

# EL Education

A content-based core literacy curriculum for grades K–8  
Program Overview



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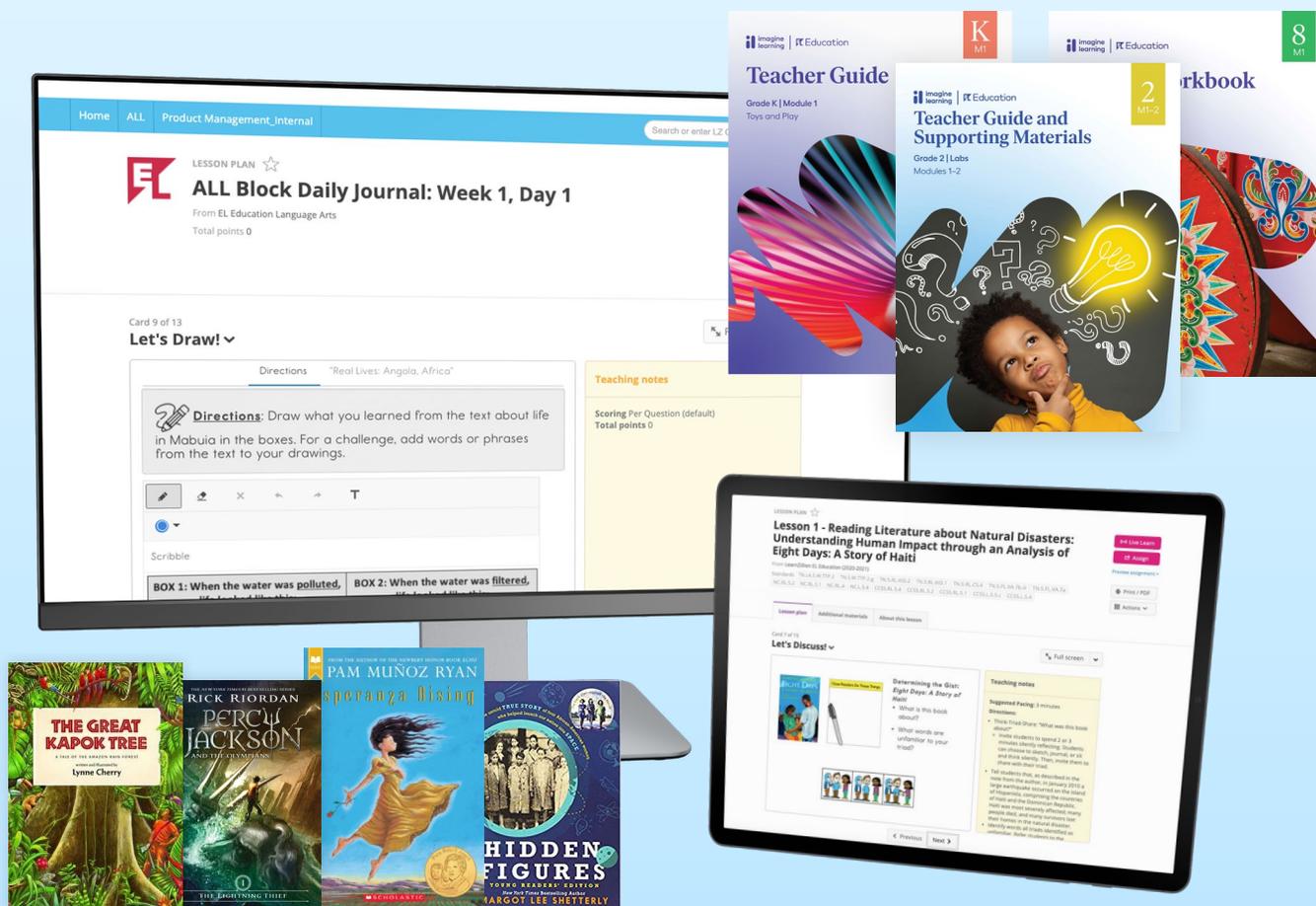
# High-Quality Content-Based Literacy Instruction

Created by teachers for teachers, the Imagine Learning EL Education curriculum is a content-based, research-informed, core language arts program for Grades K–8. It features:

- Compelling, real-world content with engaging, complex texts
- Standards-based instruction to support the mastery of knowledge and skills
- Lessons and instruction designed to build habits of character
- A focus on producing high-quality student work
- Structured phonics to support foundational skills development
- Professional development to ensure implementation with integrity

## A Platform that Supports Teachers

Our innovative platform empowers educators to spend more time teaching and less time planning. Teachers can more easily plan lessons with rich resources and instructional supports, while robust data and reporting allow them to differentiate instruction for students' needs.



# Content-Based Literacy Curriculum

EL Education is unique in its instructional approach in that it focuses on teaching content rather than teaching comprehension skills in isolation. Students dive deeply into a topic, building their literacy skills by reading, writing, and discussing several types of texts across content areas and disciplines. Through this process, they build knowledge, make meaning of a text, and acquire critical vocabulary skills.

