

Explore Life Science Disc

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- Student Book Pages
- Lab Components (Environment Cards, Organism Cards, Natural Selection Cards, Images on the microscope slides, School Cards, Organelle Cards, Pulse Chart, Food Cards, Nutrient Chips, and MyPlate Card)
- Image Library
- Term Tests (with and without images)
- **Quizzes** (without images because the student book has images)
- Write About It Reference Guide

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Explore Life Science Instructor's Guide

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Preface

The Explore Life Science curriculum is a full-year biology course for middle and high school students with limited reading abilities, including those with intellectual disabilities or autism. It has two primary components: a Student Book and this Instructor's Guide.

► The Student Book has 11 chapters. The first chapter functions as an introduction to the book itself, familiarizing the students with terms and concepts they will see throughout. The next ten chapters are grouped into 4 themes: Ecology (Chapters 2–3), Evolution (Chapter 4), Cells (Chapters 5–6), and Human Body Systems (Chapters 7–11). The Student Book covers crucial biological concepts, regardless of complexity, but presents them in a graspable manner. Each page is picture

heavy with only about 60 words so it can easily be read aloud to nonreaders. Each chapter (excluding Chapter 1) follows the same template: title page, 4 Big Ideas, major illustration, eight vocabulary words, chapter overview, several (6–8) topic pages, In Focus topic, hands-on lab lesson, and a quiz. Important concepts learned in the book are often reinforced in many places to increase understanding.

► This Instructor's Guide

provides detailed lesson plans for all 79 lessons. Each lesson covers two to four pages in the Student Book. The Instructor's Guide gives talking points that relate to the topics. These add more information to a topic and

ensure the lesson takes an appropriate amount of time. Ideally, a talking point leads to a small conversation or spurs other ideas. The student benefits from extra exposure to a topic when several talking points are used. This guide also provides an explanation of how to perform each lab. Thumbnails of the corresponding Student Book pages are included, adjacent to the lesson plan page.

Five ancillary components complete the curriculum: Reference Guides, Lab Materials, Study Cards, Animal Cell Model, and a PDF Disc.

 Four Reference Guides are included and serve different purposes. Write About It functions as a lesson adaptation for a component of the quiz. Human Body Systems serves as a study tool that combines information from a chapter and puts it all in one place. Health and Special Molecules mainly function as lesson extensions. They both provide extra

information on topics mentioned in the Student Book.

Lab Materials, such as cards, dowels, microscope slides, and more, are used for the Lab lesson in each



chapter. Most labs have some component that is provided in the lab materials.

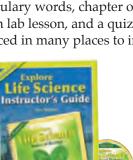
- Study Cards for every vocabulary word and Big Idea help with review. Vocabulary cards can be used for quiz review and whenever the word is emphasized in the Student Book.
- A high-quality Animal Cell Model is a great hands-on tool to teach about cells. It is durable and scientifically accurate. It can be used throughout the curriculum.
- A PDF Disc provides PDFs of most materials included in the curriculum. All Student Book pages, many lab materials, an image library, and term tests can be found on the disc. The image library contains all the illustrations created by Attainment Company or images from a public domain source that are included in the Student Book.
- GoWorksheet Quizzes can be accessed with the GoWorksheet Maker app. Within the app, tap the Settings icon, then tap "Store." Tap "Curriculum Resources" and select "Explore Life Science Quizzes."

