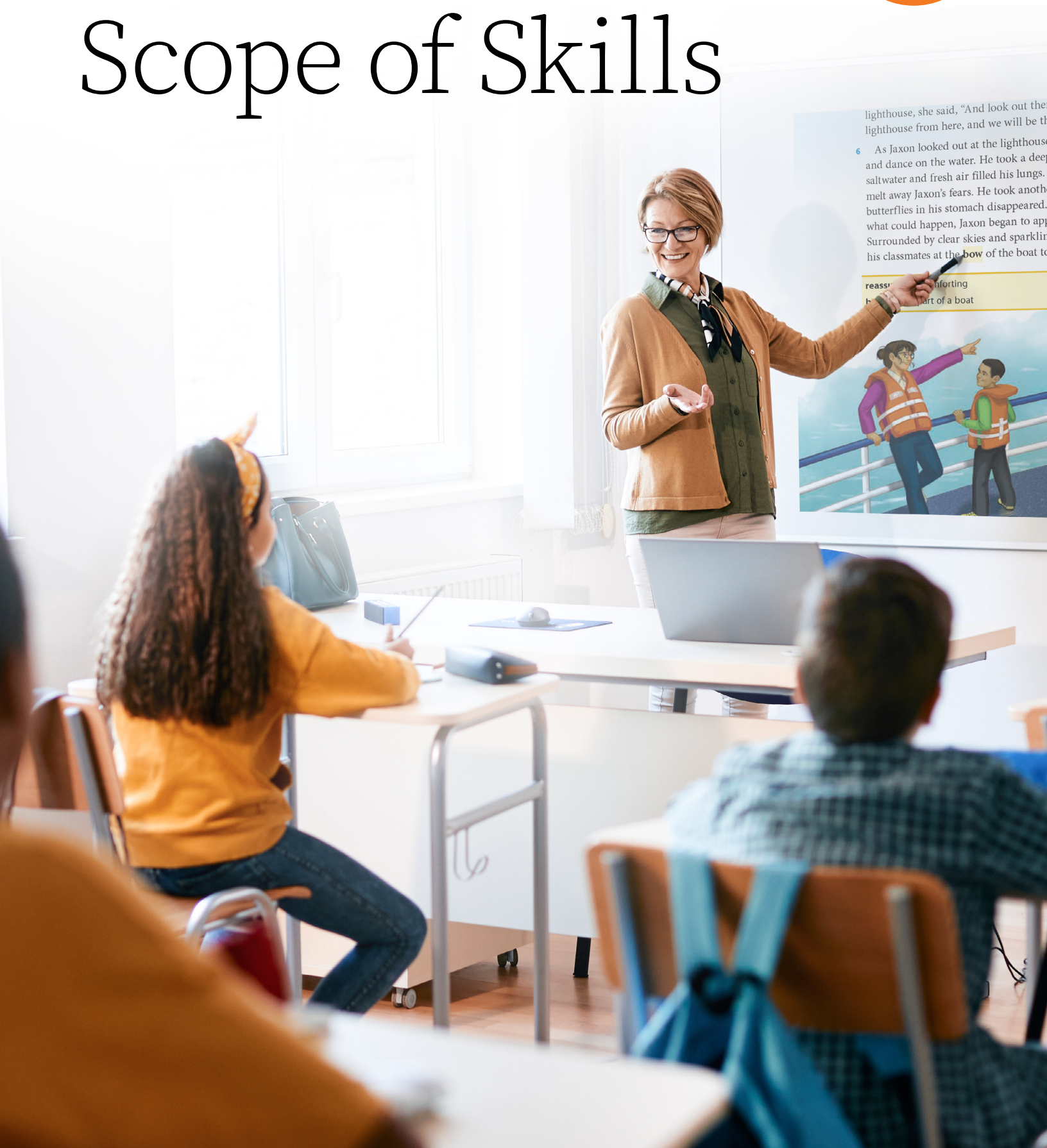


Scope of Skills



Unit 1 | Facing Challenges

LESSON 1 Focus Question: What skills can people use to solve a mystery?

