



Let's Hang Out!

Dear teachers,

One of the most important parts of our jobs—and one that we especially relish—is connecting with teachers and students across the country. And guess what? We'd love to visit YOU! Seeing you in action, hearing about your needs and wishes big and small, and listening to students all provide our team with insights that we channel directly into the pages of *Scope*.

So if you're up for a virtual visit from Team Scope, drop me a line at KELewis@scholastic.com and we'll make it happen!

In the meantime, we're wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving.

Warmly,
Kristin and the *Scope* Team



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Staff Picks

"'Three Things I Love' is both beautiful and utterly relatable. I can't wait to read the poems that students create using this one as a model."

—Adee Braun, *Managing Editor*



"This month's nonfiction feature about the soccer team that became trapped in a

cave in Thailand is a riveting survival story with many science connections."

—Jennifer Dignan, *Senior Editor*

"I am loving the Research Kit that accompanies the paired texts about invasive species. It's a great entry point into a problem-based investigation."

—Lauren Salisbury, *Education Editor*



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 Story	 Summary	 Skills and Standards**	 Multimedia	 Skill Building Activities	 More Resources
Grammar , pp. 2-3 “Don’t Sniff That Flower!”	Students practice using <i>then</i> and <i>than</i> while learning all about the corpse flower—a plant that gives off a powerful stench when in bloom.	Featured Skill: conventions of standard English CCSS: L.3	 Video: Grammar Hack: <i>Then or Than?</i>	<div>Print, project, or share digitally!</div> <div>More practice with <i>then</i> and <i>than</i></div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key
Narrative Nonfiction , pp. 4-10 “Trapped in a Cave”	This gripping nonfiction feature adapted from <i>All Thirteen</i> by Christina Soontornvat tells the story of the heroic 2018 rescue of a boys soccer team from a flooded cave in Thailand.	Featured Skill: problem and solution CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.7, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	 Audio: Article and vocabulary  Video: Beyond the Story	<div>• Preparing to Write: Rescuing the Wild Boars</div> <div>• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions</div> <div>• Nonfiction Elements*</div> <div>• Video Discussion Questions</div> <div>• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice</div> <div>• Choice Board</div> <div>• Quiz*</div> <div>• Core Skills: Summarizing*, Text Features</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Lower Lexile ✓Spanish version ✓Answer key
Drama , pp. 11-16 <i>Disaster on the Ice</i>	Take students on a thrilling journey in this action-packed play about Ernest Shackleton’s doomed expedition to Antarctica.	Featured Skill: key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.5, R.7, R.9, R.10, W.3, W.9, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.6	 Audio: Vocabulary  Slideshow: Background Builder	<div>• Preparing to Write: An Antarctic Adventure</div> <div>• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions</div> <div>• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice</div> <div>• Quiz*</div> <div>• Core Skill: Inference</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key
Paired Texts , pp. 17-21 “Vampires of the Deep”	A nonfiction article about the sea lamprey and an infographic about zebra mussels explore the impact invasive species can have on our environment.	Featured Skill: synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	 Audio: Article and vocabulary  Vocabulary Slideshow	<div>• Preparing to Write: Containing Invasive Species</div> <div>• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions</div> <div>• Vocabulary: Definitions</div> <div>• Choice Board</div> <div>• Quiz*</div> <div>• Core Skills: Text Structure*, Central Ideas and Details*</div> <div>• Research Kit</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key
Short Read , pp. 22-23 “More Than a Game”	In this bite-sized article, students learn about the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team and their fight to compete in the next World Games.	Featured Skill: constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, W.1, W.4, W.5, L.4, L.6	 Audio: Article and vocabulary  Slideshow: Background Builder	<div>• The Short Write Kit</div> <div>• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice</div> <div>• Quiz*</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key
Dilemma , pp. 24-25 “Is It Wrong to Cancel Plans?”	After reading an essay about when it is and isn’t OK to cancel plans, students write a letter of advice in response to one of two scenarios provided.	Featured Skill: analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.4, R.6, R.8, W.1, W.4, W.5, SL.1, L.4, L.6	 Audio: Essay and vocabulary	<div>• Writing Planner: My Advice</div> <div>• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key
Fiction , pp. 26-31 “Hard to Say”	In this poignant story by author Sharon Morse, a young girl finds a way to connect with her grandma from Venezuela despite not being able to speak much Spanish.	Featured Skill: character CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, W.3, W.5, W.9, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	 Audio: Story and vocabulary	<div>• Preparing to Write: Hard to Say</div> <div>• Close-Reading & Critical-Thinking Questions</div> <div>• Theme Anticipation Guide</div> <div>• Vocabulary: Definitions & Practice</div> <div>• Choice Board</div> <div>• Quiz*</div> <div>• Core Skills: Text Evidence*</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key
Poem , p. 32 “Three Things I Love”	Students read a sweet poem by Jennifer Dignan, then use it as a model to write their own poems.	Featured Skills: analyzing and writing poetry CCSS: R.10, W.3	 Audio: Poem  Video: Author Read-Aloud  Podcast: Interview with Jennifer Dignan	<div>• Poetry Analysis</div> <div>• Poetry Planner</div>	✓Lesson plan ✓Text-to-speech ✓Answer key

** Common Core Anchor Standards. For grade-level-specific Common Core standards as well as Texas State Standards, go to Scope Online.

* Available on two levels

What to Love This Month at Scope Online

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Poetry Podcast

This month's episode features poet-in-residence Jennifer Dignan—and will surely get your students excited about writing poetry.



Slideshow

Be sure to share our background builder about lacrosse and the Haudenosaunee with students before reading the Short Read, "More Than a Game."



Video

Go behind the scenes of "Trapped in a Cave," a riveting work of narrative nonfiction by Christina Soontornvat.



Author Chat

In this special Q&A, your students get to meet Sharon Morse, the author of this issue's fiction, "Hard to Say."



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