



Language Arts 3

Semester A Summary:

In this course, the student will learn, practice, and apply the skills and strategies intrinsic to becoming a stronger, more fluent reader and writer. The course presents reading, writing, and language instruction in close alignment with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). In daily core reading instruction, the student will have the opportunity to read texts in a variety of literary and nonfiction genres. Instruction is then presented in two modes: Peer Model, in which the student will view a video of a peer learning how to use and apply the target skill, and 21st Century, in which the student will gain proficiency in the skills, knowledge, and expertise they must master to succeed in work and life. Throughout the core reading block, engaging and thought-provoking activities allow the student to master a variety of related disciplines, including fluency, vocabulary, and speaking and listening. The course also provides the student with a thorough understanding of the writing process, from planning to drafting to revision, editing, and publishing, and includes instruction in developing a personal narrative and an explanatory text. The focus on reading and writing is supplemented with instruction in grammar, phonics, spelling, handwriting, and reading foundations—skill areas vital to the student’s overall development as a reader, writer, and communicator.

Semester A Outline

1. Adventure Stories

1. Adventure Stories: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify word parts, including affixes and roots.
 - In this lesson, you will read spelling words that have the short vowels e, o, and u.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the meaning of prefixes in words.
2. Adventure Stories: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will locate information in a story in response to questions.
 - In this lesson, you will use word parts (such as affixes and root words) to understand the meaning of a word.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing all capital letters.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with short vowels e, o, and u.
3. Adventure Stories: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will find text evidence in a story to answer questions.
 - In this lesson, you will use communication strategies during a question-and-answer session.
 - In this lesson, you will use root words you know to figure out the meaning of a word you do not know.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing all lowercase letters.
4. Adventure Stories: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will answer questions about a story.
 - In this lesson, you will use your voice to express feeling while reading aloud.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with short vowels e, o, and u.
 - In this lesson, you will review the process of choosing a book to read.
5. Adventure Stories: Synthesize

- In this lesson, you will answer questions about a story.
- In this lesson, you will make judgments about a story.
- In this lesson, you will answer framing questions in a story.
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

2. Better Together

1. Better Together: Genre

- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
- In this lesson, you will demonstrate ethical use of the internet.
- In this lesson, you will identify differences between spoken and written language.
- In this lesson, you will spell words that end with silent e.
- In this lesson, you will identify common suffixes.

2. Better Together: Comprehension

- In this lesson, you will identify events in the beginning, the middle, and end of a story using a think-aloud strategy.
- In this lesson, you will identify the sequence of events in a story using a think-aloud strategy.
- In this lesson, you will explain what common suffixes mean.
- In this lesson, you will practice cursive with lines, such as slant and straight lines.
- In this lesson, you will read words that end with silent e.

3. Better Together: Speak and Listen

- In this lesson, you will explain how transition words show the sequence of events in a story.
- In this lesson, you will use transition words to make the sequence of events clear.
- In this lesson, you will use glossaries to understand the meaning of words and phrases.
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
- In this lesson, you will practice cursive with curved lines, such as circles and part circles.

4. Better Together: Fluency

- In this lesson, you will use signal words to accurately show the sequence of events in a story.
- In this lesson, you will use signal words to show how a character's feelings are connected to story events.
- In this lesson, you will spell words that end with silent e.
- In this lesson, you will review the use of words that show the order of events in a story.

5. Better Together: Synthesize

- In this lesson, you will predict the sequence of events in a story.
- In this lesson, you will find the sequence of story events using your predictions.
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

3. Adventures on Water

1. Adventures on Water: Genre

- In this lesson, you will listen to identify if the story you hear is realistic.
- In this lesson, you will use dictionaries to check the spelling of words.
- In this lesson, you will identify long a spelling patterns.
- In this lesson, you will identify words with Latin suffixes.

2. Adventures on Water: Comprehension

- In this lesson, you will describe a story character's traits.

- In this lesson, you will draw conclusions about story characters using graphic organizers.
 - In this lesson, you will discover the meaning of words with Latin suffixes.
 - In this lesson, you will practice staying on the lines when you write.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with long a spelling patterns.
3. Adventures on Water: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will draw inferences about a character's motivation in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will use formal language to share details with an audience.
 - In this lesson, you will use dictionaries to correct spelling.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase i and lowercase t in cursive.
 4. Adventures on Water: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will describe a character's feelings in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will communicate with expression to entertain.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the long a spelling patterns.
 - In this lesson, you will draw inferences about characters.
 5. Adventures on Water: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will draw inferences about how characters feel and act.
 - In this lesson, you will make connections between characters and events in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will learn when to speak and when to listen.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

