Mystery writing

Standards Alignment Guide

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Informative Paragraph: Amani's Animal Rescue



Unit 1: Australian Adventures

Students write a **realistic fiction text** with character desires, minor events, and a climax. Along the way, they bring their story to life with character details, reactions, and sensory details.















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Unit 3: Magical Objects INDEPENDENT WRITING UNIT

Students write a **fictional story** about a character who discovers a magical object. Students are guided through the writing process but independently brainstorm, make a story plan, create a draft, and revise their writing.









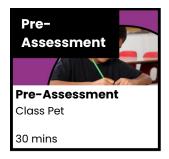


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Unit 1: Skatepark

Students write a **persuasive letter** to convince the mayor to transform an abandoned pool into a skatepark for their community. They read two sources and take notes before organizing the information into a letter.













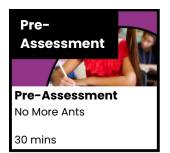


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- **L.5.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.



Unit 2: Storyteller Con

Students write a four-paragraph **literary essay** about a theme from a story. Students develop a thesis statement, use story events as reasons, and back their thinking up with evidence and explanations.

















- **W.5.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- W.5.9.a Apply Grade 5 Reading standards to literature drawing on specific details in the text.
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- **RL.5.1** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **RL.5.2** Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.
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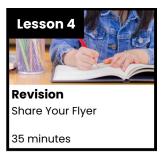
Unit 3: Town Fair INDEPENDENT WRITING UNIT

Students write a **persuasive essay** in the form of a flyer encouraging local residents to hold a town fair. Students are guided through the writing process but independently take notes, create an outline, write a draft, and revise their writing.











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Unit 1: Investigating Asteroids

Students write a four-paragraph **research paper** about asteroids. Students research information using multiple sources, organize their notes into subtopics, use expert quotes, and create a bibliography.



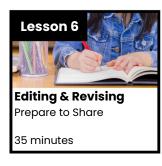














- W.5.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
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Unit 3: Bioluminescence INDEPENDENT WRITING UNIT

Students write a five-paragraph **research paper** on bioluminescence. Students are guided through the writing process but independently take notes, create an outline, write and revise a draft, and create a bibliography.













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- **W.5.2.c** Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast, especially).
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Unit 1: Amusement Park

Students write a **realistic fiction text** for a classroom short story festival. They plan using a story arc, and draft the story using dialogue, action, emotions, and transition words. Lastly, they edit their writing and share with their classmates.















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- **L.4.2.b** Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.



Unit 1: Would You Rather

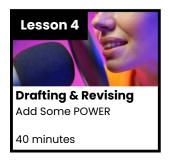
Students write an **opinion essay** and act as guests on a "would you rather"-style podcast. Each student crafts a four-paragraph text with a thesis, two reasons, and examples. Lastly, students present their podcast with a partner.















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- **W.4.1.a** Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.
- **W.4.1.b** Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.
- W.4.1.c Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., for instance, in order to, in addition).
- **W.4.1.d** Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.
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Unit 2: Detective Series

Students learn how to write a **response to reading**. Students begin by writing complete-sentence answers to questions about a text, and by the end of the unit write complete-paragraph responses with text evidence and analysis.

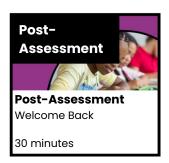












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- **W.4.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- **W.4.9.a** Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions].").
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- **RL.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.



Unit 1: Travel to Seoul

Students write a three-paragraph **informative text** in the form of a blog post about Seoul, South Korea. After sorting information about destinations in Seoul, they select two to include in their blog and add an introduction. Finally, they edit and revise to create a final daft.

















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Unit 3: England Expeditions INDEPENDENT WRITING UNIT

Students write a four-paragraph **informative script** about London and Cornwall, England. Students are guided through the writing process but will **independently** take notes, create an outline, draft, revise, and list their sources.

