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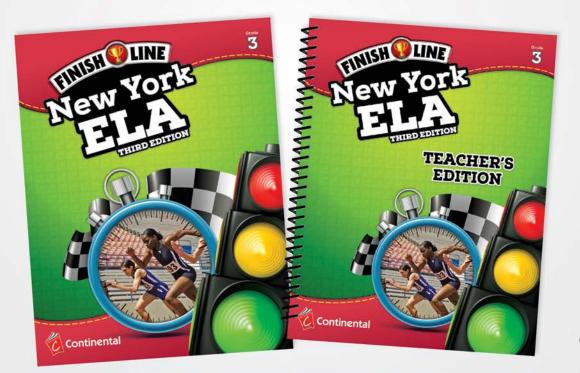
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## What does this series do?

Finish Line New York ELA, Third Edition gives students comprehensive instruction and practice to build understanding of New York's ELA Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS). To help you apply the CCLS to today's Next Generation, New York Next Generation Learning Standards Crosswalks are available on our website. Components include student workbooks and annotated teacher's editions in print and eBook formats.

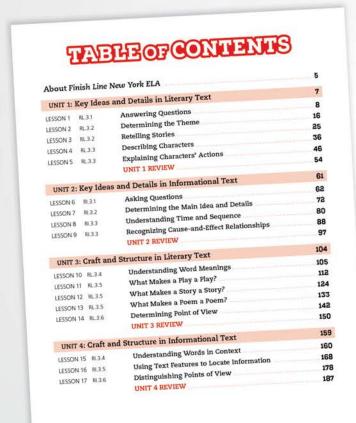




Grades 1–8

# **Standards Connection**

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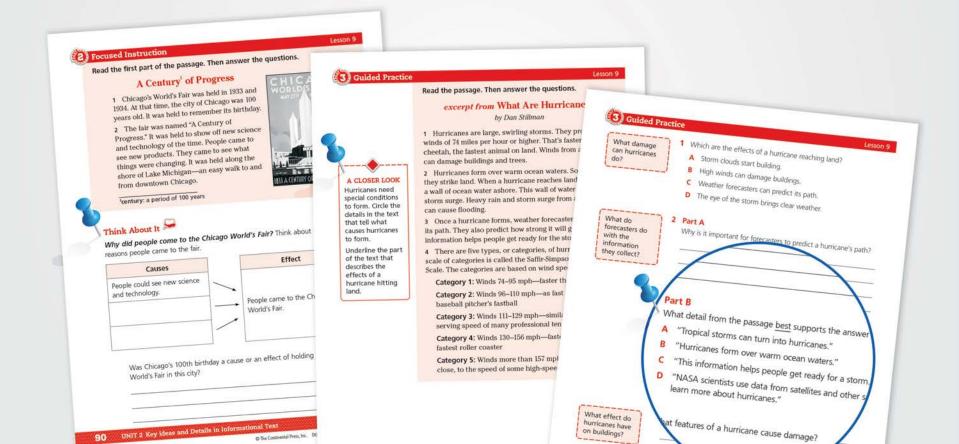
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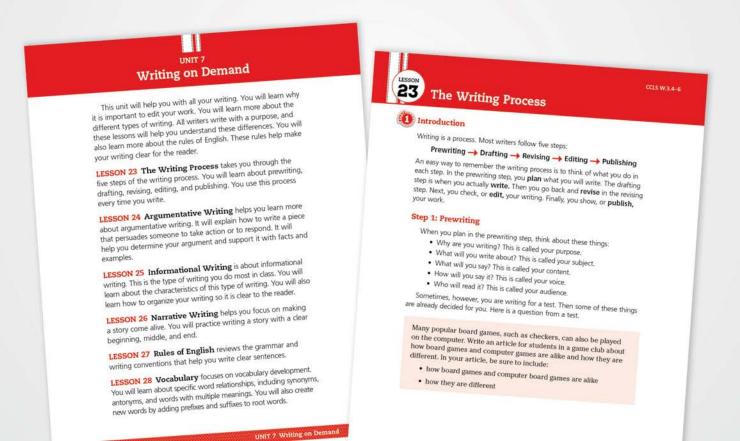
# **Close Reading of Rigorous Text**

As required by the Standards, the books ask students to find evidence from the text to support their answers.



# **Language Arts**

In addition to lessons on reading comprehension skills, each book includes a full unit of writing standards for students to practice the writing process, learn how to answer open-ended questions, and apply grammar and usage conventions.