4. Adventures Near and Far

1. Adventures Near and Far: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the difference between synonyms and antonyms.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with long o and long i spelling patterns.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading out loud smoothly and easily.
2. Adventures Near and Far: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will retell a story to make sure you comprehend what you have read.
 - In this lesson, you will retell a story that you have read.
 - In this lesson, you will retell tall tales using features such as exaggerations and funny details.
 - In this lesson, you will determine the meaning of words using a thesaurus.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase e and lowercase l in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with long o or long i spelling patterns.
3. Adventures Near and Far: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will paraphrase part of a story.
 - In this lesson, you will orally summarize a story.
 - In this lesson, you will draw conclusions about a fable.
 - In this lesson, you will determine the meaning of words in sentences using a thesaurus.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing lowercase o and lowercase a in cursive.
4. Adventures Near and Far: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will retell a myth using your own predictions.
 - In this lesson, you will use appropriate phrasing while reading a myth aloud.
 - In this lesson, you will use your own words to restate what you hear in a text.

- In this lesson, you will spell words with long vowel o and long vowel i spelling patterns.
 - In this lesson, you will review retelling a story.
5. Adventures Near and Far: Read
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
6. Off on Adventures Unit Test

5. **Discovering Folktales**

1. Discovering Folktales: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will learn how to use quotation marks in writing dialogue.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the correct long u spellings.
 - In this lesson, you will analyze the parts of a personal narrative.
2. Discovering Folktales: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will make predictions about what will happen in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will find the central message in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will use the setting of a story to better understand the story.
 - In this lesson, you will identify correct use of quotation marks in dialogue.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the correct long u spellings.
 - In this lesson, you will describe how personal narratives tell about events in the order that they happen.
3. Discovering Folktales: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will restate the lesson in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will determine the lesson in a folktale or fable.
 - In this lesson, you will write dialogue with punctuation.
 - In this lesson, you will plan the beginning of a personal narrative.
4. Discovering Folktales: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will find the central message in a myth.
 - In this lesson, you will set a goal to improve your reading speed.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the correct long u spellings.
 - In this lesson, you will use what you know about the kinds of syllables to read words.
 - In this lesson, you will write a draft of the introduction to your personal narrative.
5. Discovering Folktales: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will find details that support the central message of a story.
 - In this lesson, you will explore different interpretations of a story's message.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how heritage language affects English.
 - In this lesson, you will give examples of how authors plan the events they include in the beginning, middle, and end of a story.

6. **Characters Who Change**

1. Characters Who Change: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how nouns are used.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the correct long e spellings.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how temporal words help writers show when events happen.
2. Characters Who Change: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will explain the difference between first-person and third-person point of view.
 - In this lesson you will distinguish whether sentences are in the first-person or third-person point of view.

- In this lesson, you will explain the difference between formal and informal language.
- In this lesson, you will explain how nouns are used in sentences.
- In this lesson, you will read words with the correct long e spellings.
- In this lesson, you will explain how dialogue helps writers develop characters and plot.

3. Characters Who Change: Speak and Listen

- In this lesson, you will identify the perspective of the narrator in a story.
- In this lesson, you will identify the perspective of a narrator.
- In this lesson, you will explain how pronouns are used in sentences.
- In this lesson, you will identify descriptive words in personal narratives.

4. Characters Who Change: Fluency

- In this lesson, you will identify the perspectives of characters in a story.
- In this lesson, you will spell words with the correct long e spellings.
- In this lesson, you will plan your personal narrative.

5. Characters Who Change: Synthesize

- In this lesson, you will compare perspective between self and character or narrator in a story.
- In this lesson, you will write a draft of your personal narrative.

7. Clever Characters

1. Clever Characters: Genre

- In this lesson, you will identify the features of a folktale and character traits.
- In this lesson, you will explain how verbs are used.
- In this lesson, you will spell words that begin with silent letters (wr, kn).
- In this lesson, you will explain the differences among the kinds of syllables.

2. Clever Characters: Comprehension

- In this lesson, you will discuss the parts of a story.
- In this lesson, you will use a story's details to talk about a story's parts.
- In this lesson, you will explain how adjectives are used.
- In this lesson, you will read words with silent letters wr and kn.
- In this lesson, you will practice writing lowercase n and lowercase m in cursive.

3. Clever Characters: Speak and Listen

- In this lesson, you will explain the purpose of different story parts.
- In this lesson, you will use digital tools to record yourself reading part of a story.
- In this lesson, you will explain how to use adverbs.
- In this lesson, you will practice writing lowercase c and lowercase d in cursive.
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

4. Clever Characters: Fluency

- In this lesson, you will describe how parts of a story build on each other.
- In this lesson, you will analyze the connections between parts of a story and read text aloud with accuracy.
- In this lesson, you will spell words with silent letters.
- In this lesson, you will review the parts of a story.