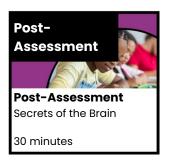












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Unit 1: Constellation Stories

Students write a **fictional story** about a character seen in a constellation. They plan using a story plan, and draft the story using descriptions, character thoughts, and character actions. Lastly, they edit their writing and share with their classmates.



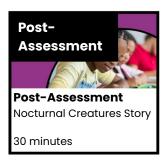










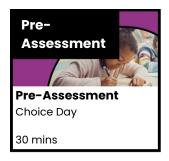


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- **W.3.10** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting, or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- **L.3.2.c** Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.
- **L.3.3.a** Choose words and phrases for effect.
- **L.3.5** Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings (figurative language).



Unit 1: Festivals

Students write **a short opinion essay** in the form of a message to a traveling filmmaker. They write a three-paragraph text that includes an opinion sentence, two reasons, and examples. Students will share their message with the class at the end of the unit.















- **W.3.1** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.
- **W.3.1.a** Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.
- **W.3.1.b** Provide reasons that support the opinion.
- **W.3.1.c** Use linking words and phrases (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example) to connect opinion and reasons.
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- **W.3.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.
- **L.3.3.a** Choose words and phrases for effect.



Unit 1: Saving Sea Turtles

Students write **informative paragraphs** in a booklet with two sections about how to help protect sea turtles. They gather information from experts, write drafts using complex sentences, elaborate on their ideas, and include headings for each section.

















- **W.3.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- **W.3.2.a** Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.
- **W.3.2.b** Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.
- **W.3.2.c** Use linking words and phrases (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example) to connect opinion and reasons.
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- **W.3.7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
- **W.3.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.



Unit 1: Goat Escape

Students write a **personal narrative** about witnessing a breaking-news report about goats taking over a neighborhood. They use a story plan and create a draft using details and feelings. Lastly, they edit their writing and share it with their classmates.











- **W.2.3** Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
- **W.2.5** With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- **SL.2.4** Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.



Unit 2: Campsite Bandit

Students write a **fictional story** as a character who takes marshmallows from a crowded campsite. They use a story plan and draft the story using descriptions, character feelings, and character actions. Lastly, they edit their draft and share with their classmates.













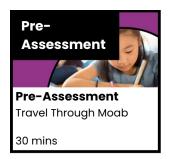


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- **W.2.5** With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- **W.2.6** With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.



Unit 1: Pizza Quest

Students write **opinion sentences** in the form of a message to a team of video-game designers. They write sentences with an opinion, a reason, and a connecting word. Then, students share their message with the class.













- **W.2.1** Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- **W.2.5** With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- **L.2.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- **L.2.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.



Unit 1: Project Treehouse

Students write an **informative paragraph** and create a design plan for a treehouse. After gathering information and taking notes on a diagram, they write a body paragraph. Then, they add an intro and conclusion, revise their writing, and edit to complete a final draft.











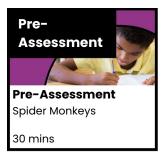


- **W.2.2** Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- **W.2.5** With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- **L.2.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
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Unit 2: Amani's Animal Rescue

Students write an **informative paragraph** about an animal. After gathering information and taking notes from two sources, they write a draft that includes an introduction and conclusion. Lastly, they revise and edit their writing to create a final draft.















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- **W.2.5** With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- **W.2.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).
- **W.2.8** Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

Essential Skill Lessons | 2nd-3rd Grade

Skill	Lesson	Grades	Related Genres	Standa	rds
Adding Details	It Jumped (30 mins)	2-3	Narrative Opinion	L.2.1.e	Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.
	Practice Lessons: It Leaped		Informative	L.3.1.a	Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.
	(15 mins) It Climbed			L.3.1.I	Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.
	(15 mins) It Fell (15 mins)			W.2.3	Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
Connecting Words	Pet Contest (30 mins) Practice Lessons: Because (15 mins)	2-3	2-3 Narrative Opinion Informative	W.2.1	Write opinion pieces that introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.
	But (15 mins) So (15 mins)			W.3.1.c	Use linking words and phrases (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example) to connect opinion and reasons.
Elaborating with Feelings	Roller Coaster Ride (30 mins)	2-3	Narrative	L.3.1.a	Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.
	Practice Lessons: Kayak (15 mins) BMX (15 mins)			W.2.3	Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
	Zip Line (15 mins)			W.3.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
"How" Adverbs	The Dog Walker (30 mins)	2-3	Narrative Opinion Informative	L.2.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	Practice Lessons: Dog Obstacle Course (15 mins) Roller Dancing (15 mins)			L.2.1.e	Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
	Robot Gymnastics (15 mins)			L.2.1.f	Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.
				L.3.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
				L.3.1.a	Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.
				L.3.3.b	Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English.

