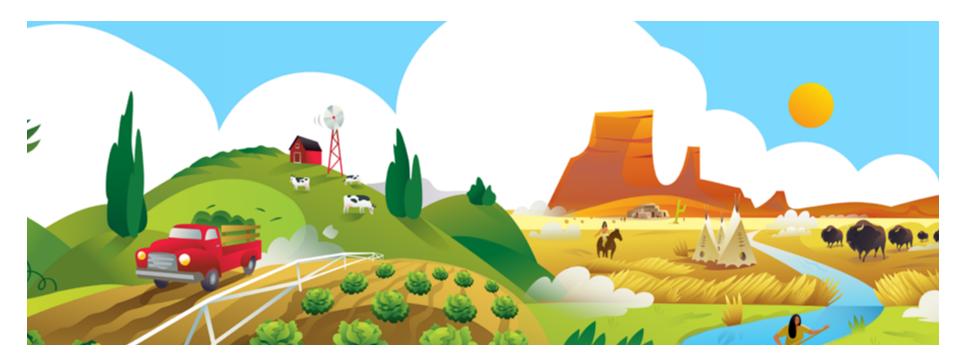
## **KEY**

- = Aligned to TEKS standards
- ★ = Additional skill development



Amplify Texas Elementary Literacy Program's foundational skills chart provides an illustration of the progression of foundational reading skills addressed in all strands of the English curriculum, K-2 Skills and Knowledge and 3-5 integrated strands. Schools and teachers will need to use their knowledge of individual students and progress data to accelerate or supplement learning.

## Kindergarten



In Kindergarten, students will develop phonemic awareness with storybook characters, draw a chart to identify different smells, learn the history of plants along with George Washington Carver, and pay homage to classic nursery rhymes by jumping a candlestick.

## **Skills**

#### Oral Language

- · Active Listening and Questioning
- Give and Follow Instructions
- · Speaking Conventions
- Collaboration
- · Social Communication

#### **Print Awareness**

- · Basic Features of Print
- Directionality
- Letter Recognition

- Features of a Sentence
- Parts of a Book
- Alphabet
- Handwriting-Printing

#### **Phonological Awareness**

- Rhyming Words
- Alliteration
- Identifying Words in a Sentence
- · Blending and Segmenting
- Phoneme Manipulation

- Syllables
- Initial/Medial/Final Sounds
- Long and Short Vowels

## Phonetic and Spelling Knowledge

- Consonants
- Long and Short Vowels
- Letter Sound Correspondences
- High-Frequency Words

- · Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Blends
- · Irregularly Spelled Words
- Multiple-meaning Words

#### Vocabulary

- Context Clues
- Multiple-meaning Words
- · Idioms, Adages, and Sayings

#### Writing

· Response to Text

## **Domains**

## **Nursery Rhymes and Fables**

Start learning about literature with these classic Mother Goose rhymes.

#### The Five Senses

Learning about the body starts with learning about how we experience the world.

## Stories: Fairy Tales and Folktales

We learn about the parts of a book and some of the stories that go in one.

## Plants: How Do They Grow?

The life cycle of plants and the history of George Washington Carver.

#### Farms: From the Ground Up

Now we know how plants make their food . . . but what about animals?

#### Native Americans: Tradition, Heritage, and the Land

Who were the first people in America? A look at the Lenape, Wampanoag, and Lakota Sioux.

#### Kings and Queens

To understand fairy tales, it's best to first understand royalty.

## Seasons and Weather: As the Earth Turns

The study of natural cycles continues with the weather and why it happens.

## Colonial Towns and Townspeople: Once Upon America

Before the War for Independence, how did town and country depend on one another?

## Taking Care of the Earth

We only have one Earth—here are some ways to help care for it.

## Presidents and American Symbols: Uniquely American

Start learning about government through the lives of five presidents.

#### Art and the World Around Us

Discover how several artists draw inspiration from their environments and compile student research into a class book.

## Grade 1



In Grade 1, students will sing about a fabulous fox, learn to tell the difference between fairy tale heroes and villains, write an opinion statement about the worst part of going to the moon, and learn about the role of the runner in the ancient Inca civilization.

## **Skills**

#### Oral Language

- · Active Listening and Questioning
- Give and Follow Instructions
- Speaking Conventions
- Collaboration
- · Social Communication

#### **Print Awareness**

- · Basic Features of Print
- Directionality
- Letter Recognition
- · Alphabet/Alphabetizing
- Handwriting-Printing

#### **Phonological Awareness**

- Alliteration
- · Blending and Segmenting
- Initial/Medial/ **Final Sounds**
- Syllables
- Long and Short Vowels

## **Phonetic and Spelling** Knowledge

- Consonants
- · Long and Short Vowels
- Letter Sound Correspondences
- R-Controlled Vowels

- Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Blends
- High-Frequency Words
- · Spelling Patterns
- · Decoding and Spelling Single-Syllable Words
- · Multisyllabic Words
- Inflectional Endings
- · Affixes
- · Compound Words and Contractions
- Irregularly Spelled Words

#### Fluency

· Rate, Accuracy, and Prosody

#### Vocabulary

- Context Clues
- Affixes (Meaning)
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Multiple-meaning Words
- · Idioms, Adages, and Sayings

## Writing

- · Response to Text
- Writing in Text Types
- · Writing Process

## **Domains**

## **Fables and Stories**

Learn some of the key elements of a story through classic fables.

## The Human Body

What are germs? What are the organs? And what does it all have to do with health?

#### Different Lands, Similar Stories

A tour of storytelling and the stories that stay the same in different places.

## **Early American Civilizations**

What will we find in the great temples of the Aztec, Maya, and Inca civilizations?

## **Astronomy: Space Exploration**

How the earth relates to the moon, the sun, and the rest of the planets.

#### The History of the Earth

Just what lies beneath the earth's surface, and what can it teach us about the past?

#### Animals and Habitats: The World We Share

A look at the connection between how animals live and where they make their homes.

## **Fairy Tales**

What do fairy tales teach us about how stories are told?

#### A New Nation: American Independence

The story of the birth of the United States out of the thirteen colonies.

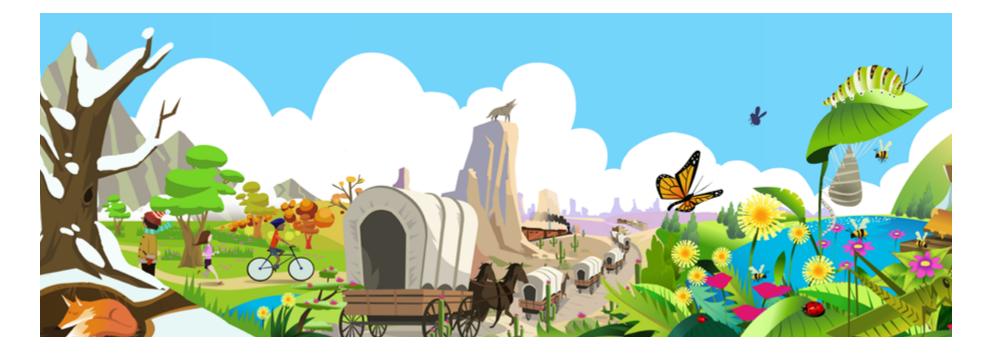
#### **Frontier Explorers**

The story of the journey west from the newborn United States of America to find the Pacific Ocean.