Student Book Chapters

- Exploring Life Science
- Living Things
- Environments
- Evolution
- Looking at Cells
- Inside a Cell
- Musculoskeletal System
- Respiratory System
- Circulatory System
- Digestive System
- Nervous System











Introduction

Getting Started	The lesson plans outlined in this Instructor's Guide fall into six categories described below. Each lesson of a certain category is outlined in the same way. Each lesson focuses on the images and then the text. Talking points are included at the beginning of a chapter. All lessons are outlined in a grid. A star next to an objective indicates it is one of the four Big Ideas. A lightbulb icon is located in every lesson with at least one Big Idea. The lesson outlines provide an organized way to present the material, but any adaptations, additions, or omissions can be made to appropriately fit each student. This lesson incorporates the Chapter Title Page, Big Ideas, and Major Illustration. Each chapter title page has three images, two of which have something specific in common. The Big Ideas can be taught using the corresponding Study Cards. These four main concepts are presented in the chapter. The major illustration is a large image related to the chapter. Talking points related to each page are given.	<image/> <image/> <image/> <image/> <image/>	
Vocabulary and Overview	This is generally the shortest lesson in a chapter. This lesson covers the eight vocabulary words and the two-page Chapter Overview. Each vocabulary word has an image associated with it. This image appears on the corresponding study card as well. Two "Find the Word" questions are included with the vocabulary. The Chapter Overview gives a broad introduction to the material that will be covered in the chapter. Big Ideas often come from these pages. Talking points are given for the images and text in the Chapter Overview.	FF STERCE FF STE	
Topic Sequences A, B, and C	This lesson covers two to four topic pages in the Student Book. Some topics are two pages, while others only cover one page. For two-page topics, you can choose to read all the text together or cover each page independently. Chapter 1 only has one Topic Sequence lesson, but all other chapters have either two or three. Talking points are important for Topic Sequence lessons because these lessons contain the bulk of the concepts. More talking points provide the students with more exposure to each concept. For nonreaders, these pages are image heavy, and each image depicts a concept mentioned in the text.	ORE THE SCIENCE Version of the second	
In Focus and Animation	The In Focus topic is a slightly more in-depth look at a concept related to the chapter. This topic is not necessarily more difficult, it is just a little more detailed than regular topic pages. Each In Focus is two pages. Each chapter also has an animation. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code or following the link provided on the lesson page. The QR code and link to the right take you to a playlist of all the animations. Suggested stopping and talking points for the animation and In Focus passages are given.	http://player. attainment	
Lab	The lab component of any biology class is important. This reinforces a concept from the chapter in a hands-on manner. Instructions for how to set up and perform each lab are given in the lesson plan. The lab lesson mentions how the concepts from the chapter relate to the lab. It is important to reinforce these concepts when doing the lab. The amount of time a lab takes varies from chapter to chapter. Each Lab page in the Student Book has three questions about the lab for the students to answer. If you don't want students writing in the book the Lab page can be printed out from the PDF Disc. It is important to read the lab lesson plan a day ahead of time to ensure all necessary supplies not in included in the lab materials can be procured.	attainment company.com / els/playlist	