## Kindergarten



**MODULE 1**  
Toys and Play



**MODULE 2**  
Weather Wonders



**MODULE 3**  
Trees are Alive



**MODULE 4**  
Enjoying and Appreciating Trees

## Grade 1



**MODULE 1**  
Tools and Work



**MODULE 2**  
The Sun, Moon, and Stars



**MODULE 3**  
Birds' Amazing Bodies



**MODULE 4**  
Caring for Birds

## Grade 2



**MODULE 1**  
Schools and Community



**MODULE 2**  
Fossils Tell of Earth's Changes



**MODULE 3**  
The Secret World of Pollination



**MODULE 4**  
Providing for Pollinators

## Grade 3



**MODULE 1**  
Overcoming Learning Challenges Near and Far



**MODULE 2**  
Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs



**MODULE 3**  
Exploring Literary Classics



**MODULE 4**  
Water Around the World

## Grade 4



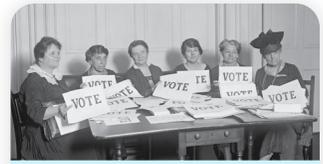
**MODULE 1**  
Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers



**MODULE 2**  
Animal Defence Mechanisms



**MODULE 3**  
The American Revolution



**MODULE 4**  
Responding to Inequality: Ratifying the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

## Grade 5



**MODULE 1**  
Stories of Human Rights



**MODULE 2**  
Biodiversity in the Rain Forest



**MODULE 3**  
Athlete Leaders of Social Change



**MODULE 4**  
The Impact of Natural Disasters

## Grade 6



**MODULE 1**  
Greek Mythology



**MODULE 2**  
Critical Problems and Design Solutions



**MODULE 3**  
American Indian Boarding Schools



**MODULE 4**  
Remarkable Accomplishments in Space Science

## Grade 7



**MODULE 1**  
The Lost Children of the Sudan



**MODULE 2**  
Epidemics



**MODULE 3**  
The Harlem Renaissance



**MODULE 4**  
Plastic Pollution

## Grade 8



**MODULE 1**  
Folklore of Latin America



**MODULE 2**  
Food Choices



**MODULE 3**  
Voices of the Holocaust



**MODULE 4**  
Lessons from Japanese American Internment

# Guiding Principles of EL Education

EL Education's curriculum centers around key guiding principles that support educators and students in their learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

## Equity Matters

All children deserve an education that fosters their unique abilities, provides real opportunities to achieve high academic standards, and prepares them to take their place in society when they leave school. That's why EL Education's curriculum rests on a foundation of equity with the Dimensions of Student Achievement.



### MASTERY OF KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Standards-aligned instruction and assessment  
Focus on critical thinking, communication, and deeper learning



### HIGH-QUALITY STUDENT WORK

Demonstrates complexity, craftsmanship, and authenticity  
Evident in performance tasks, conversations, and responses to prompts



### CHARACTER

Tools to become effective, ethical learners who work to make the world a better place  
Integrated focus on developing character within lesson context

## Backward Design

EL Education centers around the guiding principle of backward design, meaning instructional planning keeps the end in mind and educators assess all along the way.

## **Substantive Content Matters**

While students develop a deepening understanding of cross-curricular content – science, social studies, or literature – they simultaneously acquire all the key literacy standards of reading, writing, speaking, and listening, carefully embedded within the lessons.

## **Diverse and Inclusive Settings**

The curriculum recognizes that students learn from one another and respect one another when they learn together in the same environment. In addition, teachers have various learning needs in the classroom, so the curriculum provides numerous supports and resources to differentiate instruction for all learners, from students with learning disabilities to those who need academic extensions.

## **Promote Student Thinking, Collaboration, and Respect**

Clear and simple protocols and conversation cues support rich, purposeful, and collaborative conversations that deepen learning and allow students to appreciate diverse perspectives.

## **Students Own Their Learning**

Students using EL Education become active learners with an agency in their education. They set goals, assess their own learning, and use feedback from peers, themselves, and their teachers to make progress.

## **Families and Guardians Are Partners**

Students learn best when families can be part of the educational journey. The curriculum supports the home-to-school connection with various resources to encourage and extend learning at home.

## **Curriculum as Powerful Professional Development**

The EL Education curriculum provides ample resources and opportunities for teachers to build on their existing expertise and improve their ability to make strong instructional decisions during planning and while teaching. In addition, with Imagine Learning, educators have access to ongoing professional learning and customer support to implement EL Education with integrity.

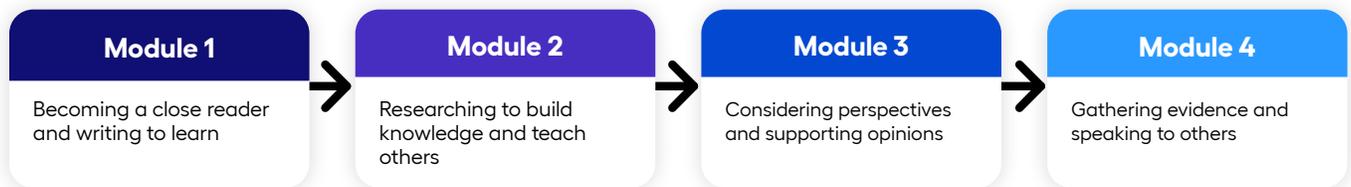
# A Proven Instructional Model

Students engage in a consistent instructional routine centered around content-rich modules with compelling real-world examples. Students move from building background knowledge to extended reading and research and finally to extended writing. Each lesson and unit follow a cycle designed to give students time to process a text.