## **Adventure Stories**

Learn about real-life explorers and their adventure stories from the deep oceans to the stars above; then students present research in an Adventure Gallery Walk-through.

## Grade 2



In Grade 2, students will thrill to the crimes of the Cat Bandit, write their own Greek myths, and learn the story of the people who escaped to freedom from slavery by "following the Drinking Gourd."

## **Skills**

#### Oral Language

- · Active Listening and Questioning
- Give and Follow Instructions
- Speaking Conventions
- Collaboration
- Social Communication

#### **Print Awareness**

- · Alphabet/Alphabetizing
- · Handwriting-Cursive

## Phonetic and Spelling Knowledge

- Consonants
- · Long and Short Vowels
- Letter Sound Correspondences
- R-Controlled Vowels
- Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Blends
- · High-Frequency Words
- Spelling Patterns
- Syllabication

- Multisyllabic Words
- · Inflectional Endings
- Affixes
- · Compound Words, Contractions, Abbreviations
- Irregularly Spelled Words

#### Fluency

• Rate, Accuracy, Prosody

#### Vocabulary

• Print and Digital Resources/ Dictionary Skills

- Context Clues
- Affixes (Meaning)
- Synonyms, Antonyms, Homophones
- Multiple-meaning Words
- · Idioms, Adages, and Sayings

#### Writing

- · Response to Text
- Writing in Text Types
- Writing Process

## **Domains**

## Fairy Tales and Tall Tales

Learn about exaggeration and characterization on the frontier.

#### The Ancient Greek Civilization

The tour continues with the philosophy and politics of Greece.

#### **Stories from Mount Olympus**

Dive deep into the characters and storytelling of classic myths.

#### The War of 1812

Learn about America's "Second War for Independence."

## Cycles of Nature: Clouds to Raindrops

Introducing the natural cycles that make our lives possible.

## **Westward Expansion**

Why did pioneers go west? What happened to the people who were there?

#### Insects: All Around

Lay the grounds for animal classification by looking at solitary and social insects.

#### The U.S. Civil War

Begin to grapple with U.S. history's central crisis over slavery.

#### The Human Body: Building Blocks and Nutrition

A deeper dive into the digestive system and the nutrition process.

#### Journeys to America: Land of Opportunity

Why did people immigrate to the United States, and what did they find here?

## Fighting for a Cause

How people can do extraordinary things to make the world better for everyone.

## Up, Up, and Away: The Age of Aviation

Learn about all things airborne in this unit on the history, science, and social impacts of flight, then use your knowledge to create an Aviation Hall of Fame.

## Grade 3



In Grade 3, students will write a newspaper story about the invention of the telephone, go on a digital quest in company with Viking explorers, reflect on the stars with astronomy lab notes, and learn the secret to writing an excellent narrative ending.

## **Skills**

## Oral Language

- · Active Listening and Questioning
- Give and Follow Instructions
- Speaking Conventions
- Collaboration
- Social Communication

#### **Print Awareness**

· Handwriting-Cursive

## **Phonetic and Spelling** Knowledge

- R-Controlled Vowels
- · Digraphs, Trigraphs, and Blends
- High-Frequency Words
- Spelling Patterns
- Syllabication
- Multisyllabic Words
- · Inflectional Endings
- Affixes
- Irregularly Spelled Words

## Fluency

• Rate, Accuracy, Prosody

## Vocabulary

- Print and Digital Resources/Dictionary Skills
- Context Clues
- Affixes (Meaning)
- · Synonyms, Antonyms, Homophones
- Root Words
- Multiple-meaning Words
- · Idioms, Adages, and Sayings

#### Writing

- · Response to Text
- Writing in Text Types
- Writing Process

## **Units**

Classic Tales: The Wind in the Willows

A deep dive into character, theme, and POV in classic stories from around the world.

Scales, Feathers, and Fur: Animal Classification

How do we classify different animals by their appearance and behavior?

The Human Body: Systems and Senses

Let's take a closer look at how the skeleton, muscles, and nervous system work.

The Ancient Roman Civilization

What is Rome's greatest cultural contribution? In this unit, your students decide.

Flash, Bang, Boom! Exploring Light and Sound

The science behind all the ways we see and hear the world.

The Viking Age

An immersive narrative experience about what life was like in Viking communities.

Astronomy: Our Solar System and Beyond

More about our universe, including a writing project about daily life on a space station.

Learning from the Land: Native American Regions and Cultures

How did Native American nations change their ways of life in different parts of the world?

**Early Explorations of North America** 

What was it like to sail to North America with the early European explorers?

Colonial America: Building the New World

A study of the very different ways of life in the pre-U.S. colonies.

**All That Jazz** 

Explore how jazz has spread and connected people across the United States, from the Harlem Renaissance to modern-day Texas.

## Grade 4



In Grade 4, students will take place in a dramatic invention competition judged by Thomas Edison, George Washington Carver, Hedy Lamarr, and Jacques Cousteau, use writing to investigate the function of a mysterious contraption, become poets, and bring their reading skills to bear on contemporary novel The House on Mango Street.

## **Skills**

#### Oral Language

- · Active Listening and Questioning
- Give and Follow Instructions
- · Speaking Conventions
- Collaboration
- · Social Communication

#### **Print Awareness**

• Handwriting-Cursive

## Phonetic and Spelling Knowledge

- Syllabication
- Multisyllabic Words
- Irregularly Spelled Words

#### Fluency

· Rate, Accuracy, Prosody

## Vocabulary

- · Print and Digital Resources/Dictionary Skills
- Context Clues
- Affixes (Meaning)
- · Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homophones
- · Root Words
- · Multiple-meaning Words
- · Idioms, Adages, and Sayings

#### Writing

- Response to Text
- Writing in Text Types
- Writing Process

## **Units**

Personal Narratives: My Story, My Voice

Read stories of personal experience . . . and learn to reflect on your own.

**Eureka! The Art of Invention** 

Transform the class into a lab for students to build and present inventions.

Contemporary Fiction: Mi Calle, Tu Calle

Explore the The House on Mango Street and write a book while doing it.

American Revolution: Building a Nation

Why did the United States seek independence? Let's investigate the causes and effects.

Treasure Island: X Marks the Spot

Seek the treasure of plot in this detailed study of a classic fiction adventure.

**Poetry: Wondrous Words** 

Study the poetry of many nations and begin to write your own.

Geology: This Rock You're Standing On

Plate tectonics, volcanoes, erosion: all the forces that shape the earth.