Mystery writing

Skill	Lesson	Grades	Related Genres	Standar	rds
<u>Hyperbole</u>	Best Trip Ever! (30 mins)	2-3	Narrative	L.2.5	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
	Practice Lessons:			L.3.3.a	Choose words and phrases for effect.
	Ski Trip (15 mins)			L.3.5	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
	State Fair (15 mins)			L.3.5.a	Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).
	Water Park (15 mins)			RL.3.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.
<u>Onomatopoeia</u>	Jungle Sounds (30 mins)	2-3	Narrative	L.3.3.a	Choose words and phrases for effect.
	Practice Lessons:			L.3.5	Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
	Pinball Game (15 mins) Steam Train			L.3.5.a	Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).
	(15 mins) Floating Dog (15 mins)			RL.3.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.
Sorting Information	Field Day Games (30 mins)	2-3	Opinion Informative	W.2.2	Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
L	Practice Lessons: Making Pancakes				or section.
	(15 mins) Making Spaghetti			W.3.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
	(15 mins) Making S'mores (15 mins)				
Topic Sentences	People and Their Jobs (30 mins)	2-3	Opinion Informative	W.2.2	Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
	Elevator Mechanic (15 mins) Pastry Chef			W.3.2.a	Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.
	(15 mins) Flight Attendant (15 mins)			W.4.2.a	Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
				W.5.2.a	Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

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Using "And"	Racoon Day Poster (30 mins) Practice Lessons: Candy Store	2-3	Narrative Opinion Informative	L.2.1.f	Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy).
	(15 mins) Water Playground (15 mins) House (15 mins)			L.3.1.I	Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.
<u>"When"</u> Adverbs	The World's Fair (30 mins)	2-3	Narrative Opinion Informative	L.2.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	Practice Lessons: Baking Cookies (15 mins) Swim-Bike-Run (15 mins)			L.2.6	Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe (e.g., When other kids are happy, that makes me happy).
	Snow Day Fun! (15 mins)			L.3.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
				L.3.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate conversational, general academic, and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal spatial and temporal relationships (e.g., After dinner that night we went looking for them).
				RI.3.3	Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.
				W.2.3	Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.
				W.3.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
				W.3.3.c	Use temporal words and phrases to signal event order.

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<u>Character</u> <u>Traits</u>	Alex the Alien (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative	W.4.3.b	Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
7	Practice Lessons: Darla (15 mins) Pablo			W.5.3.b	Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
	(15 mins) William (15 mins)			RL.4.3	Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
				RL.5.2	Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges.
Complex Sentences	Dragon Boat Race (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	Practice Lessons: Games (15 mins)			L.4.1.f	Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.
· ·	Art Activity (15 mins) Summer Activity			L.5.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	(15 mins)			L.5.3.a	Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
Direct Quotations	Quote the Coach (30 mins)	4-5	Opinion Informative	W.4.2.b	Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
	Astronaut (15 mins) Robots (15 mins) Marine Biologist (15 mins)			W.5.2.b	Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
<u>Domain-</u> <u>Specific</u>	Kite Fest (30 mins)	4-5	Opinion Informative	W.4.2.d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
Vocabulary	Practice Lessons: Tent Building (15 mins) Rock Climbing (15 mins) Scuba Diving (15 mins)			W.5.2.d	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