Ouiz/Review	Each quiz has seven questions and a Write About	CHAPTER 6 Lesson 42		
<i><i>x</i>^{<i>m</i>}, <i>m</i></i>	It section. Four of the seven questions assess	Lesson Type	Inside a Cell Quiz/Review	
	comprehension of the Big Ideas, and the other three	Procedure	Review the Study Cards for this chapter. Review all the cards first. The three vocabulary words on the quiz are DNA, energy,	
	assess comprehension of select vocabulary words. A		and molecule. These three cards can be further reviewed to help prepare for the quiz.	
	review session should be done before the quiz. All 12	Quiz, pp. 111–112	 Choose the procedure that works for you: Have the students take the quiz in the book independently. Read the questions and choices to the students, and have 	All arguedies have a function
	study cards for the chapter (four Big Ideas and eight		 them circle or point to their answers. Use the quiz as a chapter review and not a comprehension assessment. 	
	vocabulary words) should be reviewed. The three		 The quiz is also available in two digital formats: PDF and GoWorksheet Maker. Print out the quiz with symbols from the PDF for the students 	
	vocabulary words on the quiz are mentioned in the		 Have the students take the quiz without symbols (PDF or GoWorksheet) after using the book quiz as a review. 	
	lesson, so these cards and the Big Idea cards can be	Write	 Have the students only take the GoWorksheet Maker quiz. Choose the method that works for you: 	An organelle that controls a lot in a cell is a macleus
	reviewed further before the quiz. The quiz is available	About It	 Have the students complete the Write About It exercise independently. Read the writing ideas from the Write About It 	
	in several formats.		Reference Guide to the students to stimulate their writing. • Have the students apply sentence strips in the Write About It exercise as an alternative to writing.	
	1. The quiz in the Student Book which has symbols. This	Term Test	After this lesson, all the material for Term Test Two has been covered. This Term Test is comprised of 10 quiz questions from Chapters 5-6. It covers material about cells. The Term Tests are	
	can be printed from the PDF Disc as well.2. Another format with the same layout but no		available with and without images on the PDF Disc.	DNA is color induction for a cell
	symbols can be found on the PDF Disc. This			o 🖲
	is more difficult.			Â
	3. A GoWorksheet quiz is available for those with			
	Attainment's GoWorksheet Maker app. This format			end things that make up all cells
	does not have images but is interactive. How to	104	араланана тарах какол III — ФУ какол ларах араланана	* #
	access this format is outlined in the Preface.	IU4 Inside	e a Cell Chapter 6 Explore Life S	cience: Instructor's Guide
	The Write About It section presents an image as a			
	writing stimulus. Many adaptations can be made	CHAPTER 6 Lesson 37		
	using the Write About It Reference Guide. More	Lesson Type	Inside a Cell Topic Sequence A	
	information on these adaptations can be found	Objective	The student identifies what the plasma membrane's role is in the cell.	Introductory Script
	under "Lesson Adaptations."	Plasma Membrane,	Note: You can read and discuss the two passages together or separately.	"The chapter we're studying is called Inside a Cell. Today
		pp. 100–101		Inside a Cell. Ioday we'll read two interesting passages. They are about the
Word Study	Every lesson also comes with a Word Study		 The membrane proteins in the model are not to scale. They would be much smaller in a real cell. The plasma membrane allows the cell to change shape if it 	plasma membrane. A plasma membrane is like a wall around the
word Study	section. This highlights everyday words that appear		 needs to. Read the passage and ask the students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." 	cell. Let's begin on page 100.//
	in the Student Book passages. These are not the eight		Read the passage and ask the students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." When finished, discuss five ideas in the two passages, for example:	Explore
	vocabulary words but may still be difficult. These		 The spots on the plasma membrane where things can get in and out are like doors. The two layers interact with each other to make a great barrier. 	Life Science Basics of Biology
	can be used as an additional language-based activity.		The plasma membrane is necessary for cell communication. Flexible plasma membranes are generally only seen in animal cells.	GE.
	8.8.9.		 The plasma membrane helps create different environments inside and outside of the cell. Point out the plasma membrane on the Animal Cell Model. 	
Introductory	This section provides a script to follow when	Word Study	The entire outside is also the plasma membrane. These everyday words are highlighted in the sample pages on the right: barrier, layers, flexible. Say the words aloud and ask	
	introducing each lesson. The script outlines what type		the right: barrier, layers, flexible. Say the words aloud and ask the students to repeat them. Read the sentences in which they appear, and discuss their definitions.	Reference Guides Special Molecules
Script	of lesson it will be and what types will be covered.			Transport Proteins
	This is optional and can be changed in any way.			
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Reference	A box on the lesson page details which Reference			
Guides	Guides are associated with the lesson. This provides			
Guides	a slightly different way to present material but also	94 Inside a	ı Cell Chapter 6 Explore Life S	cience: Instructor's Guide
	reinforces what was taught in the chapter. These can			
	be used during the lesson or as a review. Some lessons			
	do not have any Reference Guide material associated			
	with them.			
Term Tests	There are three Term Tests in Appendix A. They can			
	be printed out from the PDF Disc. There is one version			
	with images and one version without images. Term			
	tests are 10–14 questions. These questions are taken			
	from chapter quizzes. They encompass the most			
	important concepts from the associated chapters. Term			
	Test 1 assesses Chapters 1–4, Term Test 2 only assesses			
	Chapters 5 and 6. Term Test 3 assesses Chapters 7–11.			