Imagine Learning EL Education is carefully structured to build literacy skills across K–8. Lessons provide a consistent focus on academic standards mastery for reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

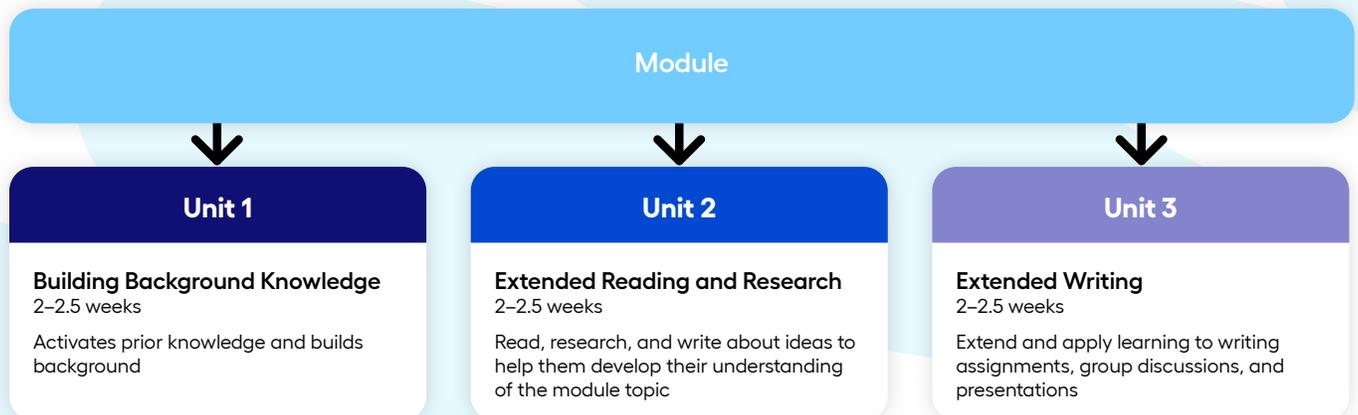
## Literacy Instruction

Every grade has four modules, each comprising eight to nine weeks of instruction. These modules offer one hour of content-based literacy instruction to dive deep into the module topics.

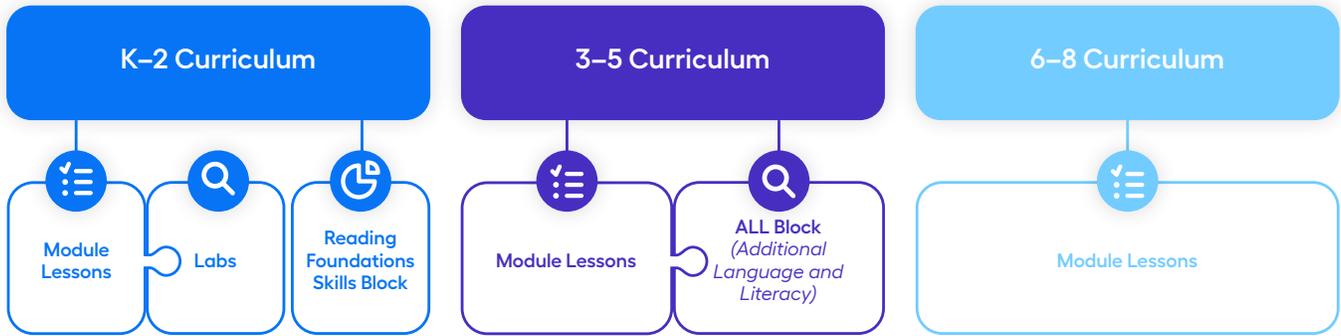


*Module Example from Grades 3–5*

Each module includes three units to build profound content knowledge on a topic or text.



# EL Education Content Based Language Arts Curriculum



## Grades K–2

In grades K–2, teachers have access to core literacy instruction through module lessons. In addition, there are areas for students to expand their learning through hands-on exploration and opportunities to build foundational reading skills.

### READING FOUNDATIONS SKILLS BLOCK

This structured phonics program teaches and assesses all reading foundations standards and language standards associated with spelling and letter formation. Lessons and assessments offer one additional hour of foundational skills development.

### LABS

Optional labs help reinforce literacy skills, content knowledge, and habits of character taught in the module lessons with hands-on exploration and inquiry-based lessons.

## Grades 3–5

In grades 3–5, teachers have access to core literacy instruction through module lessons, plus an additional hour of practice through ALL Block.

### ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AND LITERACY (ALL) BLOCK

The **ALL Block** provides extra literacy and language practice for students, reinforcing the skills they learn in the module lessons.

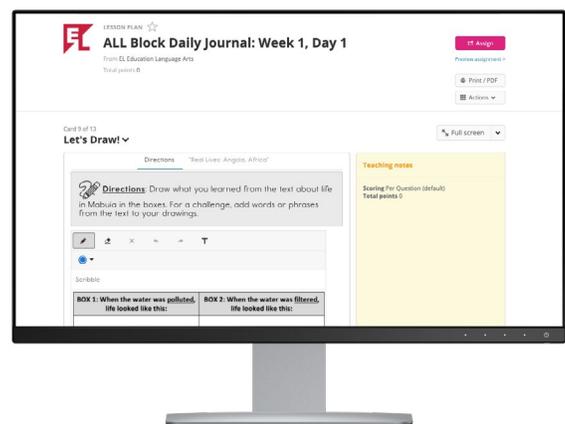
Teachers can use this time to differentiate instruction.

The ALL Block module focuses on five components:

- Accountable independent reading
- Additional work with complex texts
- Reading and speaking fluency
- Writing practice
- Word study/vocabulary

## Grades 6–8

In grades 6–8, teachers have access to literacy instruction through module lessons, as well as additional English Learner instructional support.