## **Gradual Release Model**

# **Part #1: Introduction**

Each lesson begins with a brief explanation of the focus standard(s) and how students will use it. Example text, pictures, or graphic organizers support the instruction to help students better understand the skills.





# **Understanding Words in Context**



#### Introduction

### THEME: >>> Past to Present

As you read, you will often come across new or unfamiliar words. There are several ways to figure out the meaning of a word you don't know. Sometimes, you can look up the word in a dictionary or glossary. Other times, you can figure out the word's meaning by using context clues in the text itself. Context clues are words and phrases in the text that help show the meaning of a particular word.

#### Read the paragraph.

Jane Goodall walked into the jungle and quietly took her place to observe the chimpanzees. One or two chimps hesitantly approached her, but their steps were slow and they seemed frightened. Jane urged them to come closer. A young chimp glanced at Jane with a quizzical look. The little chimp was clearly puzzled and not sure what to do next.

Look at the words <u>hesitantly</u> and <u>quizzical</u>. Then look for other words and phrases in the sentence and the other nearby sentences for clues that help you understand what these words mean. Circle words and phrases that show the meaning of hesitantly. Underline words and phrases that show the meaning of guizzical. Then answer the questions by filling in the boxes below.

Question	What the Text Says	
How does the text	"their stan-	Word Meaning
describe the way the chimps approach Jane?		" So <u>hesitantly</u> mean
dow does the text describe the way the oung chimp looked then it glanced at Jane?		So <u>quizzical</u> means

## **Gradual Release Model**

# Part #2: Focused Instruction

Students can collaborate with a partner, in small groups, or as a class to practice the skill. They read a story, poem, play, or nonfiction piece and work through a series of guiding Think About It questions to help them organize their thoughts and build comprehension strategies.



Focused Instruction

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Read the first part of the text. Then answer the questions.

# Meet Sue Hendrickson, Explorer

- 1 It happened one day in August, 1990. That was the day that Sue Hendrickson became famous. Sue had joined a team of explorers on a dinosaur dig. They were hunting for fossils in the Black Hills of South Dakota. She found a reddish-brown rock. Then she found a string of small bones. These bones led her to huge dinosaur backbones. They led to an almost complete dinosaur skeleton.
- 2 Sue Hendrickson found the largest *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton ever. It was also the most complete set of T. rex bones. They were in very good condition. The dinosaur skeleton was named SUE after Sue Hendrickson. Now, everyone knew her name. She was famous.
- 3 Sue Hendrickson was born in Chicago, Illinois. She grew up near Munster, Indiana. Sue Hendrickson was the middle child in her family. She was a shy little girl who enjoyed reading. Even as a young girl, Sue loved to look for and find things. She joined the swim team when she was a teen. She loved swimming and spending time in the water. Sue became a woman who loved adventure. She became a diver and explored the sea floor. She collected insect fossils. Sue taught herself to

#### Think About It

What unfamiliar words are related to the subject? Looking for clues in the sentence the word is used in will help you find the meaning.

What is the meaning of fossils in paragraph 1?

What sentence in the passage helps you know the meaning?

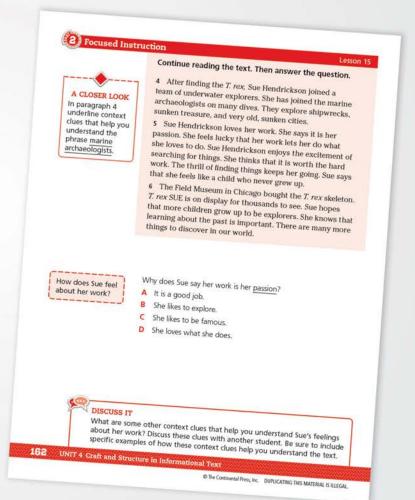
### **Gradual Release Model**

# **Part #2: Focused Instruction**

As the lesson progresses, students apply their close reading skills by completing *A Closer Look* activity. Shaded boxes with hints and reminders are also provided for extra support. Focused Instruction concludes with a *Discuss It* question to reinforce the skill through speaking and listening activities. Students are asked to analyze part of a text to answer a question, and then discuss their answer with their peers.