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Expanding Sentences	Expand the Caption (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion	L.4.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
	Practice Lessons: At the Park		Informative	L.4.3a	Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.
	(15 mins) After the Rain			L.4.1.f	Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.
	(15 mins) At the Library (15 mins)			L.5.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
<u>Paragraph</u> <u>Structure</u>	Tardigrades in Space (30 mins)	4-5	Opinion Informative	W.4.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
	Practice Lessons: Underwater Stalactites (15 mins)			W.4.2.a	Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
	The Iris (15 mins)			W.5.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
	The Bridge (15 mins)			W.5.2.a	Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aid comprehension.
<u>Personification</u>	A Weekend in the City (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion	L.4.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
	Practice Lessons: Amusement Park (15 mins) Fountain (15 mins) Car Wash (15 mins)		Informative	L.5.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

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<u>Prompt</u> <u>Analysis</u>	Candy Factory (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	RI.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
	Practice Lessons: Donut Factory (15 mins)			RI.5.1	Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text
	Splash Park (15 mins) Reptile Petting Zoo			W.4.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
	(15 mins)			W.5.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
Revising Words	Curious Collections (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	L.4.3.a	Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.
	Practice Lessons: Landscape Art (15 mins)			W.4.5	With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.
	Tiny Worlds (15 mins) Pet Portraits (15 mins)			W.5.5	With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
Similes	Sea Monster (30 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion	L.4.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
	Practice Lessons: Hammerhead Shark		Informative	L.4.5.a	Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.
	(15 mins) Walrus (15 mins)			L.5.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
	Blowfish (15 mins)			L.5.5.a	Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.

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Intro to Narrative	Parts of a Story (30 mins) Practice Lessons:	2-5	Narrative	W.3.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
	Ice Cream (15 mins) Football (15 mins) Lost Dog (15 mins)			W.4.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
				W.5.3	Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
Intro to Opinion	This or That (30 mins) Practice Lessons: Recess (15 mins) Field Trip (15 mins)	2-5	Opinion	W.2.1	Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.
	New Pet (15 mins)			W.3.1	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.
				W.4.1	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
				W.5.1	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
Intro to Informative	Animal Clues (30 mins) Practice Lessons:	2-5	Informative	W.2.2	Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
	Vehicles (15 mins) Sports (15 mins) Places (15 mins)			W.3.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
				W.4.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
				W.5.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

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Setting Writing Goals	My Writing Journey (30 mins) Practice Lessons: Goal Check-in #1 (15 mins) Goal Check-in #2 (15 mins) Goal Check-in #3 (15 mins)	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	W.4.10 W.5.10	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
Partnering	Balloon Crew (30 mins) Practice Lessons: Billboard Crew (15 mins) Building Crew (15 mins) Garden Club (15 mins)	2-3	Narrative Opinion Informative	SL.2.1 SL.3.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
Peer Feedback	Skateboard Story (30 mins) Practice Lessons: The Painter (15 mins) Maybe Tomorrow (15 mins) Above the Clouds (15 mins)	4-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	SL.4.1 SL.5.1 W.4.5	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

Independent Writing Prompt	Grades	Related Genres	Focus Area
Pick a Puppy	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Description Similarities and Differences
Make a Monster!	2-5	Narrative	Description
The Unexpected Guest	2-5	Narrative	Sequence
The Backpack Monster	2-5	Narrative	Elaboration
Watermelon-ventions Vanishing	2-5	Informative	Problem-Solution
Build Your Own Playground	2-5	Opinion	Personal Opinion
Beautiful Busses	2-5	Opinion	Persuasive Letter
The City of Ice	2-5	Informative	Observation and Description

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Independent Writing Prompt	Grades	Related Genres	Focus Area
The Water's Fine	2-5	Opinion	Reasoning
Challenging Combinations	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Transition Word "While"
Sensational Smells	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Sensory Details
The Great Pumpkin Paddle	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Description
<u>Plantimals</u>	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Prediction Context Clues
Spring Homonyms	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Homonyms
The Oxford Shark	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Description Reasons Emotion Words
Gotham City Surprise	2-5	Narrative Opinion Informative	Transition Phrases