FOCUS STANDARD: Summarize a Story

TOPIC: It's a Mystery

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile®
<i>The Lost Medals</i>	mystery	430	660L
<i>The Glitter Trap</i>	mystery	542	670L
<i>The Case of the Missing Plant</i>	mystery	363	620L

LESSON 2 Focus Question: What life lessons can we learn from others?

FOCUS STANDARD: Determine Theme

TOPIC: Learning from Others

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Black Brother, Black Brother</i>	realistic fiction	343	530L
from <i>President of the Whole Fifth Grade</i>	realistic fiction	448	760L
<i>The Trouble with Talent</i>	realistic fiction	373	560L

LESSON 3 Focus Question: How do people feel when they face challenges?

FOCUS STANDARD: Make Inferences

TOPIC: Future Worlds

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Cog</i>	science fiction	384	590L
<i>The Flying Test</i>	science fiction	429	740L
<i>Down to Earth</i>	science fiction	363	700L

LESSON 4 Focus Question: How can imagination help people deal with challenges?

FOCUS STANDARD: Describe Characters

TOPIC: Imagining Possibilities

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Zoe in Wonderland (Parts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	realistic fiction	909	640L

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FOCUS STANDARD: Make Inferences, Summarize a Story, Determine Theme, Describe Characters

TOPIC: Dealing with Your Fears

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
Satchmo's Master Plan from <i>Look Both Ways</i>	realistic fiction	653	680L

Unit 2 | Technology

LESSON 5 Focus Question: How have inventions changed our world?

FOCUS STANDARD: Analyze a Historical Text

TOPIC: World-Changing Inventions

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Capturing Moments</i>	social studies article	442	840L
<i>Speak Up!</i>	social studies article	570	910L
<i>So Cool</i>	social studies article	411	870L

LESSON 6 Focus Question: How do people build on others' ideas in creative new ways?

FOCUS STANDARD: Determine Word Meanings

TOPIC: Invention Upgrades

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Reinventing the Wheel—Twice!</i>	technology article	370	930L
<i>Need a Lift?</i>	technology article	547	830L
<i>Going the Distance</i>	technology article	409	920L

LESSON 7 Focus Question: How can people use technology to solve problems?

FOCUS STANDARD: Determine Main Ideas and Key Details

TOPIC: Problem Solvers

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Googly-Eyed and Gobbling Garbage</i>	technology article	452	810L
<i>The Strongest Thread</i>	technology article	504	750L
<i>Meet Stevie</i>	technology article	381	790L

LESSON 8 Focus Question: How can a young person become an inventor?

FOCUS STANDARD: Summarize Text

TOPIC: Young Inventors

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Gitanjali Rao: Steps toward Success</i>	science article	382	750L
<i>Anything Is Paws-ible</i>	technology article	505	910L
<i>Toying with a Challenge</i>	technology article	337	940L

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FOCUS STANDARD: Determine Main Idea and Key Details, Summarize a Text, Analyze an Informational Text, Determine Word Meanings

TOPIC: From Idea to Invention

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>What Is Prototyping?</i>	technology article	631	900L

Unit 3 | Exploring

LESSON 9 Focus Question: What can we discover by exploring the world around us?

FOCUS STANDARD: Determine Word Meanings

TOPIC: Uncovering the Past

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Digging In (Parts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	realistic fiction	1,219	760L

LESSON 10 Focus Question: How do people create maps of new places?

FOCUS STANDARD: Make Inferences

TOPIC: Mapping the Unknown

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Marie Maps the Sea</i>	biography	461	830L
<i>Braving the Cave</i>	biography	565	970L
<i>The Rainforest's Hidden Cities</i>	technology article	461	920L

LESSON 11 Focus Question: How and why do people explore extreme environments?

FOCUS STANDARD: Compare Accounts

TOPIC: Exploring Extremes

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Science on the Edge</i>	narrative nonfiction	377	910L
<i>River of Fire</i>	science article	499	880L
<i>Secrets of a Frigid World</i>	science article	244	940L
<i>Drawing Under Ice</i>	narrative nonfiction	201	950L

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FOCUS STANDARD: Make Inferences, Compare Accounts

TOPIC: Exploring Space

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>From the NFL to Space</i>	biography	404	870L
from <i>Chasing Space: An Astronaut's Story of Grit, Grace, and Second Chances</i>	autobiography	370	940L

Unit 4 | Traditions

LESSON 12 Focus Question: How do people tell stories through the arts?