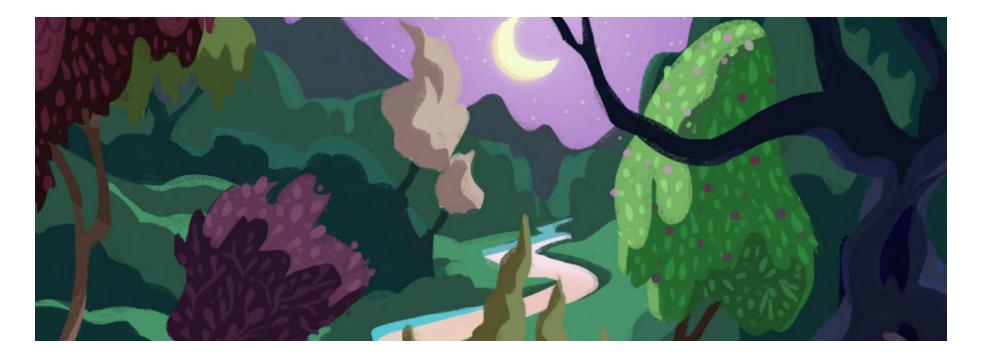
Energy

Learn about the Texas oil boom and renewable energy technologies as you explore energy's history—and its future.

**Novel Study** 

Dive into an authentic novel and analyze its elements and text structure.

## Grade 5



In Grade 5, students will learn about villanelles and Mayan codices, read and perform Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, use their writing skills to teach a robot about human emotions, and solve a scientific mystery involving ancient fossils.

## **Skills**

#### Oral Language

- · Active Listening and Questioning
- Give and Follow Instructions
- Speaking Conventions
- Collaboration
- · Social Communication

#### **Print Awareness**

· Handwriting-Cursive

## Phonetic and Spelling Knowledge

- Syllabication
- Multisyllabic Words
- Irregularly Spelled Words

## Fluency

• Rate, Accuracy, Prosody

#### Vocabulary

- · Print and Digital Resources/Dictionary Skills
- Context Clues
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- · Synonyms, Antonyms, Homophones
- · Root Words
- · Multiple-meaning Words
- · Idioms, Adages, and Sayings

#### Writing

- Response to Text
- Writing in Text Types
- Writing Process

## **Units**

Personal Narratives: Let Me Tell You a Story

Through writing and sharing their writing, students begin to identify themselves as writers.

The Renaissance: Art and Culture

Exploring the art and literature of the Renaissance through works of its masters.

Early American Civilizations: Myths, Pyramids, and Kings

Students craft a codex to explain the rise and fall of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca people.

Don Quixote: A Hopeful Night's Tale

Was Don Quixote right to fight the windmill? In this full-length novel study, students decide.

Poetry: Collage of Words

Students close read many forms of poetry and learn to write them.

Introduction to Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Students enter the world of Shakespeare by reading, designing, and acting out his work.

Native Americans and the United States

How did the policies of the U.S. government impact Native American culture and lives?

Chemical Matter: Detectives, Dinosaurs, and Discovery

Students use knowledge of chemistry to solve a mystery of missing fossils.

Beyond Juneteenth: 1865 to Present

Learn the meaning of Juneteenth and research the contributions African Americans and their allies have made to society since 1865.

**Novel Study** 

Dive into an authentic novel and analyze its elements and text structure.



# English Skills

Every day in the Elementary Literacy Program (English) classroom, students will practice their existing reading skills while stretching themselves toward new goals. In K–2 English classrooms, each day includes dedicated Skills time to help you give students a solid foundation. In the upper grades, Skills instruction becomes integrated with knowledge lessons, and students engage with increasingly complex content-rich texts and writing activities.



# The science of reading: Skills (K–2 English)



## Start with the sound

All instruction starts with phonological awareness, which research shows benefits the greatest number of students. Students begin by learning to recognize sounds as well as to articulate them.



## Build to the phoneme

Over time, students build up their awareness of phonemes. We give teachers a variety of tools, including multisensory gestures, to help kids develop this awareness.



## Crack the code

Once students can recognize sounds, they learn to form the corresponding letter codes. The Elementary Literacy Program starts by teaching the soundspellings that appear most frequently in English, which lets your students read and write as many words as possible, as soon as possible.



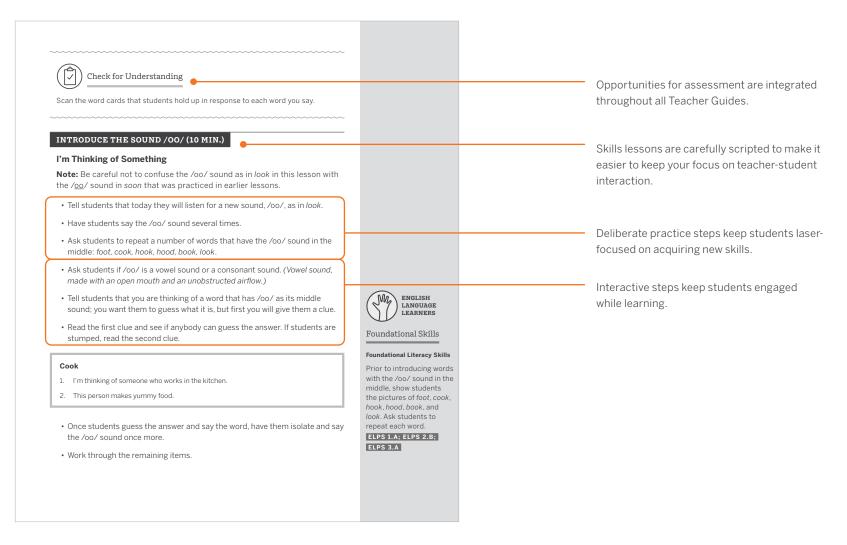
## **Grow in complexity**

The lessons continue to challenge students as they progress, introducing complications like multisyllabic words, "tricky words," and homophones. In each case, students encounter complications as they become ready for them.



## Start with the sound

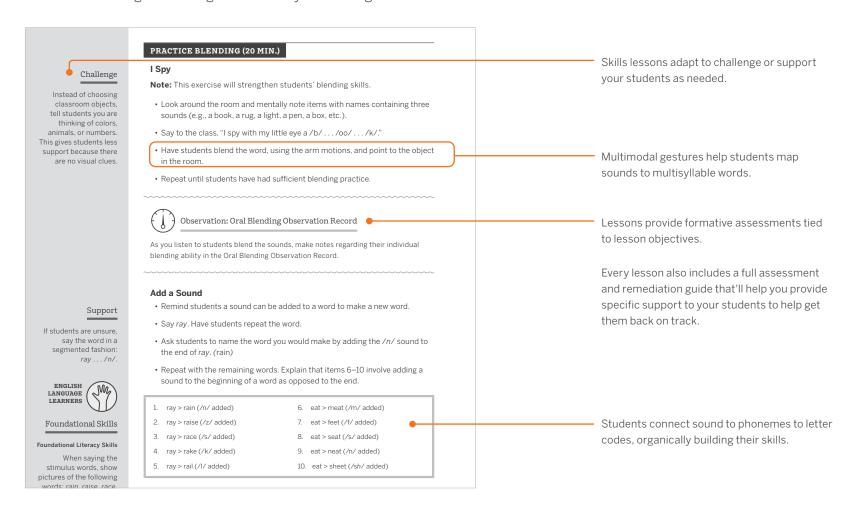
Skills instruction always starts by introducing the sound first. (Research shows that's what works best for students.)