# Digital and Print Solutions

Imagine Learning's powerful digital platform provides everything educators need at point of use, plus instruction, resources, and presentation slides for every lesson area.

Schools and districts can teach using the digital platform or using a mix of digital and print instructional materials. We also provide print trade books for every student.

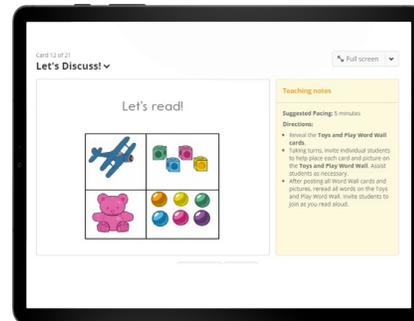
## Curriculum Materials for Grade K–2



### Module Lessons

(60 minutes of daily instruction)

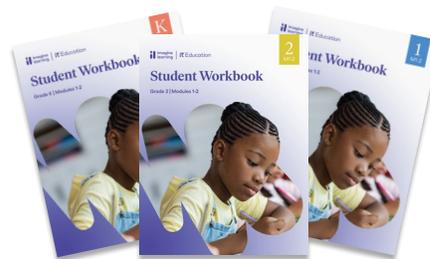
Explicitly teach and formally assess reading comprehension, writing, speaking and listening, and language.



Imagine Learning EL Education features 4 modules of content-based literacy instruction per grade



**Teacher Guides**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)



**Student Workbooks**  
Modules 1 & 2  
Modules 3 & 4



**Teacher Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)

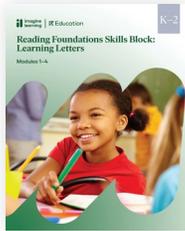


**Color Resource Teacher Books**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book for Modules 1–4 per classroom)

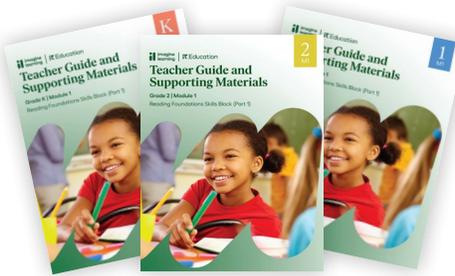
## Skills Block

(60 minutes of daily instruction)

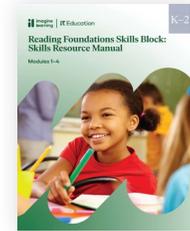
Teach and assess all reading foundations standards and language standards associated with spelling and letter formation. Imagine Learning EL Education supports educators as they build foundational skills through phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary.



**Learning Letters**  
(1 book per classroom)



**Teacher Guides & Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1-4: Parts 1 & 2  
(2 books per module)



**Skills Resource Manual**  
(1 book per classroom)



**Keyword Letter Cards**  
(1 per classroom)

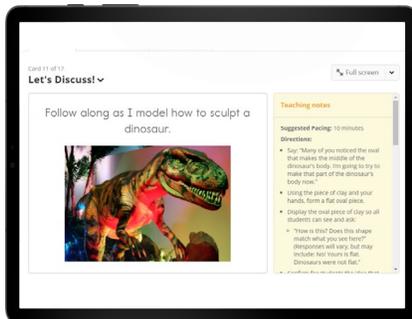


**Decodable Readers**  
(Classroom sets of 25)

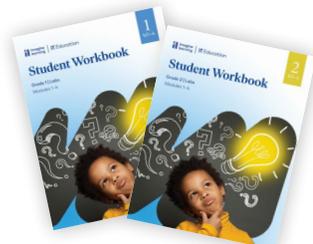
## Optional Labs

(60 minutes of daily instruction)

Build students' oral language, content knowledge, and habits of character through inquiry and hands-on exploration. Labs reinforce the skills, knowledge, and habits taught in the module lessons and provide teachers with additional time to document students' progress toward particular standards.



**Teacher Guides and Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1 & 2  
Modules 3 & 4



**Student Workbooks**  
Modules 1-4  
(Grades 1 & 2 only)  
(1 book for Modules 1-4 per classroom)

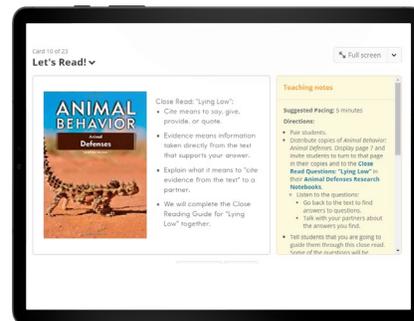
# Curriculum Materials for Grade 3–5



## Module Lessons

(60 minutes of daily instruction)

Explicitly teach and formally assess reading comprehension, writing, speaking and listening, and language. There is an optional Life Science module per grade, which provides an inquiry-based approach to rigorous and authentic science instruction.