5. Clever Characters: Synthesize

- In this lesson, you will tell how each part adds to a story.
- In this lesson, you will make personal connections to a story.
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

8. Acting Out Folktales

1. Acting Out Folktales: Genre

- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.

- In this lesson, you will form regular plural nouns.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words that begin with the three-letter blends thr, spr, scr, and str.
 - In this lesson, you will identify kinds of syllables to help you read words in a sentence.
2. Acting Out Folktales: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will identify parts of a play.
 - In this lesson, you will use plural nouns correctly when speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the three-letter blends thr, spr, scr, and str.
 - In this lesson, you will revise your personal narrative.
 3. Acting Out Folktales: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will identify the purpose of parts of a play.
 - In this lesson, you will identify and spell words that begin with the three-letter blends thr, spr, scr, and str.
 - In this lesson, you will use plural nouns correctly when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will revise your personal narrative.
 4. Acting Out Folktales: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will describe how each scene in a play builds on the previous scenes.
 - In this lesson, you will read aloud with expression.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the three-letter blends thr, spr, scr, and str.
 - In this lesson, you will edit your personal narrative.
 5. Acting Out Folktales: Write
 - In this lesson, you will publish your personal narrative.
 6. Fun with Folktales Unit Test

9. **Amazing Animals**

1. Amazing Animals: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will check your writing again and revise words and sentences.
 - In this lesson, you will form plural nouns that do not follow the -s and -es rule.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the vowel digraphs oo, ew, ue, ui.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with more than one syllable.
2. Amazing Animals: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will explain how facts and opinions are different.
 - In this lesson, you will use facts to look at the solution to a problem.
 - In this lesson, you will practice using irregular plural nouns correctly when you write.
 - In this lesson, you will practice joining letters in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the vowel digraphs oo, ew, ue, ui.
3. Amazing Animals: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will determine whether a sentence is a fact or an opinion in a nonfiction text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain attitudes using opinions.
 - In this lesson, you will practice using irregular plural nouns correctly when you speak.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase u and lowercase w in cursive.
4. Amazing Animals: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will separate facts from opinions in a nonfiction text.
 - In this lesson, you will use feedback to improve your oral reading.

- In this lesson, you will spell words with oo, ew, ue, and ui.
 - In this lesson, you will review how to separate facts from opinions.
5. Amazing Animals: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will explain how an author supports ideas using facts and reasons.
 - In this lesson, you will judge texts on how well the author uses supporting facts.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

10. **Animals and Their Habitats**

1. Animal Habitats: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify abstract nouns.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with r-controlled vowels ar, or, and ore.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading words with more than one syllable.
2. Animal Habitats: Comprehension
- In this lesson, you will use illustrations to make predictions about what you will read.
 - In this lesson, you will confirm predictions using illustrations.
 - In this lesson, you will use abstract nouns correctly when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase b and f in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with r-controlled vowels ar, or, and ore.
3. Animal Habitats: Speak and Listen
- In this lesson, you will describe the purpose of illustrations in an informational book.
 - In this lesson, you will discuss the purpose of illustrations.
 - In this lesson, you will use abstract nouns correctly when speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase h and lowercase k in cursive.
4. Animal Habitats: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will explain how illustrations help you understand what you read.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with r-controlled vowels ar, or, and ore.
 - In this lesson, you will review ways that illustrations add information to texts.
5. Animal Habitats: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will use illustrations and words to understand what you read.
 - In this lesson, you will use information from illustrations and words to understand what you read.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

11. **Animal Behaviors**

1. Animal Behaviors: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will form regular verbs.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with r-controlled vowels er, ir, ur, and or.
 - In this lesson, you will use a dictionary to find the language an English word comes from.
2. Animal Behaviors: Comprehension
- In this lesson, you will identify text features while reading nonfiction.
 - In this lesson, you will identify text features.
 - In this lesson, you will write using regular verbs.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase g and lowercase q in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with r-controlled vowels er, ir, ur, and or.

3. Animal Behaviors: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will explain how to use text features to find information.
 - In this lesson, you will participate in a discussion.
 - In this lesson, you will use regular verbs correctly when you speak.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase j and lowercase p in cursive.
4. Animal Behaviors: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will use tools to find information about a topic.
 - In this lesson, you will use tools to expand your knowledge about a topic.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with r-controlled vowels er, ir, ur, and or.
 - In this lesson, you will review how text features can give information in texts.
5. Animal Behaviors: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will use text features to find information.
 - In this lesson, you will organize information quickly.
 - In this lesson, you will prepare for a discussion about a text.