## **Build to the phoneme**

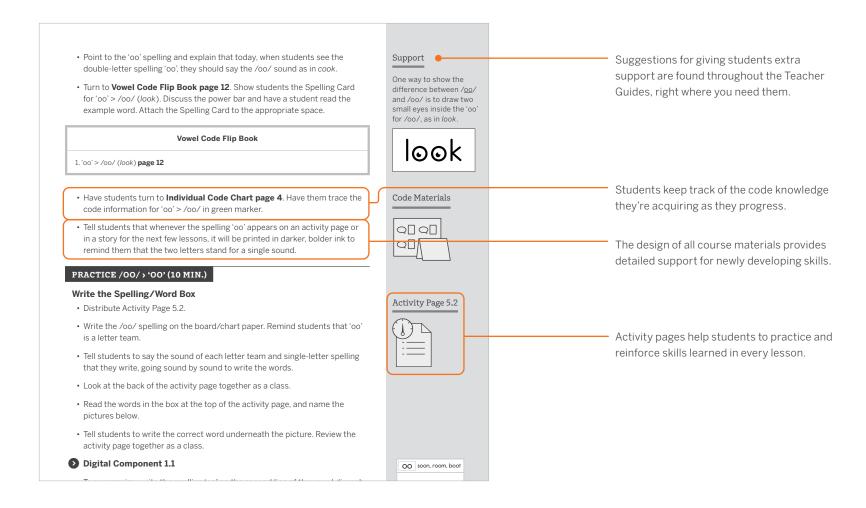
Once students are familiar with a sound, they'll learn to analyze it in terms of phonemes, which begins to build the bridge between sounds and letter codes. We support you and your students with a variety of techniques and remediations designed to integrate well into your existing classroom.





## **Crack the code**

Once students learn to recognize a sound in the words they hear, they'll learn to write it and then practice decoding it in text.



Take-home reading encourages kids to practice their skills outside of class and keeps parents involved in learning.

Dear Family Member, This is a story your child has probably read once, possibly several times at school. Encourage your child to read the story to you and then talk about it together. Note that the tricky parts in Tricky Words are underlined. Repeated reading is an important way to improve reading. It can be fun for your child to repeatedly read this story to a friend, relative, or even a pet. The Two Dogs Once two dogs met. One of them was a tame dog who made his home with men. One was

The dog who ran free stared at the tame dog and said, "Why is it that you are so plump and I am so thin?"

"Well," said the tame dog, "I am plump because the men feed me. I do not have to run all the time to get my food. My job is to keep the home safe <u>wh</u>en the men are in their beds.

a dog who ran free.



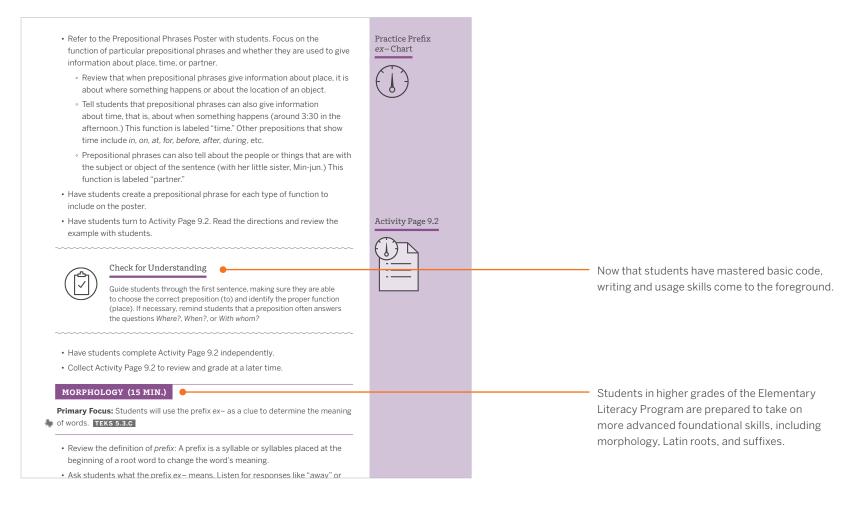


Letter cards give students a simple and effective way to practice letter codes as a group.



## **Grow in complexity**

As students progress through the grades, skills practice continues but becomes integrated with the overall curriculum. Students use the skills foundations they developed in Grades K-2 to take on more challenging tasks.



		Root rupt	
	ite the correct word to compl ike the word correctly fit in th		eed to add -ed, -ing, or -s to
	uninterrupted	erupt	disrupt
	rupture	abrupt	eruption
1.	A volcanic	is usually sudden an	d violent.
2.	When my friend lied to me	e, it caused a(n)	in our friendship
3.	My parents say it's bad for television, so they limit ho		hours watching
4.	Old Faithful is a geyser in 's several times a day.	Yellowstone National Park th	nat
5.	Sometimes my dog the night.	my sleep w	hen she barks in the middle

Vocabulary in the Elementary Literacy Program
units is tied to the unit's knowledge content,
helping students master skills in context.



# **Skills practice: student Readers**

As students continue to move through the curriculum, their understanding of the code will become more sophisticated. The Elementary Literacy Program is designed to progress with them through decodable readers that grow more advanced along with students' skills.

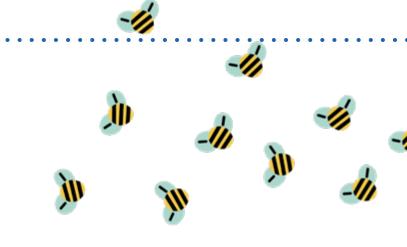
"Was it fun?" Josh asks. "Some of it was fun," says Gran. "But it was not all fun and games. I had to sweep and pick up. And I had to wipe off the cake case." "Can you still make cakes?" asks Jen. "You bet I can!" says Gran. "Do you want to make one?" 58

New sounds in each unit are introduced in bold. Students are also introduced to "tricky" spelling concepts where some letters in the word do not follow the regular code rules. An underline in a word indicates a tricky spelling.



K-2 Skills units are paired with decodable chapter books that let students try out newly learned sound-spellings on engaging stories and interesting informational texts.



