

Hi there,

You can use this slide deck
to host a 30-minute training
session for teachers.

Just complete **2 quick steps**
before the session.



Before the training



1. Get your school's **join link** to share with teachers.

What is a join link? This custom link allows teachers to instantly join your school's Mystery Science account.

Don't have the link? No problem! Ask your administrator for your school or district's join link, or simply head over to mysteryscience.com to make an account.

Before the training

1. Get your school's join link to share with teachers.



2. **Email your colleagues** to invite them to the training session.

*See the next slide for an email template
you can copy, paste & adapt!*



Email template

Hi fellow teachers,

I'll be sharing why I use Mystery Science at our upcoming meeting on **[INSERT DATE/TIME/LOCATION]**. I'd love to help you get started with this easy, engaging resource!

Before the training, please join our school's Mystery Science account by clicking on this link: **[INSERT THE JOIN LINK]**.

Please bring your laptop to the meeting so we can get you set up and ready to teach!

You're all set!

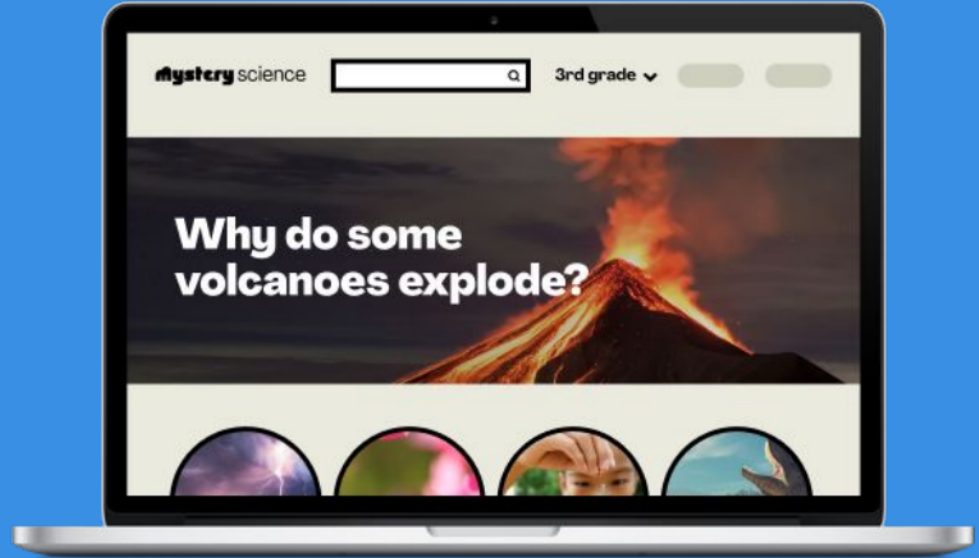
The next slide is the start of
the training presentation.

Share your screen and
have fun!



An introduction to

Mystery Science



Agenda

1. What is Mystery Science?
2. How can I get started?
3. What are some quick tips?
4. Ready to explore on your own?



What is Mystery Science?

**Open-and-go
lessons
that inspire
kids to love
science**

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3rd Grade ▾ Curiosity Jar Help Account ▾

Hi! Let's pick a lesson!

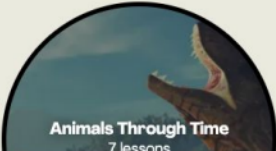
Science Units Mini-lessons

K-5 Mini-Lesson

Do sharks really want to eat people?

[View lesson](#)

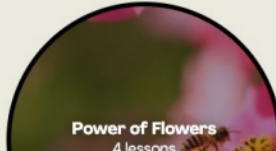
3rd Grade Science Units [See all >](#)



Animals Through Time
7 lessons



Circle of Life
3 lessons



Power of Flowers
4 lessons



Stormy Skies
5 lessons

 Support

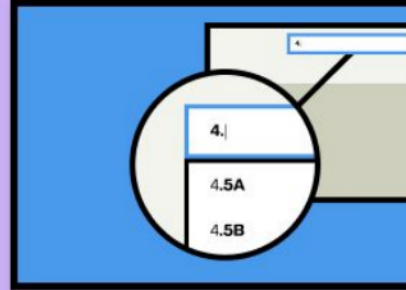
Hands-on science made easy



**Engaging, interactive
lessons kids love**



**Easy-prep
hands-on activities**



**Standards-aligned
science units**

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Science Units

Fossils, Animal Survival, & Heredity

Life Cycles

Plant Life Cycle & Heredity

Weather & Climate

Forces, Motion, & Magnets

NGSS

Circle of Life

Standards & Prep ▾

Lesson 1

Animal Life Cycles
 3rd • How is your life like an alligator's life?

★ NEW! Lesson + Activity
✔ Standards Aligned

Lesson 2

Environmental Change & Engineering
 3rd • What's the best way to get rid of mosquitoes?