12. Animal Features

1. Animal Features: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will form irregular verbs.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with r-controlled vowels: air, are, and ear.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading a poem fluently.
2. Animal Features: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will identify problems and solutions in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify problems, solutions, and chronological order.
 - In this lesson, you will write using irregular verbs.
 - In this lesson, you will write lowercase r and lowercase s in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with r-controlled vowels: air, are, and ear.
3. Animal Features: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will explain chronological order in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will speak using irregular verbs.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing lowercase y and lowercase z in cursive.
4. Animal Features: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will explain how to identify problems and solutions.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading aloud with accuracy.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with r-controlled vowels air, are, and ear.
 - In this lesson, you will participate in a group discussion about a text.
5. Animal Features: Fluency Discussion
6. Animal Features: Read
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
7. Captivating Critters Unit Test

13. Learning New Things

1. Learning New Things: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will form simple verb tenses.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the prefixes pre-, dis-, and mis-.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how writers of explanatory texts organize information.
2. Learning New Things: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will state aloud the key details that support the main idea.
 - In this lesson, you will find text details about historical figures.

- In this lesson, you will form the past tense of some irregular verbs.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the prefixes pre-, dis-, and mis-.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how writers of explanatory texts develop a topic with details like facts, definitions, and illustrations.
3. Learning New Things: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will explain how key details support a main idea.
 - In this lesson, you will listen for the details that support the main idea in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will use verb tenses correctly when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will choose a topic and find information about it.
 - In this lesson, you will find information about a topic of your choice.
 4. Learning New Things: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will find the main ideas of paragraphs in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will learn how to skim text to find main ideas quickly.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the prefixes pre-, dis-, and mis-.
 - In this lesson, you will write an introduction to your explanatory text.
 5. Learning New Things: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will find details that support a main idea.
 - In this lesson, you will find the parts of a paragraph that make up a whole.
 - In this lesson, you will review the supporting details of the main idea in paragraphs.

14. Learning Starts with Questions

1. Question to Learn: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will read words that do not follow regular spelling patterns.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with diphthongs oi and oy.
 - In this lesson, you will connect ideas using language such as linking words and phrases.
2. Question to Learn: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will make inferences about the topic of what you read.
 - In this lesson, you will find clues in what you read to make inferences.
 - In this lesson, you will form prepositional phrases.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with diphthongs oi and oy.
 - In this lesson, you will identify features of strong concluding statements.
3. Question to Learn: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will identify details that support the main idea of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will evaluate evidence that supports a main idea.
 - In this lesson, you will use prepositional phrases when you communicate.
 - In this lesson, you will use your plan to write the body of your explanatory text.
4. Question to Learn: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will determine the main idea and supporting details in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will use details to determine the main idea in a text that gives information.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with diphthongs oi and oy.
 - In this lesson, you will use a plan to draft the conclusion to your explanatory text.
5. Question to Learn: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will follow three-step directions.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

- In this lesson, you will review inferring main ideas from supporting details in texts.

15. Learning from Science

1. Learning from Science: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain what context clues are.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the vowel pairs ai, ay, ee, and ea.
 - In this lesson, you will read more words that do not follow regular spelling patterns.
2. Learning from Science: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will find key words about time in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain an author's purpose and use of time words.
 - In this lesson, you will use context clues to determine the meaning of words and phrases.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with vowel pairs ai, ay, ee, ea.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing lowercase v in cursive.
3. Learning from Science: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson, you will find words that show a sequence.
 - In this lesson, you will tell about an experience.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the context clues you used to find the meaning of a word.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing lowercase x in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
4. Learning from Science: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will find cause-and-effect in a nonfiction text.
 - In this lesson, you will match examples to conclusions.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with vowel pairs ai, ay, ee, and ea.
 - In this lesson, you will review signal words and cause-and-effect relationships.
5. Learning from Science: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will find words that show cause-and-effect.
 - In this lesson, you will recall a learning experience to make connections between ideas.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

16. Exploring the World

1. Exploring the World: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will use cause and effect to create new ideas.
 - In this lesson, you will identify abbreviations.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with plural endings -s, -es, -ies.
 - In this lesson, you will revise your explanatory text.
2. Exploring the World: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will use dates, signal words, and cause/effect to describe historical events.
 - In this lesson, you will create new ideas using cause-and-effect.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the meaning of some abbreviations.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with plural endings -s, -es, and -ies.
 - In this lesson, you will revise your writing.
3. Exploring the World: Speak and Listen
 - In this lesson you will identify words that connect scientific ideas, including time, sequence, and cause/effect signal words.
 - In this lesson, you will report on the steps in a process.
 - In this lesson, you will use abbreviations correctly.
 - In this lesson, you will edit your explanatory text.