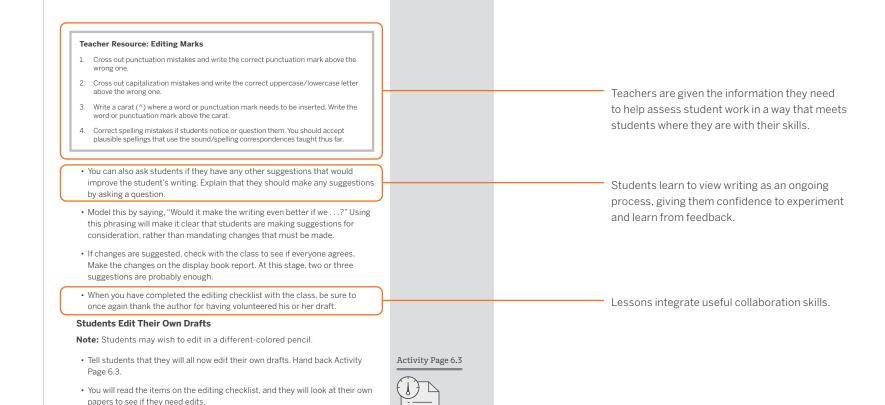




As students move through Grades K–5, Readers become more sophisticated, growing along with the student.

# Skills practice: writing

Throughout the K-2 Skills units, we ask students to practice their writing skills along with their reading. Student book reports on the Readers and other reflective assignments help build good writing habits early and prepare students for the challenges ahead.



· Ask the class if their own draft has the name of the tale, or title. If they do, tell them to give you a thumbs-up sign. If they are missing the name of the tale,



NAME: DATE:  This tale tells us  Activity Page	Reading and writing work together. ("Read to write, write to read.")
	Handwriting is an important part of writing!
I liked/did not like this tale because	Students are taught not just to write, but to think and to defend their thoughts.



# English and Spanish Knowledge

While students are learning how to read, Knowledge Domains in English and Spanish give them authentic and engaging reasons to read. Students will use their skills to explore domains that relate to storytelling, science, and the history of our world as seen through the eyes of many different groups. All Knowledge Domains are available in English and Spanish, bringing the world to students in any Texas bilingual or dual language classroom. With these domains, you'll show your students why reading should become an exciting, rewarding, and useful part of their lives.



# The science of reading: Knowledge



# **Build connections and context**

Each Elementary Literacy Program Knowledge Domain gives students a base of vocabulary and concepts, building on what they've learned in previous domains. This helps students make connections within and across grades, building a base of background knowledge that will help them navigate new and more complex texts.



# **Emphasis on interactivity**

We emphasize interactions with students, challenging them and encouraging them to think about the material rather than simply receive it. Each lesson includes many options for formative assessment and immediate adjustment to your class's needs.



## Listen and understand

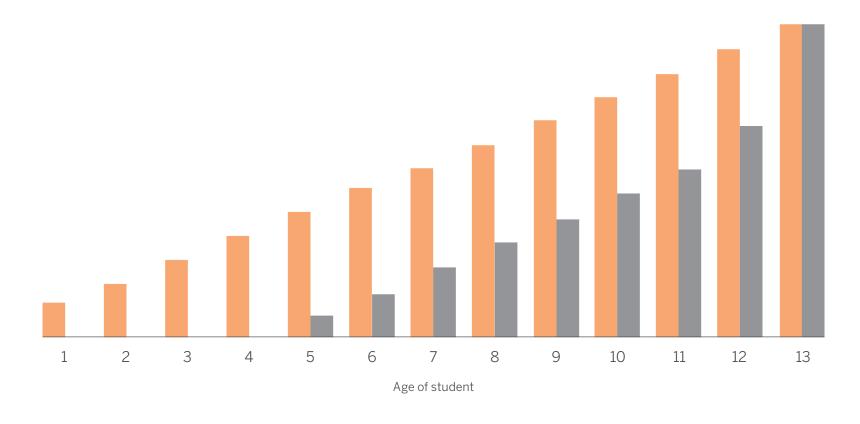
Students learn to listen and understand before they learn to read. By delivering knowledge through classroom Read-Alouds, we teach students the key comprehension skills they'll use throughout their reading lives.

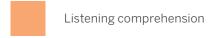


# **Assess what's important**

End-of-domain digital assessments for Knowledge Domains are fully voice acted, ensuring that each student's comprehension skills are being authentically tested. This not only helps build student test-taking confidence, but also gives you a more accurate picture of your class.

# The direct relationship between listening and reading comprehension







Students' listening comprehension outpaces their reading comprehension until age thirteen. We've designed our Read-Aloud lessons around this fundamental understanding to make sure that students interact with complex texts and background knowledge from day one.

T.G. Sticht, 1974, 1984

# Knowledge and Integrated units available for ELAR and SLAR



# Built with students and their families at the core

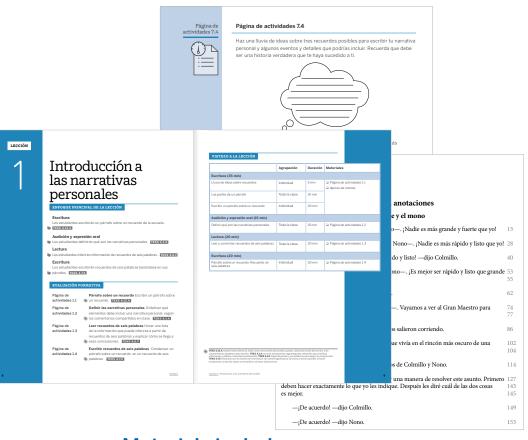
- Materials can support any ESL, Bilingual, or Dual Language Immersion program
- · Spanish materials based on a combination of authentic and carefully transadapted texts





# **Built with your instructional** models in mind

- Dual Language Immersion (one way and two way)
- · Any language allocation model
- Two-Teacher Model and One-Teacher Model
- Transitional Bilingual Education Programs



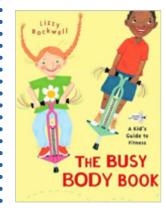
# Materials include

- · Texas standards at point of use
- · Authentic language Read-Alouds
- Some units built on authentic texts in Spanish
- Tools for bridging to English from Spanish (metalinguistic, contrastive analysis, cognitive transfer)

# What's in an Elementary Literacy Program knowledge lesson?

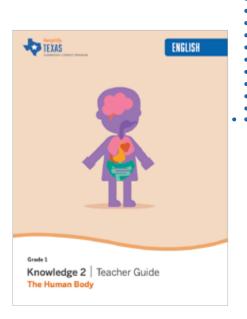
Here's a deep dive into one of our lessons—this one from Grade 1, Domain 2, The Human Body—to give a sense of what your students will encounter in a typical Elementary Literacy Program knowledge lesson.