Curriculum Emphasis

The following aspects should be focused on when going through the curriculum. Emphasizing these should increase student understanding of the information. Emphasizing the following may increase initial understanding of a concept as well as improve memory and recollection of the concepts moving forward.

Vocabulary

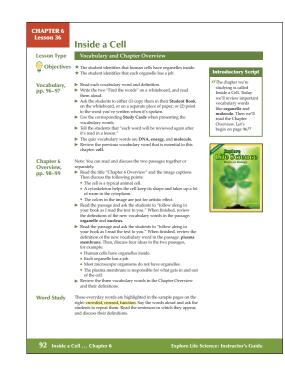
Vocabulary is very important to this curriculum. Vocabulary words are crucial in biology because a vocabulary word can be a concept all by itself. For example, knowing the meaning of mitochondria is equivalent to knowing what mitochondria are. Some vocabulary words are difficult because biological terms are often complicated. But in order to teach all the major concepts, all relevant terms must be used. Because of this, vocabulary is emphasized in this curriculum. Each vocabulary word is reviewed several times: in the Vocabulary and Overview lesson, when the word is first encountered in the Student Book, at the end of the lesson that it is first seen, and during the review session. The Instructor's Guide also indicates which vocabulary words from previous chapters should be revisited at the beginning of each chapter.

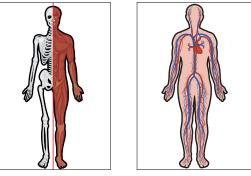
Connections

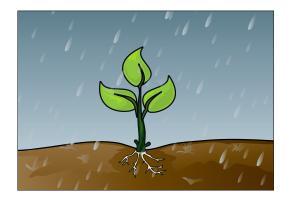
Some talking points in this Instructor's Guide point out when a concept relates to something learned or mentioned previously in the curriculum. Like vocabulary, reintroducing a previous concept helps recollection of the old concept. Additionally, connecting a concept to another may make that new concept easier to understand. Keep an eye out for other connections not mentioned in the lesson plans. These can also be mentioned.

Images

The images were carefully selected and created to reflect and emphasize the important content of the associated text as well as increase student understanding of the topic. Visualization is important in understanding biology at any level. Many students may understand the text if they have a visual component to look at as the text is read to them. For all students, it is important to convey how the images relate to the text.







Lesson Adaptations

State and national education standards were consulted to help select appropriate topics to include in this curriculum. The content, although simplified, may be too difficult for some students to understand. Accordingly, suggestions to adapt the lessons are given below.

Reading Adaptations

▶ Focus on the images, not the text. Each page has at least one large image, often with a caption. These images can be illustrations or photographs. The images closely reflect the information conveyed in the text. Talking points for the images on a page are given in the lesson plan. The main idea is to convey how the image relates to the topics taught by the text. This approach may be helpful to reach students who have difficulty understanding text as it is read to them.

Writing Adaptations

- The Write About It section of the quiz is the only place that writing is used in the curriculum. Each quiz has an image from the chapter and several blank lines. There are several ways to approach this section:
 - Simply have the student use the image as a writing stimulus.
 - Read the Information given for each image in the "Write About It" Reference Guide to provide an extra writing stimulus.
 - Read the three sentence strips, and have the students copy them down.
 - Print out the sentence strips from the PDF Disc and cut them into individual strips. Sentence strips from other chapters can be integrated to serve as distractors. The student can select the appropriate sentence strips by pointing, grabbing, or eye gazing. Tape these into the book or take a picture to include in the student's portfolio.

These adaptations give students the opportunity to show what they know through written expression. It also correlates to both national and state standards in English Language Arts.