4. Exploring the World: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will describe a series of steps using signal words.
 - In this lesson, you will read a text with accuracy.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the plural endings -s, -es, -ies.
 - In this lesson, you will publish your revised explanatory text.
5. Exploring the World: Write
 - In this lesson, you will listen to decide whether what you hear is a story or whether it gives information.
6. Learning Experiences Unit Test

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Semester B Outline

1. Use Your Imagination

1. Use Your Imagination: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the difference between literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the vowel sound spelled aw, au, al, all, a, and o.
 - In this lesson, you will form contractions.
2. Use Your Imagination: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will identify similes in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will use similes to talk about feelings.
 - In this lesson, you will tell the difference between literal and nonliteral meanings of words in a literary text.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase A and O in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the vowel sound spelled aw, au, al, all, a, and o.
3. Use Your Imagination: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will determine the meanings of some similes.
 - In this lesson, you will discuss ways to reduce stress.
 - In this lesson, you will discuss the use of voice in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will make connections between words and their use.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase C and E in cursive.

4. Use Your Imagination: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will tell what metaphors are and find metaphors in a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will read aloud to someone.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the vowel sound spelled aw, au, al, all, a, and o.
 - In this lesson, you will identify similes and metaphors.
5. Use Your Imagination: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will determine the meanings of metaphors.
 - In this lesson, you will determine new uses for ordinary objects.
 - In this lesson, you will determine the meanings of metaphors.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

2. Family First

1. Family First: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify examples of homographs.
 - In this lesson, you will identify homophones.
 - In this lesson, you will form irregular contractions.
2. Family First: Comprehension
 - In this section, you will identify examples of personification.
 - In this section, you will explain what examples of personification mean.
 - In this section, you will explain how authors use personification in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will identify homonyms.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase L and uppercase D in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read homophones.
3. Family First: Speak/Listen
 - In this section, you will tell what personification means in a story. You will tell how personification shapes the story.
 - In this section, you will provide responses to questions about personification while using complete sentences.
 - In this lesson, you will use homonyms and homophones correctly in text.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase B and R in cursive.
4. Family First: Fluency
 - In this section, you will explain what the idioms in a story mean.
 - In this section, you will identify how punctuation helps in reading with expression.
 - In this lesson, you will spell homophones.
 - In this lesson, you will identify personification and idioms.
5. Family First: Synthesize
 - In this section, you will use context clues to understand the meaning of idioms. You also will explain how an idiom shapes a story.
 - In this section, you will explain how the meaning of idioms shapes a story.
 - In this section, you will draw conclusions about a story.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

3. Think Creatively

1. Think Creatively: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify subject-verb agreement.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with soft c and soft g.
 - In this lesson, you will practice fluently reading a fable with expression.
2. Think Creatively: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will identify a theme in a story.

- In this lesson, you will use the theme of a story to identify how people from different backgrounds can work together.
 - In this lesson, you will use subject-verb agreement in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase T and F in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with soft c and soft g.
3. Think Creatively: Speak/Listen
- In this lesson, you will use clues to find the setting in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will locate information in a story to respond to questions.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how the characters in a series move the story forward in similar and different ways.
 - In this lesson, you will use subject-verb agreement when speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase S and G in cursive.
4. Think Creatively: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will explain how the themes in two stories by the same author are the same and different.
 - In this lesson, you will determine how characters in stories deal with setbacks.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with soft c and soft g.
 - In this lesson, you will identify theme and setting in a story.
5. Think Creatively: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will explain how the settings in two stories are the same and different.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the conflict and resolution in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

4. **Conflicts Help Us Grow**

1. Conflicts Help Us Grow: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify something you like to do with your family and draw a picture of it.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify pronouns and antecedents in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words in which the letter y changes to i when an ending is added.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading a text with accuracy.
2. Conflicts Help Us Grow: Comprehension
- In this lesson, you will use pronouns and antecedents correctly when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will make connections between events in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will use pronouns and their antecedents correctly when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase I in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words in which the letter y changes to i when an ending is added.
3. Conflicts Help Us Grow: Speak/Listen
- In this lesson, you will determine similarities and differences in the plots of two stories.
 - In this lesson, you will draw conclusions about the same character in different stories.
 - In this lesson, you will use pronouns and their antecedents correctly when speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase J in cursive.
4. Conflicts Help Us Grow: Fluency

- In this lesson, you will determine genres by comparing and contrasting details.
 - In this lesson, you will read aloud with expression to communicate characters' words.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words in which the letter y changes to i when an ending is added to a base word.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the plot and genre of a text.
5. Conflicts Help Us Grow: Read
- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
6. Growing and Overcoming Unit Test

5. Getting to Know You

1. Getting to Know You: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how to use comparative and superlative adjectives.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the endings -er and -est.
 - In this lesson, you will identify how a writer tells readers their opinion on a topic.
2. Getting to Know You: Comprehension
- In this lesson, you will provide responses to questions about characters.
 - In this lesson, you will respond to key questions.
 - In this lesson, you will identify comparative and superlative adjectives in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the endings -er and -est.
 - In this lesson, you will identify how writers group an opinion and reasons in a text.
3. Getting to Know You: Speak/Listen
- In this lesson, you will provide responses to questions about setting.
 - In this lesson, you will provide responses to questions after listening to a story.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the correct comparative or superlative adjective when writing or speaking.