✖ Lesson + Activity ✔ Standards Aligned

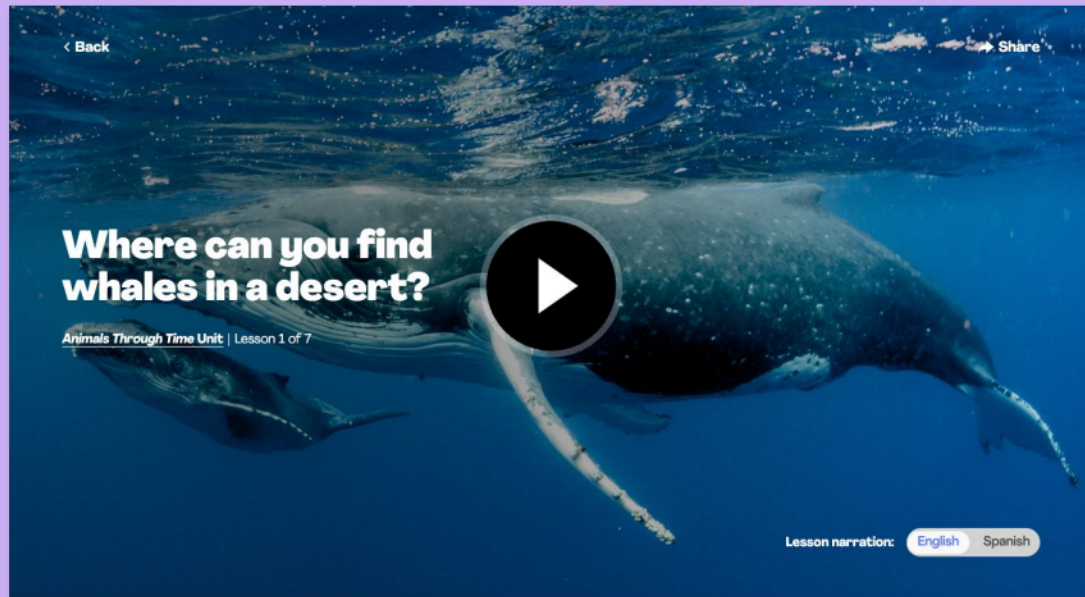
Lesson 3

Plant Life Cycles
 3rd • Why are there so many different kinds of flowers?

★ NEW! Lesson + Activity
✔ Standards Aligned

Lessons

- Take 45-60 min to teach
- Video exploration & discussion
- Hands-on activities with step-by-step video instructions
- Simple supplies for easy prep



Activity Prep

 [Print Prep](#)

In this lesson, students explore the idea that the rock under our feet sometimes contains fossils, and investigate how these fossils reveal changes in habitat through time. In the activity, Fossil Dig, students use paper to create a model fossil dig. They identify traits of fossils to determine what the habitat looked like when these organisms were alive. Then they use this information to figure out where some Mystery Fossils belong in their fossil dig.

 [Preview activity](#)

-  **Exploration**
10 mins
-  **Hands-On Activity**
30 mins
-  **Wrap-Up**
10 mins

Mini-lessons

- 5-10 minutes long
- Discussion questions
- New mini-lesson each week
- Over 150 lessons in the archive

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Mini-lessons

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What does a scientist do?

- Leela, United States

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Share Student Link
Google Classroom
Extensions
Credits

Looking for a hands-on activity?

View Hands-on Activity

Previous Episodes





**How do I get
started?**



A quick tour...

Mystery Science x +

mysteryscience.com/home

You're trying out the newest version of the website! [Go back](#)

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Hi Arielle, let's pick a lesson!

Science Units Mini-lessons

What would happen if you didn't have a skull?

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4th Grade Science Units [See all >](#)

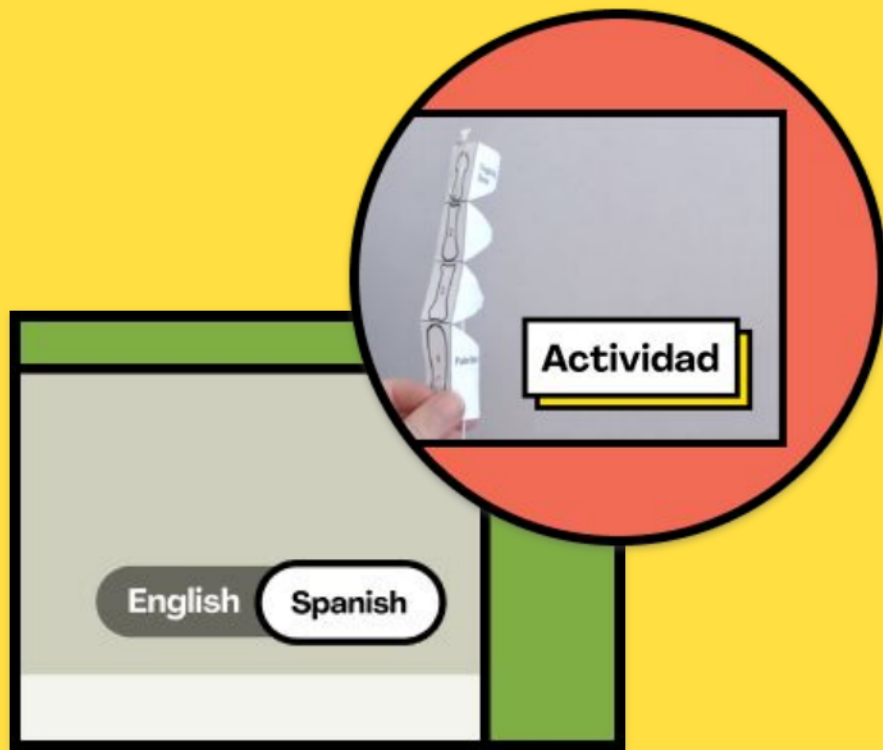
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**Don't miss these Mystery
Science features...**