### **English and Spanish Trade Books and Guides**





# **English and Spanish Teacher Guides**

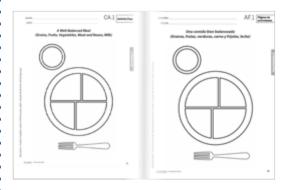




**English and Spanish Flip Book** 



## **English and Spanish Activity Books**



# **English and Spanish Digital Components**



# **English and Spanish End-of-Domain Assessments**

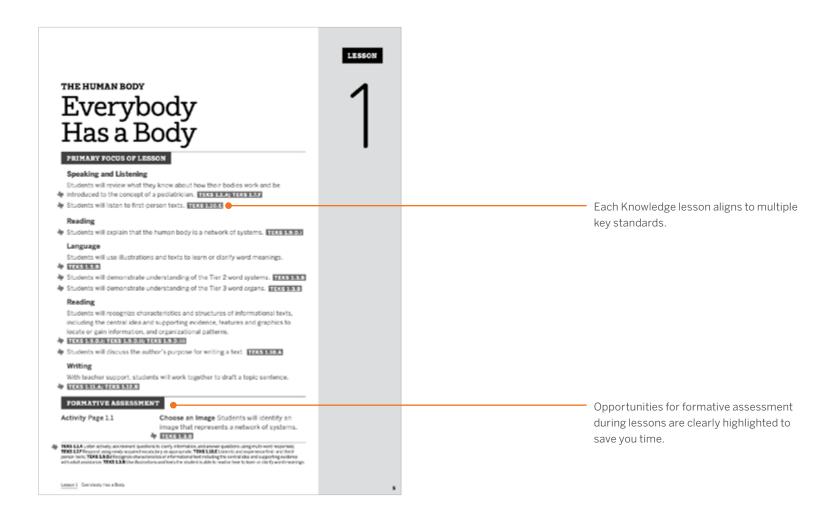


# English and Spanish Image Cards



# Introduction

Each Knowledge lesson in K-2 begins with a review of previous knowledge, helping kids connect the knowledge they're building as they grow as readers.



Knowledge Domains give students context to understand vocabulary words.

#### CORE VOCABULARY

human, adj. having to do with, or acting like, a person Example: Sometimes it seemed as if her dog had human emotions. Variation(s): human, n.

network, n. a group of parts or systems that work together Example: The boy created a network of roads for his toy car. Variation(s): networks

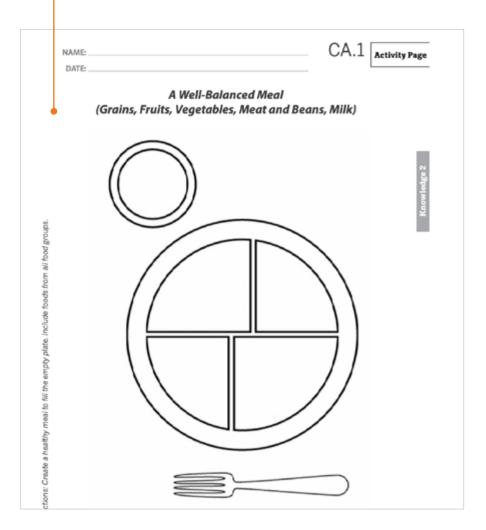
organs, n. body parts that perform specific tasks Example: All of the organs in your body work to keep you healthy. Variation(s): organ

oxygen, n. a gas in air and water that living things need to survive Example: Humans take oxygen into their lungs from the air they breathe. Variation(s): none

systems, n. groups of organs that work together in the human body Example: Human body systems include the digestive system and the circulatory system. Variation(s): system

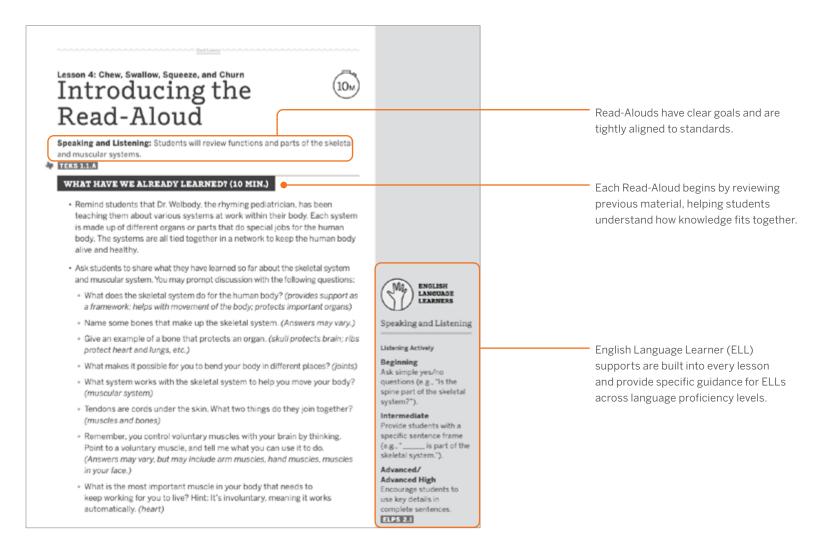
Туре	Tier 3 Domain-Specific Words	Tier 2 General Academic Words	Tier 1 Everyday Speech Words			
Vocabulary	oxygen (oxígeno)	network systems (sistemas) human (humano/a)				
Multiple Meaning	organs (órganos)					
Sayings and Phrases						

Students will fill in this empty plate with a drawing of a healthy meal as they gain knowledge about the food pyramid.



# **Interactive Read-Aloud**

Students will begin their learning journey about the human body with a Read-Aloud. Through careful questions, students will start to piece together how these two concepts might connect.



Read-Alouds are supported by vivid images, increasing engagement and understanding.

1A-2

Read-Alouds emphasize interactivity and critical thinking about the content.

Embedded differentiation gives teachers in-the-moment opportunities for enrichment and extra support.

A listening comprehension approach lets students focus on engaging with the content.

Challenge

Support

Organs are also musical

instruments that have

keyboards, similar to a

Ask students what other types of bodies they can think of aside from the human body.

Here's one I made up about my favorite subject, the human body:

Everybody has a body And I have one, too. It is grand to understand The things our bodies do.

Show Image 1A-2: Dr. Welbody

Now you say it with me. [Ask students to echo each line after you as you repeat the rhyme.]

Show Image 1A-3: Diverse people

What do you see in this picture? The human body truly is an amazing thing. Some parts of a human are on the outside where we can see them. What parts of your body can you see? What parts of the children sitting near you can you see? [Pause for answers.] You can probably see skin, hair,

faces, and fingernails. Skin comes in different colors. Hair does, too. Hair may be curly, wavy, or straight. Eyes may be brown, blue, or green. People are also different sizes and different ages, too.