Imagine Learning EL Education features 4 modules of content-based literacy instruction per grade



**Teacher Guides**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)



**Teacher Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)

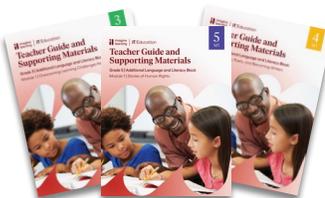
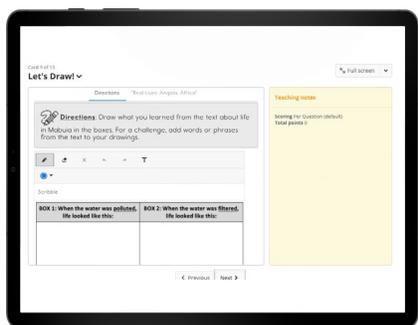


**Student Workbooks**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)

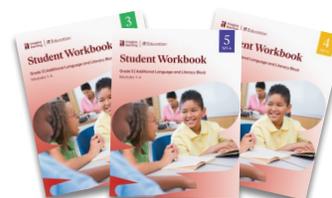
## Additional Language and Literacy Block Instruction

(60 minutes of additional daily instruction)

The Additional Language and Literacy (ALL) Block instruction complements the module lessons to provide additional practice on content-based literacy instruction and accelerate all students' achievement.



**Teacher Guides & Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)



**Student Workbooks**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module  
1–4 per student)

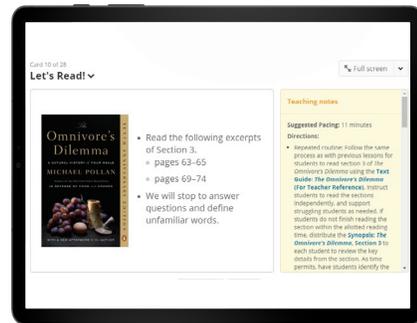
# Curriculum Materials for Grade 6–8



## Module Lessons

(60 minutes of daily instruction)

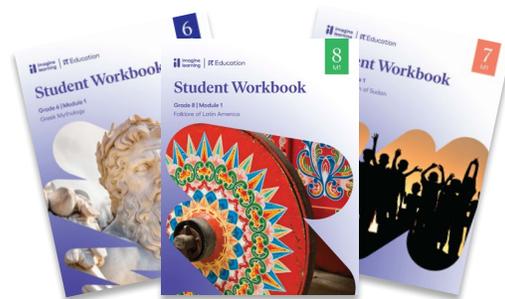
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Imagine Learning EL Education features 4 modules of content-based literacy instruction per grade



**Teacher Guides**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)



**Student Workbooks**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)



**Teacher Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)

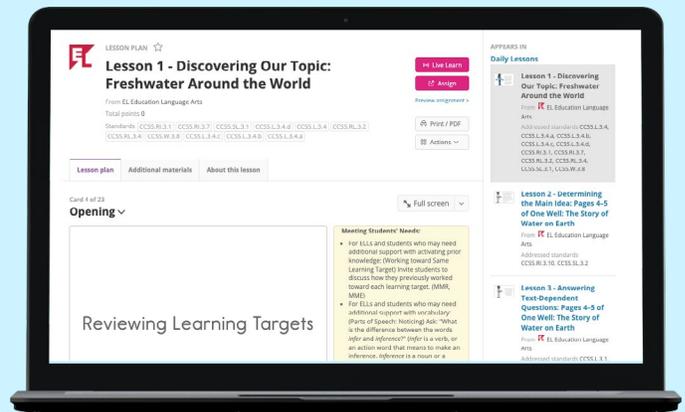


**ELL Teacher Guide and Supporting Materials**  
Modules 1–4  
(1 book per module)

# Igniting Personalized Learning Breakthroughs

Imagine Learning EL Education provides teachers with resources for diverse learners in the classroom. From support for English language learners to tips for fostering character, teachers have all the tools necessary to respond to varied learning needs.

We believe that English learners (ELs) deserve the same rich, compelling, and challenging curriculum that other students receive. ELs have developed age appropriate-concepts and understandings about the world as they have experienced it. They have the same cognitive needs for an enriching, challenging curriculum and learning experiences that any child does. Varying levels of support in using English are built into EL Education's curriculum to assist ELs with this compelling and challenging curriculum.



Language proficiency standards, lesson highlights, and levels of support are provided at the beginning of each lesson in the Supporting English Language Learners section. Lesson-specific EL supports also are added to Meeting Students' Needs sections.

EL Education's curriculum inherently and intentionally supports EL, incorporating many oral and literacy approaches that accommodate their learning needs. These approaches are critical to language development and help establish equity: Teachers and students unlock the "secret code" behind how language works, giving students more power in our society.

Language Dives empower students to analyze, understand and use academic language. Students explore and discuss the meaning, purpose, and structure of a compelling sentence from a text, following a routine to deconstruct, reconstruct, and practice, which helps build literacy skills and habits of mind.



A screenshot of a lesson plan interface. The title is "Language Dive: The Lightning Thief, Page 96 Note-Catcher". It includes a "Directions" section with a sketching task, a "Teaching notes" section with standards and scoring information, and a "Day 1" section with a specific task. The interface also shows a "Live Learn" button, an "Assign" button, and a "Print / PDF" button.

# Literature that Excites and Engages

To grow as readers, students need a Volume of Reading, with access to varied and complex texts. Imagine Learning EL Education's selection of high-quality and culturally diverse literature helps introduce students to the themes and concepts of the modules: Students develop their literacy skills by diving deeply into a topic using rich, diverse, and authentic texts that they love.