Spanish Resources

- Spanish narration for every lesson
- Spanish versions of printable and digital worksheets & assessments
- Spanish transcripts of each lesson



Vocabulary Resources

- Visual slideshows with images and videos pulled directly from the lesson
- Teacher printouts with terms and definitions
- Available in English and Spanish!

predator
an animal that hunts and eats other animals

prey
an animal that is hunted by and eaten by another animal

carnivore
an animal that eats only other animals

herbivore
an animal that only eats plants

predator
an animal that hunts and eats other animals



Anchor Layer

- Adds 2 lessons to each unit
- 60–90 minutes per lesson
- Starts with an Anchor Phenomenon
- Project-based performance task

Science Units

Fossils, Animal Survival, & Heredity
Life Cycles
Plant Life Cycle & Heredity
Weather & Climate
Forces, Motion, & Magnets

NGSS

Power of Flowers

Standards & Prep ▾

Anchor layer: ☒ On ☐ Off

Anchor Phenomenon

Plant Life Cycle, Plant and Animal Interactions
3rd • Stinky Seeds

Lesson • Activity Standards Aligned

Lesson 1

Pollination & Plant Reproduction
3rd • Why do plants grow flowers?

Lesson • Activity Standards Aligned

Lesson 2

Seed Dispersal & Plant Life Cycle
3rd • Why do plants give us fruit?

Lesson • Activity Standards Aligned

Lesson 3

Trait Variation, Inheritance, & Artificial Selection
3rd • Why are some apples red and some green?

Lesson • Activity Standards Aligned

Lesson 4

Trait Variation, Inheritance, & Artificial Selection
3rd • How could you make the biggest fruit in the world?

Lesson • Activity Standards Aligned

Performance Task

Plant and Animal Interactions, Life Cycles
3rd • Are the stinky seeds and dung beetles good for each other?

Lesson • Activity Standards Aligned

Teacher Tools

- State-specific Standards Alignment Guides
- Fully editable Pacing Guides
- Supply calculator
- Printable student booklets
- Find all this and more at:
mysteryscience.com/getting-started

The collage features two primary documents from Mystery Science:

- 5th Grade Pacing Guide:** A detailed table for the 'Ecosystems & The Food Web' unit. It includes columns for Lesson #, Focus, Session, and a detailed description of each lesson's activities and standards alignment. The first lesson, 'Why would a hawk move to New York City?', spans sessions 2 through 6.
- 4th Grade • All Units at a Glance:** A summary sheet for the 4th-grade curriculum. It lists four units: 'Human Body, Vision, & The Brain', 'Earth's Features & Processes', 'Sound, Waves, & Communication', and 'Energy, Energy Transfer, & Electricity'. Each unit section provides a breakdown of lessons, assessments, extension blocks, and anchor layers.

Mystery Packs

- Supply kits for Mystery Science hands-on activities
- Neatly organized by unit & lesson – save time on prep!
- Learn more about packs here: <https://mysteryscience.com/packs>



**Ready to
explore on your
own?**



Let's wrap up with a scavenger hunt!



See if you can...

- ☐ Change your **grade level** on the homepage (hint: top of the page)
- ☐ Find a **Mini-lesson**
- ☐ Find the **Student Link** for sharing a mini-lesson with students
- ☐ Find a **Science Unit**
- ☐ Find the **Standards** covered in that unit (hint: scroll down!)
- ☐ Turn the **Anchor Layer** on and off for that unit
- ☐ Find a **Science Lesson** within the unit
- ☐ Change the **narration to Spanish** on the lesson video
- ☐ Find the **Supply list** and **Prep Instructions** for that lesson
- ☐ Change **the number of students** in the supply list
- ☐ Find the **Assessment** for the lesson
- ☐ Find the **English and Spanish versions** of a worksheet or printout

**Great work and thanks
for joining!**



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