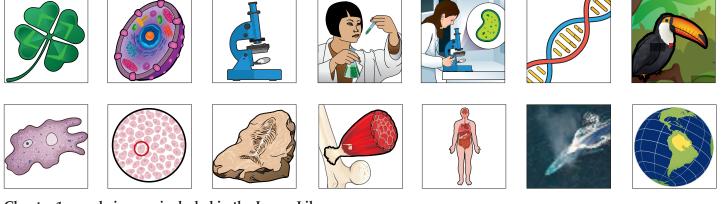
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This curriculum covers the basics of biology. To start, it is important to understand that biology, the study of life, is a very large field. Biology, even at a basic level, can be very complicated. This curriculum uses several tools to make the learning process easier. Images, labs, and animations will be presented to the students in every chapter. A cell model is provided and will be used throughout the curriculum. This first chapter serves as both an introduction to biology and an introduction to the methods used in the curriculum.

Lesson	Туре	Objective	Student Book Page	Content
1.1	Getting Started	Identify two facts about the front cover Identify two facts about the major illustration	5–7	Chapter title page, Big Ideas, Major Illustration
1.2	Vocabulary and Overview	 ★ Identify that biology is the study of life ★ Identify that biologists study biology 	8–10	Vocabulary, What is Biology?
1.3	Topic Sequence A	 ★ Identify that biologists learn new things by doing experiments ★ Identify that a lab is a good way to learn biology concepts 	11–14	Images, Models, Animation, Lab
1.4	Quiz/Review		15–16	Quiz



Chapter 1 sample images included in the Image Library

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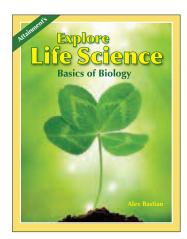
Lesson Type	Getting Started
Objective	The student identifies two facts about the cover and Major Illustration.
Cover and Chapter Title Page, p. 5	 Ask the students, "What do you think the book will be about?" There is a plant on the cover. The three images on the title page are a cell model, a microscope, and a plant. Read all the text on the cover and title page, then discuss the following points: Biology is a branch of science. In this book, we will learn all about the science that makes us alive. There will be a lot of hands-on activities to help us learn.
Big Ideas, p. 6	 Read the text for each Big Idea, and discuss the following points: Biology is a very large subject. We will do some experiments to learn new things, just like biologists. Labs are hands-on lessons.
Major Illustration, p. 7	 Read the text, then discuss the following points: This book teaches biology in different ways. This chapter tells us what those ways are. There are many topics in biology. Biology studies things small and large. DNA is very small,

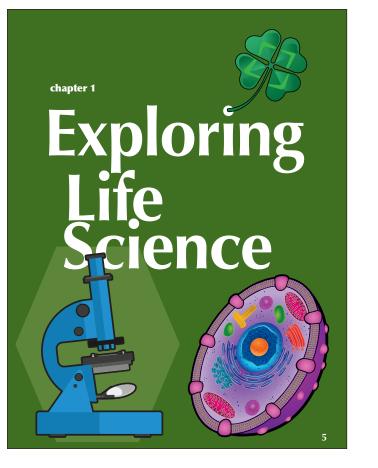
- Biology studies things small and large. DNA is very small, while trees are very large.
- Biologists often work in a laboratory.

Word Study These everyday words are highlighted in the sample pages on the right: concepts, exploring. Say the words aloud and ask the students to repeat them. Read the sentences in which they appear, and discuss their definitions.