**TEKS 1.3.B** 

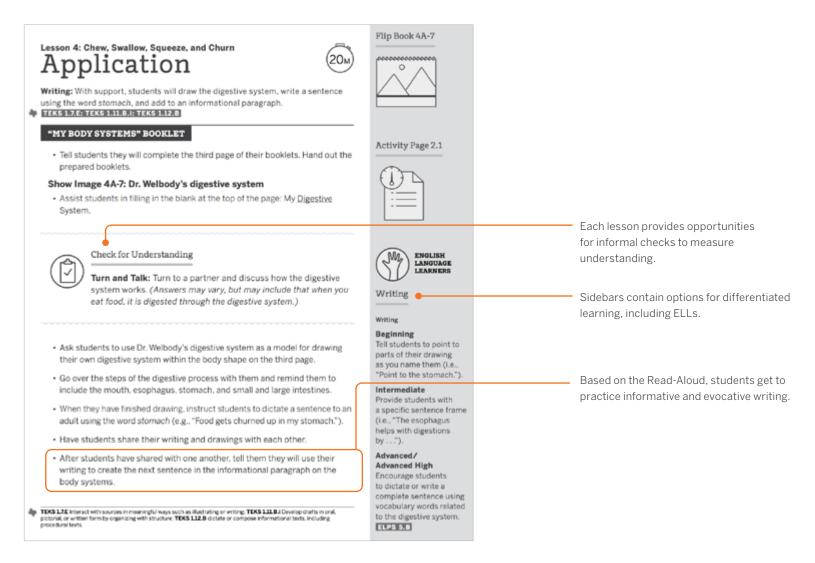
Show Image 1A-4: Diagram of the human body

Although people may look somewhat different from one another on the outside, on the inside all humans are pretty much alike. All humans have organs, such as stomachs and intestines, inside them. [Point to the diagram.] This is one meaning of the word organs. The organs work together in

systems to keep each person alive and healthy. A system is a group of organs working together. For example, the stomach and intestines are part of the digestive system, which turns the food you eat into energy. During our time together, I am going to teach you about the skeletal system, the muscular system, the digestive system, the circulatory system, and the nervous system.

# **Application**

After each Read-Aloud, students will apply what they've learned through word work and other writing and critical thinking activities.





All our Knowledge Domains are paired with trade books, extending the knowledge students are learning through an authentic text.

## Grade 1: Domain 2 The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness



by Lizzy Rockwell

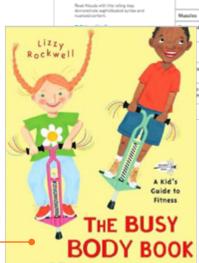
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**Essential Question** 

How does the human body work?

Use the chart below to review key body parts and their functions with students. Refer to the diagrams and text in the book during the discussion

Summary: Students learn how key body parts work within the human body in this colorfully illustrated informational text. which features a diverse group of children engaging in various physical activities. Detailed diagrams of the human body focus on important body systems, providing the names and functions of key body parts. Students learn that while each body part plays a role, they must all work together to keep us strong and healthy.



			helps us move
	Muscles		help you move. lift, and stretch
	3	d Nerves	control every move     get information from the world
	9		Inhale oxygen, exhale waste     send oxygen to brain and muscles
١		nd Blood	move oxygen to other parts of the body     pump blood through the body
7		h and is	provide food and water to the body     provide materials to build have and murde.

# Knowledge 3−5 ·

By Grades 3–5, students have mastered the basics of decoding and are hungry to use what they've learned to reach out to the world. Although Read-Alouds remain an important part of lessons, starting in Grade 3 students are encouraged to practice independent reading as well, finding a balance between strong teacher support and building independence and confidence as readers.

When you were a baby, you did not need to learn how to breathe. Your lungs worked automatically, bringing air into and out of your body. You also did not need to learn how to use your vocal cords to make sounds. When you were a baby, you made lots of funny noises and grunts. Ask your parents!

You did, however, need to learn how to change those grunts and noises into words so you could talk. You did this by listening to the people who talked to you when you were a baby. You practiced saying the same sounds and words. You learned to speak whatever language all of those people were speaking to you. If your family spoke only English to you, you learned to speak English. If your family spoke only Spanish to you, you learned to speak Spanish. People can learn to speak more than one language. Maybe you or some of your classmates speak more than one language.

Vocabulary words are highlighted, encouraging students to learn them in context.

Readers are available through the resource site.

Informational and literary texts engage with students and encourage them to reflect on their experiences.

El hacendado me dio una nota para que le entregara a John Silver, "el Largo". Me abri paso por el embarcadero atestado. lleno de gente y carros cargados, hasta encontrar la taberna.

Era más brillante y limpia de lo que me esperaba. Las ventanas brillaban y el suelo estaba bien pulido. Los elientes eran marineros que hablaban entre ellos a viva voz y con entusiasmo.



Mientras esperaba, un hombre apareció desde una habitación lateral. Deduje que debia de ser John Silver, "el Largo". Le faltaba la pierna inquierda y caminaba con la ayuda de una muleta, que manejaba con una habilidad maravillosa, saltando sobre ella como un pájaro alegre. Silver era alto y fuerte, con la cara tan grande como un jamón, pero que rebosaba inteligencia. Silbaba mientras iba de mesa en mesa, charlando jovialmente o dando palmadas en el hombro a cada uno de sus huéspedes.

Desde la primera vez que se mencionó a John Silver en la carta del hacendado, temi que pudiera ser el mismo marinero de una sola pierna por el que estuve alerta en la posada Almirante Benbosc. Pero una sola mirada a este hombre fue suficiente para convencerme de que no tenía nada que temer. Había visto al capitán, a Perro Negro y a Pew y creia saber cómo se veían los bucaneros, muy diferentes a este tabernero limpio y agradable.

· Pida a los estudiantes que lean el tercer párrafo en silencio.

Para inferir. ¿Qué significa la palabra apareció en la primera oración del párrafo?

salió o surgió

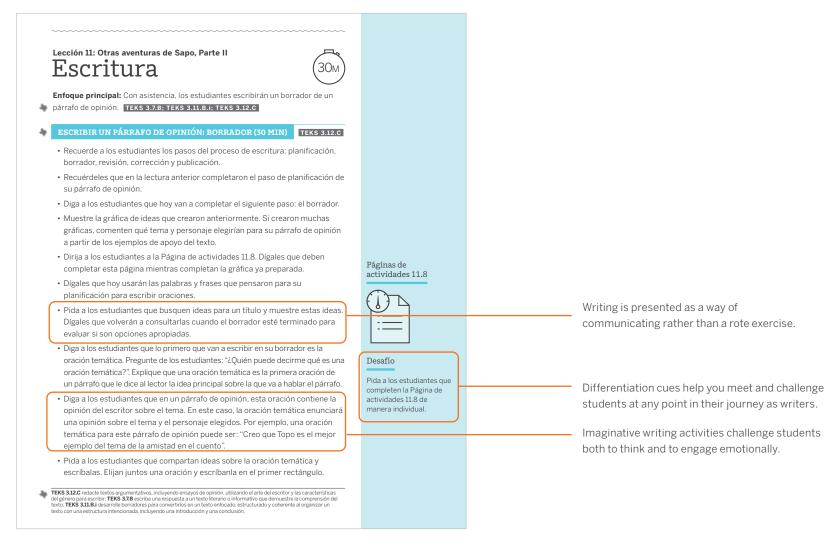
Independent reading is tied explicitly to learning about the world.

Lessons emphasize analysis, inference, and critical thinking.



# Writing and language

As students progress from K-5, writing activities start to emphasize analysis, creativity, and independent thinking about the material students are learning.