In this lesson, you will explain your opinion on a topic in your introduction.

4. Getting to Know You: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will answer questions about plot.
 - In this lesson, you will read with expression.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with the endings -er and -est.
 - In this lesson, you will explain reasons for your opinion in a concept web.
5. Getting to Know You: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will answer questions about the sequence of events in a story.
 - In this lesson, you will analyze two stories for similarities and differences.
 - In this lesson, you will answer questions about plot and sequence.

6. Surprising Characters

1. Surprising Characters: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify linking words and phrases and tell how writers use them to connect opinions, reasons, and details.
 - In this lesson, you will describe comparative adverbs and superlative adverbs.
 - In this lesson, you will identify compound words.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how writers use linking words and phrases to connect opinions, reasons, and details.
2. Surprising Characters: Comprehension

- In this lesson, you will use the names for parts of poems when talking and speaking about a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will use details to describe differences in cultures after reading a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the rhyme scheme in a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will identify comparative adverbs and superlative adverbs in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will read compound words.
 - In this lesson, you will identify features of strong conclusions.
3. Surprising Characters: Speak/Listen
- In this lesson, you will identify parts of a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will think about your healthy habits and plan to make changes.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how sound devices are used in a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will determine the correct use of comparative and superlative adverbs.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the reasons for your opinion.
4. Surprising Characters: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will explain the meaning of lines and stanzas.
 - In this lesson, you will read a poem with expression.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the structure of poems.
 - In this lesson, you will spell compound words.
 - In this lesson, you will write a draft of the conclusion to your opinion text.
5. Surprising Characters: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will explain how details build a poem.
 - In this lesson, you will analyze how people interpret messages differently.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the meaning of parts of a poem.

7. Keeping an Open Mind

1. Keeping an Open Mind: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how to use singular possessive nouns.
 - In this lesson, you will identify singular possessive words.
 - In this lesson, you will read a text at a proper rate.
2. Keeping an Open Mind: Comprehension
- In this lesson, you will connect story events to feelings and experiences in your own life.
 - In this lesson, you will identify connections made between characters' experiences and in your own life.
 - In this lesson, you will identify singular possessive nouns in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will read singular possessive words.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing in cursive with proper spacing between letters.
3. Keeping an Open Mind: Speak/Listen
- In this lesson, you will identify connections between different story events and experiences in your own life.
 - In this lesson, you will identify connections between different texts.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will practice writing in cursive with proper spacing between words.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
4. Keeping an Open Mind: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will compare a story to your own life.

- In this lesson, you will demonstrate fluent reading in a recording after learning about careers that require that skill.
 - In this lesson, you will spell singular possessive words.
 - In this lesson, you will connect a text to your life and to other texts.
5. Keeping an Open Mind: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will use your own knowledge and experiences to make comparisons between texts.
 - In this lesson, you will compare how builders and readers reflect on experiences to make connections.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

8. Asking for Help

1. Asking for Help: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how plural possessives are used.
 - In this lesson, you will identify plural possessive words.
 - In this lesson, you will revise your opinion text.
2. Asking for Help: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will explain how a story's illustrations help create a mood.
 - In this lesson, you will identify plural possessive nouns in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will read plural possessive words.
 - In this lesson, you will check your writing again for further revisions.
3. Asking for Help: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will explain how a story's illustrations help you understand a character.
 - In this lesson, you will discuss people's feelings after listening to understand.
 - In this lesson, you will form and use plural possessive nouns when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will edit your opinion text.
4. Asking for Help: Fluency
 - In this section, you will describe a story's setting, including how illustrations help you understand it.
 - In this lesson, you will get your opinion text ready to share with readers.
 - In this lesson, you will spell plural possessive words.
 - In this lesson, you will prepare your opinion text for readers.
5. Asking for Help: Write
 - In this lesson, you will present your opinion text to your Learning Coach.
6. First Impressions Unit Test

9. Out in Space

1. Out in Space: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify coordinating and subordinating conjunctions in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with the suffixes -ful, -less, and -ly.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading aloud with expression.
2. Out in Space: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will locate information in a text in response to questions.
 - In this lesson, you will locate answers in a text in response to questions.
 - In this lesson, you will use coordinating conjunctions correctly in writing and speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase M and N in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with the suffixes -ful, -less, and -ly.
3. Out in Space: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will find text evidence to answer questions.