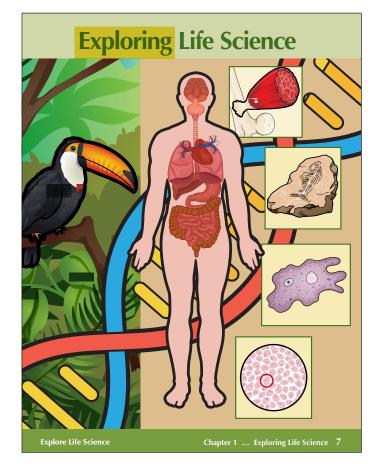
Introductory Script

If Today we're starting a new subject called Biology. It's a science subject about what makes things alive. The book we are using is called Explore Life *Science*. Let's begin on page 5.//









What is

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Lesson Type Vocabulary, pp. 8–9 them aloud.

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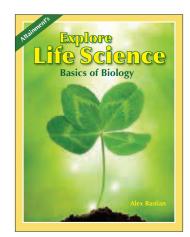
Vocabulary and Chapter Overview

- **Objectives ★** The student identifies that biology is the study of life. \star The student identifies that biologists study biology.
 - ▶ Read each vocabulary word and its definition.
 - ▶ Write the two "Find the words" on a whiteboard, and read
 - Ask the students to either (1) copy them in their Student Book, on the whiteboard, or on a separate piece of paper; or (2) point to the word you've written when it's spoken.
 - ▶ Use the corresponding **Study Cards** when presenting the vocabulary words.
 - ▶ Tell the students that "each word will be reviewed again after it's read in a lesson."
 - ▶ The quiz vocabulary words are **model**, **animation**, and **dynamic**.
 - ▶ Read the title "What is Biology?" Then discuss the following points:
 - There are so many living things in the world to study.
 - The science behind life is very complicated.
 - ▶ Read the passage and ask the students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." When finished, review the definitions of the new vocabulary words in the passage: **biology** and **biologist**. Then discuss four ideas in the passage, for example:
 - A biologist is a type of scientist that studies biology.
 - Biology is the study of life.
 - Biochemistry and ecology are just two examples of areas of biology; there are many others.
 - There is still a lot to learn about life on Earth.
 - Review the two vocabulary words in the Chapter Overview and their definitions at the end of the lesson.

These everyday words are highlighted in the sample pages on Word Study the right: life, hands-on, subject. Say the words aloud and ask the students to repeat them. Read the sentences in which they appear, and discuss their definitions.

Introductory Script

I The chapter we're studying is called Exploring Life Science. Today we will read about what biology is and learn some important vocabulary words. Let's begin on page 8.



V(ocabulary	VOC	abulary
biology	The study of <mark>life</mark> and living things.	animation	Changing images that show change and movement.
biologist	A scientist who studies <i>biology</i> .	dynamic	Always changing or moving.
image	Any type of picture.	lab	A <mark>hands-on</mark> way to learn about <i>biolo</i>
model	Shows what something looks like in real life.	experiment	A procedure done to learn new thin
FIND	A picture of any type.	FIND A har	ds-on way to learn about biology.
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What is Biology?



Biology is the study of life and living things. Though it may sound simple, life is actually very complicated. Because life is so complicated, biology is a very large **subject**. There are many areas of biology, and different types of **biologists** study all of them. Studying all areas of biology is important to better understand the amazing existence of life.