## Imagine Learning EL Education offers students a variety of texts across genres and text types that:

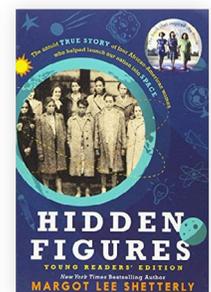
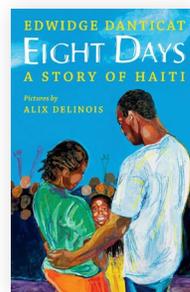
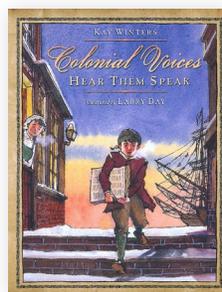
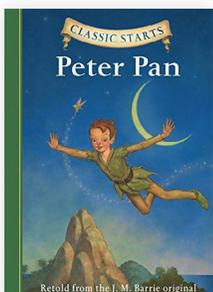
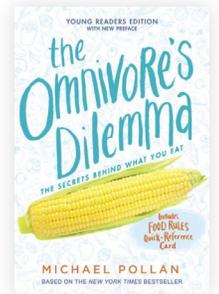
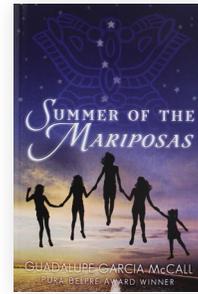
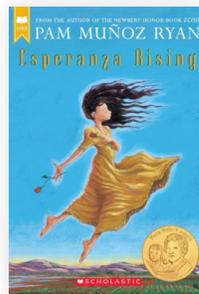
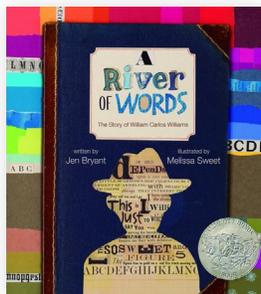
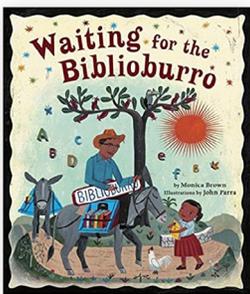
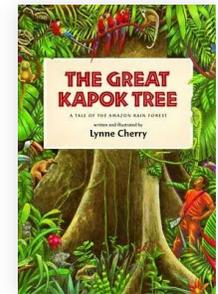
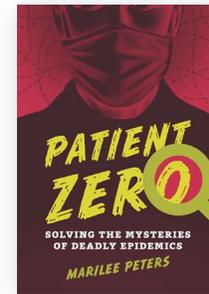
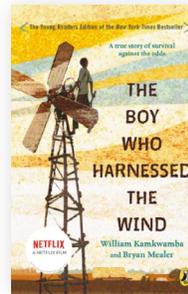
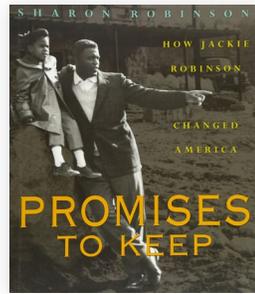
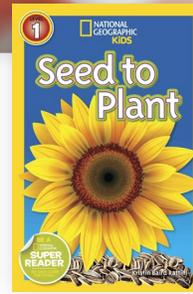
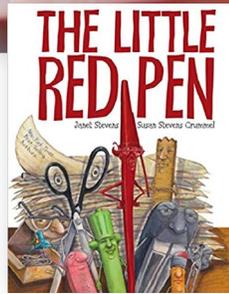
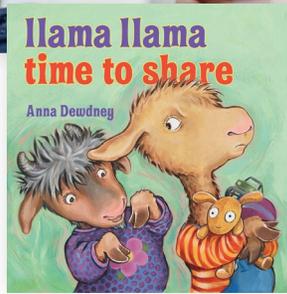
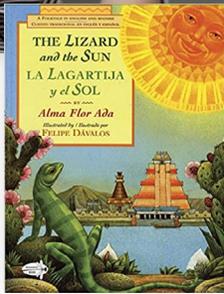
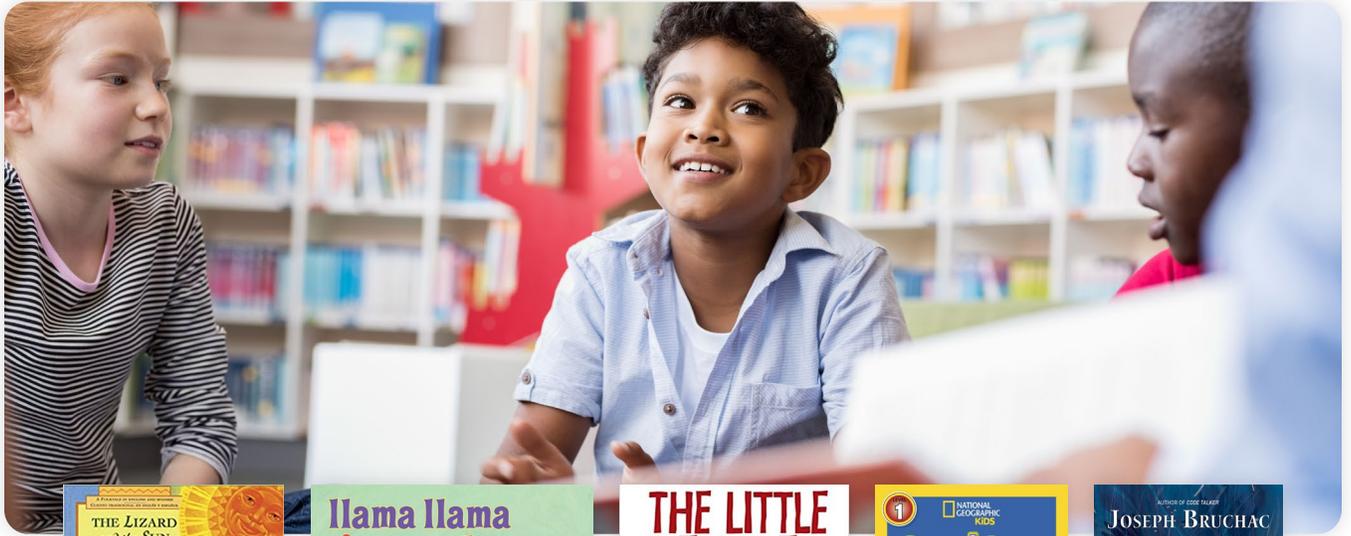
- Engage
- Challenge
- Offer a model of excellence
- Promote equity
- Explore the world outside the classroom
- Promote curious and engaged readers