- In this lesson, you will use coordinating or subordinating conjunctions depending on the meaning of a sentence.
 - In this lesson, you will use subordinating conjunctions correctly in writing and speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will find text evidence and answer questions about an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase H and K in cursive.
4. Out in Space: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will answer questions about an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will use ideas from reading to do creative work.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with suffixes -ful, -less, and -ly.
 - In this lesson, you will answer questions about an informational text using text evidence.
5. Out in Space: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will answer questions about an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will tell how your social groups are similar and different.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

10. Creatures of the Night

1. Creatures of the Night: Genre
- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will use commas in addresses.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with closed syllables.
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading a poem aloud without making mistakes.
2. Creatures of the Night: Comprehension
- In this section, you will explain how the ideas are organized in an informational text.
 - In this section, you will explain how rereading helps you understand text structure.
 - In this lesson, you will use commas when writing about locations.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase P and Q in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with closed syllables.
3. Creatures of the Night: Speak/Listen
- In this section, you will identify comparison in an informational text.
 - In this section, you will use a diagram to make comparisons.
 - In this lesson, you will use commas with coordinating adjectives.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase V and U in cursive.
4. Creatures of the Night: Fluency
- In this lesson, you will explain how and why authors use comparison or cause and effect to organize ideas.
 - In this lesson, you will read new words with accuracy.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with closed syllables.
 - In this lesson, you will use signal words to find causes and effects in an informational text.
5. Creatures of the Night: Synthesize
- In this lesson, you will explain how authors use comparison or cause-and-effect to organize ideas.
 - In this lesson, you will identify correct cause-and-effect connections.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.

11. It Happens at Night!

1. It Happens at Night!: Genre

- In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will use commas with a series of words.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with open syllables.
 - In this lesson, you will use context to determine the meaning of a word.
2. It Happens at Night!: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will determine why authors put events in a sequence.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the most important ideas in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase W and X in cursive.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with open syllables.
 3. It Happens at Night!: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will identify an author's use of sequencing in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will describe how people plan and use their time well to do a task or series of steps in a task.
 - In this lesson, you will capitalize the names of geographical places.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write uppercase Y and Z in cursive.
 4. It Happens at Night!: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will describe how ideas in sentences are connected.
 - In this lesson, you will describe how people plan for and complete a task or steps in a task.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with open syllables.
 - In this lesson, you will describe how authors use sequence, comparison, or cause and effect to organize ideas.
 5. It Happens at Night!: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will explain how the ideas in different paragraphs are connected.
 - In this lesson, you will demonstrate thinking like a scientist.
 - In this lesson, you will identify problems and solutions in informational texts.
 - In this lesson, you will identify some roles for taking part in a group discussion.

12.Changes in the Night Sky

1. Changes in the Night Sky: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will practice reading a poem at a proper rate.
 - In this lesson, you will capitalize words in titles and titles of respect when writing.
 - In this lesson, you will capitalize number words that begin a sentence.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with prefixes un-, re-, pre-, and dis-.
 - In this lesson, you will read a poem aloud at a proper rate.
2. Changes in the Night Sky: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will learn how to ask questions to identify causes and effects.
 - In this lesson, identify causes and effects by asking questions.
 - In this lesson, you will capitalize historical periods and special events.
 - In this lesson, you will capitalize the names of places and holidays.
 - In this lesson, you will write a sentence in cursive on two lines.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with prefixes un-, pre-, re-, and dis-.
3. Changes in the Night Sky: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will use signal words to identify causes and effects.
 - In this lesson, you will use signal words to make connections.
 - In this lesson, you will capitalize company and product names.

- In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 - In this lesson, you will write sentences in cursive on two lines.
4. Changes in the Night Sky: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will identify compare/contrast relationships.
 - In this lesson, you will use comprehension strategies while reading an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with prefixes un-, pre-, re-, and dis-.
 - In this lesson, you will list ways you can build better relationships with others.
 5. Changes in the Night Sky: Fluency Discussion
 6. Changes in the Night Sky: Read
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 7. Out at Night Unit Test

13. **Sea Creatures**

1. Sea Creatures: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will tell how primary and secondary sources are different.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words that end with a consonant followed by -le.
 - In this lesson, you will identify parts of a research report.
2. Sea Creatures: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will explain how primary and secondary sources are different.
 - In this lesson, you will explain the solution to a problem.
 - In this lesson, you will expand simple sentences and compound sentences.
 - In this lesson, you will read words that end with a consonant followed by -le.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how writers introduce a topic in the introduction of a research report.
3. Sea Creatures: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will identify examples of primary and secondary sources.
 - In this lesson, you will give a report about a topic.
 - In this lesson, you will rearrange simple sentences and compound sentences.
 - In this lesson, you will vary sentence beginnings to improve fluency.
 - In this lesson, you will plan the introduction of your research report based on your research.
4. Sea Creatures: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will explain why some sources may be more reliable than others.
 - In this lesson, you will make a research plan that includes primary and secondary sources.
 - In this lesson, you will explain what a text is about by skimming it.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words that end with a consonant followed by -le.
 - In this lesson, you will write a draft of the introduction of your research report.
5. Sea Creatures: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will explain how to use paraphrasing to avoid plagiarism.
 - In this lesson, you will find the answers to questions in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will paraphrase main ideas and details in a text.
 - In this lesson, you will plan the body paragraphs of your research report.