FOCUS STANDARD: Describe Text Structure: Chronology, Comparison

TOPIC: Storytelling through Art

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Hula: Keeping a Tradition Fresh</i>	social studies article	313	1020L
<i>The Roots of Rap</i>	social studies article	484	970L
<i>Cy Thao: Story Painter</i>	profile	390	870L

LESSON 13 Focus Question: How and why do people change traditions?

FOCUS STANDARD: Analyze Elements of Plays

TOPIC: Keeping Up Traditions

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Proud to Be an Álvarez, (Acts 1, 2, and 3)</i>	drama	1,100	NP

LESSON 14 Focus Question: What happens when people in a family have different perspectives?

FOCUS STANDARD: Compare Points of View

TOPIC: Different Perspectives

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
from <i>Merci Suárez Changes Gears</i>	realistic fiction	327	920L
<i>Count Me In</i>	realistic fiction	553	690L
from <i>Any Day with You</i>	realistic fiction	209	510L
<i>Pretzels . . . with a Twist</i>	realistic fiction	296	730L

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FOCUS STANDARD: Analyze Elements of Plays, Compare Points of View

TOPIC: Building Traditions

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Move Over, Movie Night!</i>	drama	672	NP

Unit 5 | Sports

LESSON 15 Focus Question: When should a sport change?

FOCUS STANDARD: Explain Reasons and Evidence

TOPIC: Changing the Game

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Bigger Than the Rules</i>	social studies article	441	900L
<i>Title IX: A Win for Equality</i>	social studies article	522	960L
<i>The Fabulous Fastball</i>	social studies article	438	940L

LESSON 16 Focus Question: How can sports bring out the best in people?

FOCUS STANDARD: Integrate Information

TOPIC: Crossing the Finish Line

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Finishing Strong</i>	social studies article	418	820L
<i>Team Hoyt</i>	profile	581	920L
<i>You Can't Stop Tegla Loroupe!</i>	profile	303	710L
<i>Champion of Peace</i>	profile	359	890L

LESSON 17 Focus Question: How do sports make us feel?

FOCUS STANDARD: Analyze Elements of Poetry

TOPIC: Heart of the Game

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>The Goal</i>	poem	85	NP
The Game Is Tied from <i>The Crossover</i>	poem	53	NP
Elm Park School, 7:00 A.M. from <i>Girls Got Game: Sports Stories and Poems</i>	poem	71	NP

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FOCUS STANDARD: Explain Reasons and Evidence, Integrate Information

TOPIC: What Makes a Sport a Sport?

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>From Football to Fishing: What Sports Are and Are Not</i>	opinion	431	860L

Unit 6 | Humans and Energy

LESSON 18 Focus Question: What do myths tell us about the importance of fire?

FOCUS STANDARD: Compare Stories

TOPIC: First Fires

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Maui and the Flaming Fingernails</i>	myth	413	630L
<i>Coyote Steals Fire: A Shoshone Tale</i>	myth	403	610L
<i>Prometheus's Gift</i>	myth	210	900L
<i>The First Fire</i>	myth	264	670L

LESSON 19 Focus Question: Why have people used energy from different sources?

FOCUS STANDARD: Interpret Visual Information

TOPIC: Sources of Energy

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>First Came Fire: A Story of Energy and Fuel</i>	science article	363	880L
<i>What Makes It Go?</i>	science article	551	860L
<i>Cool Solutions: Trash to Gas</i>	science article	390	590L

LESSON 20 Focus Question: How and why do people use solar power?

FOCUS STANDARD: Describe Text Structures: Cause-Effect, Problem-Solution

TOPIC: Solar Power

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Panda Power</i>	science article	394	950L
<i>From Race Cars to Solar Cells</i>	science article	503	880L
<i>Powering a Community</i>	science article	433	900L

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FOCUS STANDARD: Describe Text Structures, Interpret Visual Information

TOPIC: Smarter Energy

	Type of Text	Word Count	Lexile
<i>Teen Inventor Captures the Sun</i>	science article	755	920L

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