## Required Texts

Imagine Learning EL Education includes texts that support the deep learning activities completed in the module lessons. These include carefully selected anchor texts that support building knowledge, reading for, and writing with, evidence, and regular practice with complex text and academic vocabulary.

## Recommended Texts

By providing a rich classroom library for students, teachers ultimately encourage students to read voluminously. Each recommended text connects to lesson modules and can be used in whole class, small groups, or independent reading. These texts align with the module topic and cover a range of text complexity to support all learners.



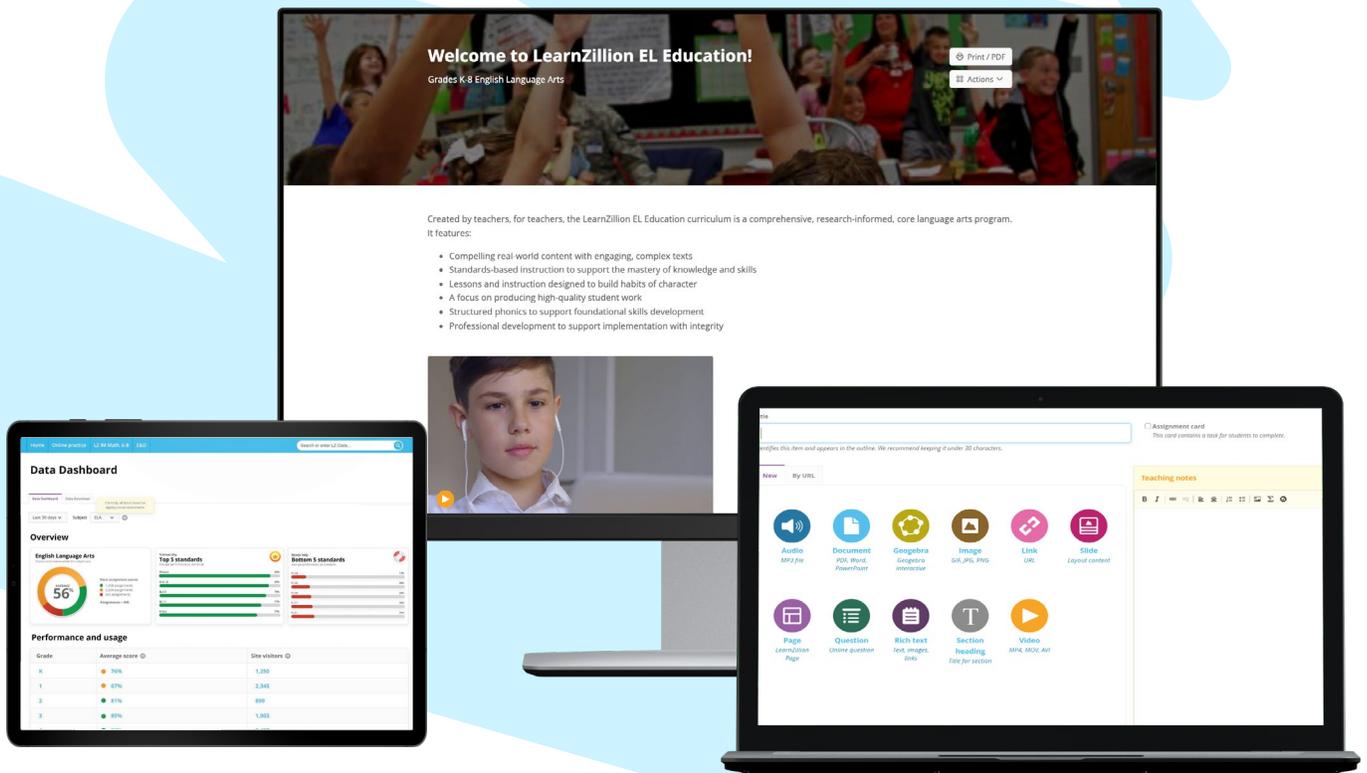
# The Imagine Learning Difference

*The highest quality English language arts curriculum, powered by a best-in-class digital delivery*

Our unique platform allows teachers to connect with individual students, engage creatively, and customize the curriculum for greater impact. It's a tool that amplifies teachers' best instincts, better equipping them to do the same for their students.