# **Core Quests: transforming the classroom**

Each of the grade levels in 3–5 contains a Core Quest. In these special units, all the normal rules of the classroom change, and students engage with language in surprising new ways. Here in this Grade 5 example, they learn to love the dense Shakespearian language of A Midsummer Night's Dream through imagery, close reading, and performance.





Lesson 11: Performing Shakespeare's Work

# Performing Shakespeare's Work



Primary Focus: Students will identify the main ideas of Act 3, Scene 1.

TEKS 5.3.B; TEKS 5.6.F; TEKS 5.6.G; TEKS 5.7.C; TEKS 5.7.D; TEKS 5.8.B

Students will perform scenes from Act 3, Scene 1, using appropriate gestures.

#### **TEKS 5.1.C**

#### LANGUAGE WARM-UP: DONKEY SOUNDS (5 MIN.)

- · Invite students to the front of the classroom in groups and have them put on their Bottom transformation costumes. When they are up front, tell them to warm up by giving a big "Hee-Haw."
- · If students have any particularly original transformation props, interview their creators about their inspiration.

Variation: Have the whole class stand and warm up together.

Variation: Remind students that, shortly after his transformation, Bottom sings in addition to making donkey noises. Ask for song recommendations and invite the class to sing them in the style of Bottom as a donkey. Encourage students to give a reason that links Bottom to the song they suggest.

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Ask students how they think Bottom would like singing in a group of actors, based on what they have read in the text.

# Teacher support and additional resources

There's more to the Elementary Literacy Program than just the lesson sequence. We also provide additional resources for students and teachers, including professional development, digital resources for students to enrich their classroom learning, and English language development resources for supporting all learners. In this section, we'll talk about some of those tools.



# The science of reading: supporting instruction

The Elementary Literacy Program provides tools for measuring and understanding the different learners in each classroom, while empowering teachers with resources they need too.



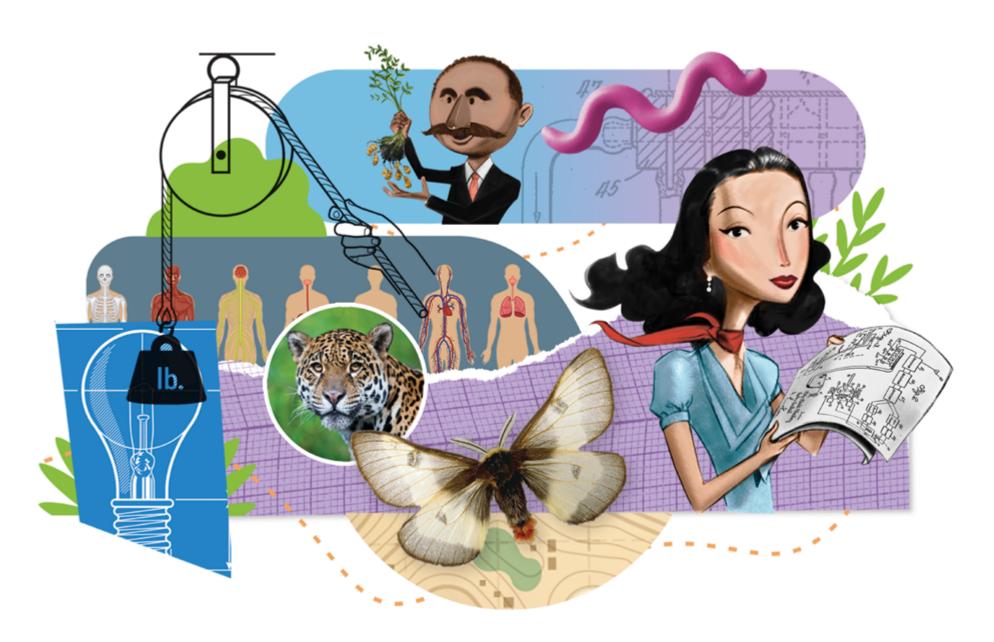
# **Teacher resources**

From digital Teacher Guides to Image Cards, we provide all the support instructors need to plan and execute each Elementary Literacy Program lesson.



## **Assessment**

Student assessment gives the necessary inputs needed to differentiate instruction effectivelyfrom informal and minute-by-minute opportunities to lessons designed to remediate, enrich, and offer targeted practice.



# **Check for Understanding**

Each lesson segment incorporates checks for understanding to increase engagement and to let you make real-time adjustments where they count most for your students.

## Formative Assessment

Each lesson goal is standards-aligned and tied to a formative assessment opportunity, allowing you to see which students need more support with an objective.

#### Challenge

Slowly rotate the globe so your town is half in the path of the light and half out of the path of light and ask students what is happening in your town at that moment. (sunrise) Continue rotating the globe counterclockwise and ask what happens as your town goes back into shadow. (sunset)

What does the rotation of the earth on its axis cause? (the cycle

- · Give students Activity Page 1.1. Read the prompts for each question and tell students to circle the appropriate answer.
- Collect Activity Page 1.1 to ensure that students understand how the rotation of the earth causes daytime and nighttime.

#### Check for Understanding

once again directly in the beam of light.

of daytime and nighttime)

· Observation 2: Help students observe that it is nighttime in your town when the sun is shining on the opposite side of the globe and your town is in · Now continue slowly spinning the globe counterclockwise until the sticker is

• Observation 3: Help students observe that when the earth spins all the way

around one time, one whole day-or twenty-four hours-has passed on the

Activity Page 1.1

#### TEKS 2.1.D

Students will identify examples of exaggeration in "Paul Bunyan."

#### TEKS 2.9.A

#### Language

Students will identify the meaning of the Tier 2 word admiration and use it

#### TEKS 2.3.C

With assistance, students will use a graphic organizer to identify elements of a tall tale in "Paul Bunyan."

#### TEKS 2.9.A

#### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Is "Paul Bunyan" a Tall Tale? Students will identify one characteristic of tall tales that is present in "Paul Bunyan."

#### TEKS 2.9.A

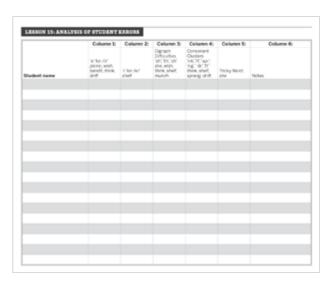
## Mid- and End-of-Unit Assessments

Each unit and domain includes a Mid-Unit and End-of-Unit Assessment, providing valuable information on the skills and content students have mastered. Digital end-of-unit assessments are available on a variety of platforms.



# **Benchmark Assessments**

Benchmark Assessments help you set goals and monitor the growth of each student, providing a baseline at the beginning of the year and ensuring students are advancing toward gradelevel objectives.



To learn more and access introductory program resources and samples, visit the Texas Home Learning website (texashomelearning.org/instructional-materials-thl) or the Amplify Texas website (amplify.com/texas-home-learning/).