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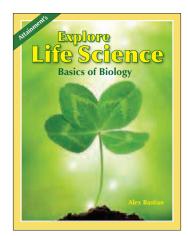
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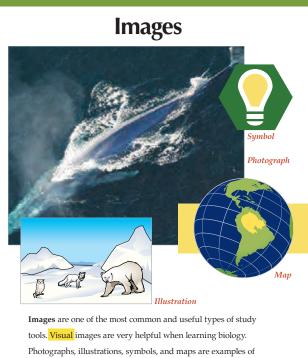
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Lesson Type	Topic Sequence A
Objectives	 ★ The student identifies that biologists learn new things by doing experiments. ★ The student identifies that a lab is a good way to learn biology concepts.
lmages, p. 11	 Read the title "Images" and the image labels. Then discuss the following point: There are many types of images. Read the passage and ask the students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." When finished, review the definition of the new vocabulary word in the passage: image. Then discuss ideas in the passage, for example: Pictures help us learn about biology.
Models, p. 12	 Read the title "Models." Then discuss the following point: A model can show what the inside of a cell looks like. Read the passage and ask students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." When finished, review the definition of the new vocabulary word in the passage: model. Then discuss ideas in the passage, for example: Models usually show very small things, but not always. This means sometimes models are a guess.
Animation, p. 13	 Read the title "Animation." Then discuss the following point: Animations are like mini movies. Read the passage and ask the students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." When finished, review the definitions of the new vocabulary words in the passage: animation and dynamic. Then discuss two ideas in the passage, for example: Animations are helpful to see things that change in biology. Cartoons are made with animation.
Lab, p. 14	 Read the title "Lab." Then discuss the following point: This symbol appears at the top of every Lab page in the book. Read the passage and the ask students to "follow along in your book as I read the text to you." When finished, review the definitions of the new vocabulary words in the passage: lab and experiment. Then discuss two ideas in the passage, for example: Biologists learn new things by doing experiments. A lab is a good way to learn biology concepts. Review all six vocabulary words in the lesson and their definitions.
Word Study	These everyday words are highlighted in the sample pages on the right: visual, processes, represent. Say the words aloud and ask the students to repeat them. Read the sentences in which they appear, and discuss their definitions.

Introductory Script

The chapter we're studying is called Looking at Cells. Today we'll read four interesting passages. They are all about tiny cells. Cells make up all living things. Let's begin on page 11.//



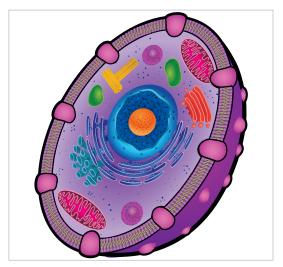


Photographs, illustrations, symbols, and maps are examples of images that help us learn about biology. Viewing different images when studying helps us remember what we learn.

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Chapter 1 ... Exploring Life Science

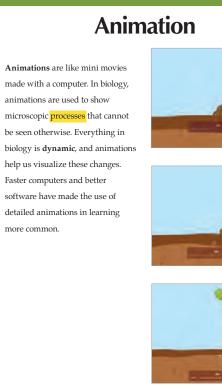




Models are created to help us see what very small things in biology look like. A model can be an image or an object. A model of a microscopic cell could be large enough to hold in your hands. Models represent biologists' ideas of how something looks. Larger things like the human body can also be made into a model.

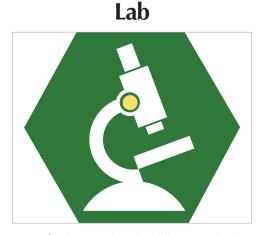
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A **lab** is a hands-on way to learn about different areas of biology. Biologists perform **experiments** to help answer questions about the world around them. Most of what has been learned by biologists was discovered by performing experiments. Labs could consist of watching a plant grow or looking at a model. Labs and their results make biology easier to understand.

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Lesson Type

Procedure

Quiz, pp. 15–16

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- Quiz/Review
- Review the Study Cards for this chapter. Review all the cards first. The three vocabulary words on the quiz are model, animation, and dynamic. These three cards can be further reviewed to help prepare for the quiz.
- Choose the procedure that works for you:
 - Have the students take the quiz in the book independently.
 - Read the questions and choices to the students, and have them circle or point to their answers.
 - Use the quiz as a chapter review and not a comprehension assessment.
- The quiz is also available in two digital formats: PDF and GoWorksheet Maker.
 - Print out the quiz with symbols from the PDF for the students to write on.
 - Have the students take the quiz without symbols (PDF or GoWorksheet) after using the book quiz as a review.
 - Have the students only take the GoWorksheet Maker quiz.

Write About It

- ► Choose the method that works for you:
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 - Read the writing ideas from the Write About It **Reference Guide** to the students to stimulate their writing.
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