## The platform provides:

- ✓ Organized, classroom-ready curriculum and content to support teaching and learning
- ✓ Customizable lessons and assessments for flexibility and personalization
- ✓ Robust data and reporting to differentiate instruction to student needs
- ✓ Seamless integration with your district's LMS
- ✓ Hands-on platform training for teachers and leaders to implement with integrity

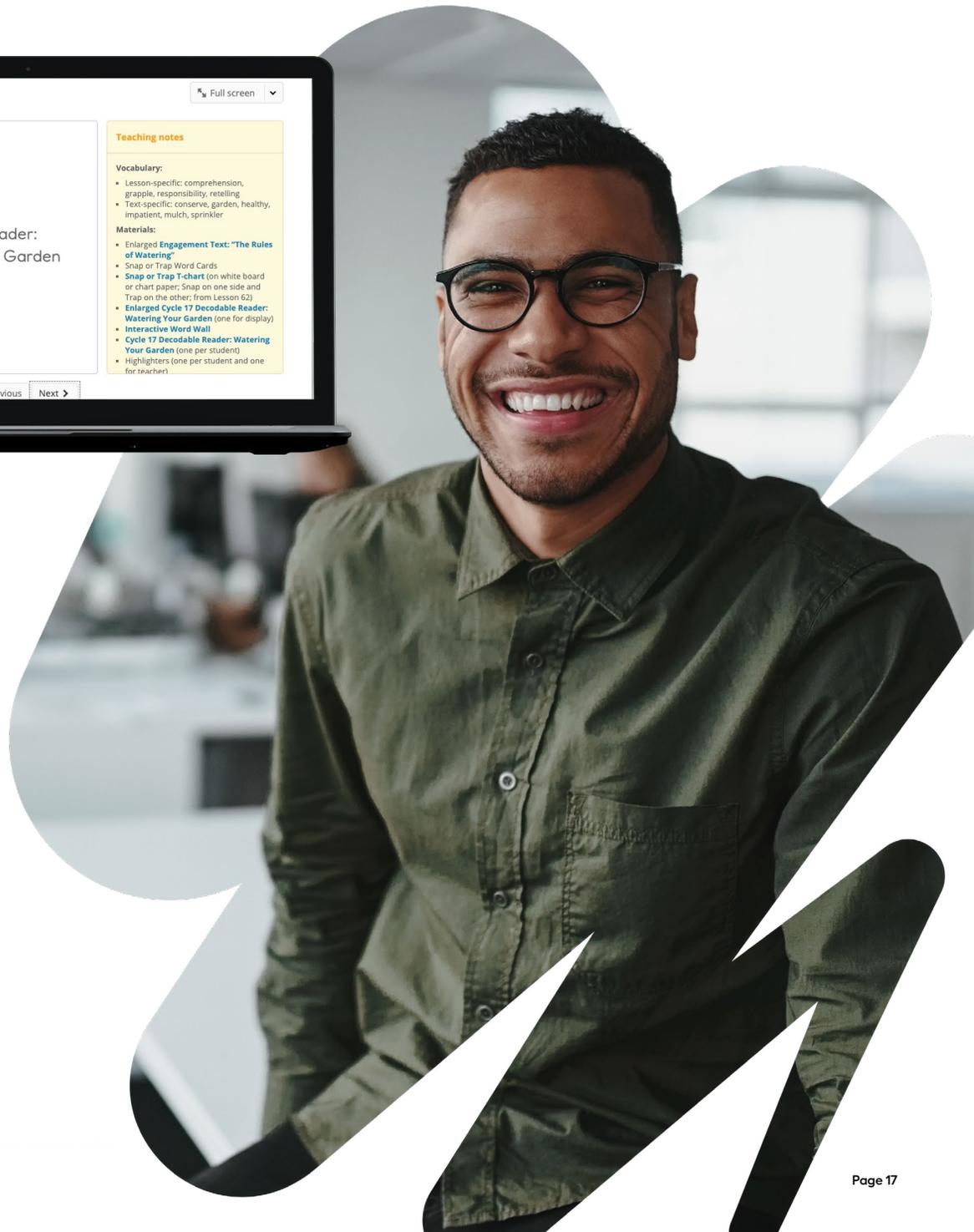
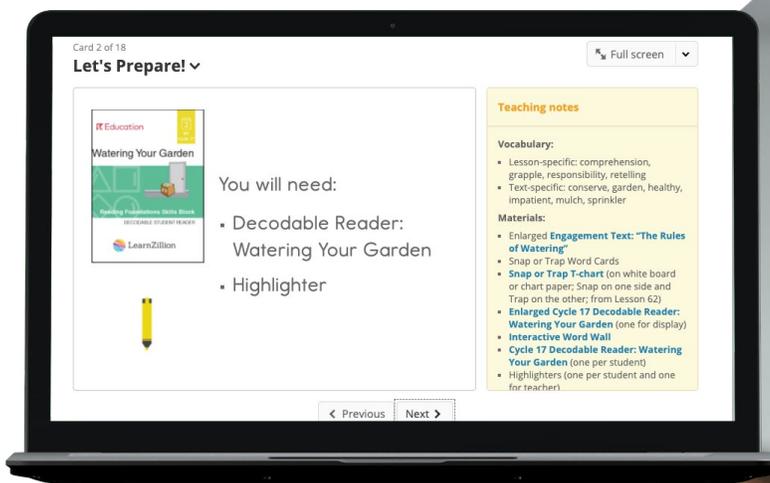


# Professional Learning

## Implementation with Integrity

Imagine Learning EL Education fully supports the implementation of the curriculum with integrity. Professional development sessions guide teachers as they learn how to implement the curriculum, taking the unique needs of their students into account.

Educators will be supported throughout the year by a dedicated customer success manager, working to plan, monitor, and support curriculum implementation over the years.





Request a demo to experience this unique curriculum yourself!  
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