14. **The Importance of Oceans**

1. The Importance of Oceans: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.

- In this lesson, you will think aloud to identify important points and key details in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words with ough, augh, and old.
 - In this lesson, you will identify how facts, definitions, details, and visuals are used in a research report.
2. The Importance of Oceans: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will identify important points and key details in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will use idea-generating techniques.
 - In this lesson, you will identify information that supports a topic.
 - In this lesson, you will use complex sentences in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will create sentence fluency by using long and short sentences.
 - In this lesson, you will read words with ough, augh, and old.
 - In this lesson, you will identify how skilled writers end their research reports.
 3. The Importance of Oceans: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will make comparisons and contrasts between two texts about the same topic.
 - In this lesson, you will use effective speaking tips while giving a speech.
 - In this lesson, you will use complex sentences when writing and speaking.
 - In this lesson, you will create a draft of the body paragraphs in your research report.
 4. The Importance of Oceans: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will compare how ideas are shared in different media.
 - In this lesson, you will compare different types of media.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words with ough, augh, and old.
 - In this lesson, you will write a conclusion for your research report.
 5. The Importance of Oceans: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will explain how annotations help you to find and take notes about a source.
 - In this lesson, you will analyze texts to compare and contrast important points.
 - In this lesson, you will analyze texts to compare and contrast important points as they relate to science.
 - In this lesson, you will use signal words to find causes and effects in an informational text.

15. Ocean Journeys

1. Ocean Journeys: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will define shades of meaning among words that are related.
 - In this lesson, you will identify words that are part of the -ind, -ost, and -ild word families.
 - In this lesson, you will read poetry aloud in an interesting way.
2. Ocean Journeys: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will read compound words.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the author's point of view in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify problems and their solutions.
 - In this lesson, you will tell the differences among the meaning of words that describe states of mind.
 - In this lesson, you will distinguish differences among the meaning of words that describe states of mind.

- In this lesson, you will read words that are part of the -ind, -ost, and -ild word families.
 - In this lesson, you will write words, thoughts, and answers in cursive.
3. Ocean Journeys: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will determine an author's point of view using evidence in an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the main idea and supporting details in a text that is read aloud.
 - In this lesson, you will distinguish among the meanings that describe degrees of certainty.
 - In this lesson, you will show paragraphs by indenting or skipping a line.
 - In this lesson, you will read a book of your choice.
 4. Ocean Journeys: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will describe how to separate your point of view from an author's point of view.
 - In this lesson, you will read a text aloud with accuracy and the right rate.
 - In this lesson, you will spell words that are part of the -ind, -ost, and -ild word families.
 - In this lesson, you will explain how an author's point of view differs from your point of view.
 5. Ocean Journeys: Synthesize
 - In this lesson, you will determine the meanings of new words that relate to the topic of an informational text.
 - In this lesson, you will compare texts in order to develop a point of view about how people can protect our oceans.
 - In this lesson, you will choose and read a book.

16. Dangers to Our Oceans

1. Dangers in Our Oceans: Genre
 - In this lesson, you will identify the genre of a text.
 - In this lesson, you will identify how similes and metaphors add effect to writing.
 - In this lesson, you will identify contractions.
 - In this lesson, you will create a works cited page for your research report.
2. Dangers in Our Oceans: Comprehension
 - In this lesson, you will use text features to learn the meaning of unfamiliar words.
 - In this lesson, you will identify texts with an inanimate voice.
 - In this lesson, you will identify the effect of similes and metaphors in writing.
 - In this lesson, you will read contractions.
 - In this lesson, you will revise your research report.
3. Dangers in Our Oceans: Speak/Listen
 - In this lesson, you will use context clues to learn the meaning of academic words.
 - In this lesson, you will report clearly on a topic.
 - In this lesson, you will add onomatopoeia, similes, and metaphors to revise sentences for effect.
 - In this lesson, you will edit your research report.
4. Dangers in Our Oceans: Fluency
 - In this lesson, you will use context clues to learn the meaning of domain-specific words.
 - In this lesson, you will set a goal to improve the time you can read aloud with accuracy.
 - In this lesson, you will explain examples of hyperbole in a text.

- In this lesson, you will spell contractions.
 - In this lesson, you will add a visual to your research report before sharing it with readers.
5. Dangers in Our Oceans: Write
 - In this lesson, you will present your research report.
 6. The Deep Blue Sea Unit Test