



## NEW FEATURE!

# Write Like a Pro

## Dear teachers,

Over the past few months, many of you have reached out to our team about the need for more grammar and writing support. That's why I am so pleased to announce a brand-new feature: Write Like a Pro. The purpose of this new feature is to model one element of great writing that students can analyze and practice.

Write Like a Pro begins with a high-interest article. We spotlight one of the author's "pro" moves. (In this issue, the spotlight is on transition words and phrases.) After reading, students practice the pro move in a fun, low-stakes writing task. Be sure to visit Scope Online for the support materials that come with this feature. You'll find an anchor chart as well as additional practice.

I am eager to hear how Write Like a Pro goes in your classroom. Drop me a line anytime and tell me all about it—along with what you want us to create for you next!

Warmly,  
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## Staff Picks

"The Storm" (p. 28) is a suspenseful work of flash fiction. It's also perfect for exploring conflict!

—Lauren Salisbury,  
Education Editor



I wish I could be there when your students read the play *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (p. 11).

It's sure to delight!  
—Whitney Highfield,  
Art Director



Illustrator James Yamasaki knocked it out of the park with his Halloween-themed comic (p. 32). Don't miss the fun writing contest that comes with it!

—Jane Nussbaum,  
Executive Editor



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what comes with your issue!

# Your October 2023 Issue at a Glance

To get your online resources, you will need to register at [scope.scholastic.com](https://scope.scholastic.com).

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Story	Summary	Skills and Standards**	Multimedia	Skill-Building Activities		More Resources
<b>Grammar</b> , pp. 2-3 "Megalodon vs. Great White"	Practice using <i>than</i> and <i>then</i> while learning about how the largest shark to ever exist went extinct.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1	<b>Video:</b> Grammar Hack: <i>Then or Than?</i>	<b>• Than or Then?:</b> Anchor Chart and Practice Activity <b>• In-Magazine Activity:</b> Interactive Version		✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Narrative Nonfiction</b> , pp. 4-10 "Lost in Death Valley"	This riveting story follows three women who find themselves stranded in one of the most dangerous places on Earth.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> key ideas and details CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> Behind the Scenes	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Key Ideas and Details <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b> <b>• Video Discussion Questions</b> <b>• Choice Board</b>	<b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>• Quiz*</b> <b>• Core Skills:</b> Summarizing*, Text Features, Text Structure*, Nonfiction Elements	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Spanish version ✓ Answer key
<b>Drama</b> , pp. 11-16 <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	Students will love performing this play adapted from the classic short story by Washington Irving.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> inference CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Slideshow:</b> Vocabulary	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Inference <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b>	<b>• Choice Board</b> <b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions <b>• Quiz*</b>	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Debate: Scavenger Hunt</b> , pp. 17-19 "Should We Clone Our Pets?"	Students read arguments on both sides of the debate and take a stand.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> analyzing arguments CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.1, SL.1	<b>Audio:</b> Debate and vocabulary <b>Video:</b> What Is Cloning?	<b>• Scavenger Hunt*</b> <b>• Essay Kit</b> <b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice	<b>• Persuasive Appeals:</b> Ethos, Pathos, Logos <b>• Anchor Charts:</b> Transitions & Argument Essay Checklist	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Short Read</b> , pp. 20-21 "The Great Ticket Disaster"	This bite-sized article explores why it's so difficult to get concert tickets these days and what can be done about it.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> constructed response CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.8, W.2, SL.1, SL.2, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Article and vocabulary	<b>• The Short Write Kit</b> <b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice	<b>• Quiz*</b> <b>• Core Skill:</b> Central Ideas & Details*	✓ Lesson plan ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Paired Texts</b> , pp. 22-27 "Courage in the Fields" and "March"	A nonfiction article and a poem explore the Delano Grape Strike of the 1960s and the inspiring work of history maker Dolores Huerta.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> synthesis CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, R.7, R.9, W.2, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Article, poem, and vocabulary	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Synthesis <b>• Close-Reading &amp; Critical-Thinking Questions</b> <b>• Choice Board</b>	<b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice <b>• Quiz*</b> <b>• Core Skill:</b> Text Evidence*	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Lower Lexile ✓ Answer key
<b>Fiction In a Flash</b> , pp. 28-29 "The Storm"	Two friends lost in a storm will have to work together if they want to survive. Will they make it home? This short story is great for analyzing conflict.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> conflict CCSS: R.1, R.2, R.3, R.4, R.5, R.6, W.3, SL.1, L.4, L.5, L.6	<b>Audio:</b> Story and vocabulary	<b>• Featured Skill:</b> Conflict <b>• Narrative Planner</b> <b>• Discussion Questions</b> <b>• Choice Board</b>	<b>• Vocabulary:</b> Definitions & Practice	✓ Lesson plan and slide deck ✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Write Like a Pro</b> , pp. 30-31 "How 3-D Printing Is Changing the World"	Students learn about using transition words and phrases while reading about the power of 3-D printing.	<b>Featured Skills:</b> grammar, usage, and mechanics CCSS: L.1, L.2	<b>Video:</b> Dream It, Print It!	<b>• Transition Words and Phrases:</b> Anchor Chart and Practice Activity <b>• In-Magazine Activity:</b> Interactive Version		✓ Text-to-speech ✓ Answer key
<b>Root Power</b> , p. 32 "The Magical Teen Talent Show"	Learn about the Latin root <i>ambi</i> and the Greek root <i>amphi</i> through a graphic-novel-style story.	<b>Featured Skill:</b> vocabulary acquisition CCSS: L.4	Print, project, or share digitally!		<b>• Root Power:</b> <i>ambi</i> and <i>amphi</i>	✓ 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

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## Grammar Hack

In this delightful video, your students learn tips for keeping *then* and *than* straight. Check out the whole Grammar Hack series at Scope Online!



## Special Collection: Halloween Hits

This collection of spine-chilling plays, articles, and videos is your go-to resource for all things Halloween.



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Be sure to try our Choice Boards, available in the Resources tab. They provide a menu of prompts for students to show their understanding of a story or an article.



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## Contest Deadline Alert!

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Entries for contests from this issue must be received by **November 20, 2023**.

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