## Student Book

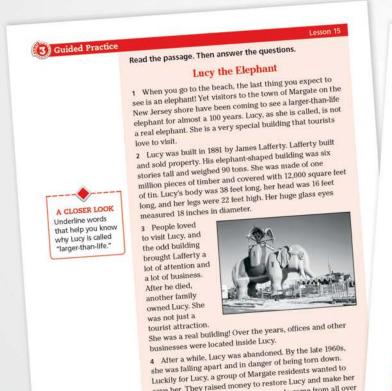
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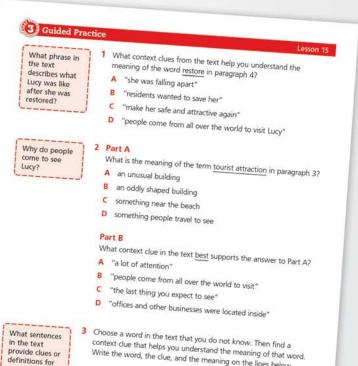


# Student Book

# Part #3: Guided Practice

It's time to apply the strategies learned in part #2. In the Guided Practice section, students can work independently or collaboratively to answer multiple-choice and short-answer questions. They will also see hints and reminders, and *A Closer Look* activities.





Lesson 15

## **Gradual Release Model**

# **Part #4: Independent Practice**

Students are ready to answer questions on their own without any help or hints. Item types include:

- one- and two-part multiple choice
- short response
- extended response or essay



raft and Structure in Informational Text

Independent Practice

What is a superintendent?

4 Part A

Part B

## Reviews

Each unit concludes with a review to test all skills covered in the unit.

UNIT 6 REVIEW Integration of Knowledge and Ideas in Informational Text Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## A Day in the Life of a Zookeeper

by Amy Mitchell

- 1 I'm Amy, and my job at the zoo is to take care of our seals and sea lions. My day starts early! Those seals and sea lions are hungry as soon as the sun comes up. They will eat any time of the day, but they always want to start very early.
- 2 When I get to the zoo, my first stop is the Food Preparation Center. That's where I prepare the food that keeps them healthy. Some of the seal pups are still nursing from their moms. The adults eat many different kinds of fish, crabs, clams, and other seafood. Often, the sea lions flip their food into the air until they can slide it headfirst into their mouth. They swallow it whole. That means I have to choose pieces that will not choke them on the way down. If the food has a hard shell, the sea lions crush it with their back teeth.
- 3 Carrying buckets of food, I head to the seals' and sea lions' enclosures. They start barking as soon they see me. Like dogs without legs, the seals struggle over to greet me. The sea lions in the next enclosure can turn their back flippers. That makes it easier for them to move over land. They hurry to the fence to tell me they are hungry, tool 262 UNIT 6 REVIEW Integration of Knowledge and Ideas in Informational Text



The seal uses its back flipper to swim.



The sea lion uses its front flipper to swim. Notice the sea lion's ear flap.

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IT 6 REVIEW Integration of Knowledge and Ideas in Informational Text

- Reread paragraph 6. How are the sentences in this paragraph connected?
  - A by sequence of events
  - B by comparing and contrasting
  - c by cause and effect
  - D by order of importance
- 2 How did the writer connect the paragraphs in the article?
  - A by sequence of events
  - B by comparing and contrasting
  - C by cause and effect
  - D by order of importance
- 3 Using details from the photographs and the text, explain how you can tell the difference between a seal or a sea lion. Tell what else you would check, if you could.

id two passages. Then answer the questions.

#### A Short History of Zoos

1 You can see amazing animals in zoos. They come from all parts of Earth. The very first zoos looked quite different from those today. Long ago, wealthy people kept animals for their private viewing. Few other people saw these animals. These "zoos" were called menageries1. Their owners sent people around the world to gather giraffes, bears, and other animals. Most of these animals were kept in small cages.

menageries: groups of animals that are kept and shown to the public

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- 7 Many zoos offer camps and other programs to help children learn about animals. Some have special classes for college students and lessons for teachers to use. The Central Park Zoo, for example, has a theater program. It reaches more than 1,600 children every year. Many of these children live in the city. At the zoo, they learn about animals they will never see on the streets of New York! 8 So yes, we should have zoos! And we should keep improving them, just as we continue to treasure the animals on Earth!
- 4 How are the two passages about zoos alike?
- A They both cover the history of zoos.
- B Both authors think we should keep zoos.
- C Both explain why zoos started taking better care of their animals.
- D Both talk about how zoos help people.

#### 5 Part A

How are the two passages about zoos different?

- A Only one explains why some kinds of animals are disappearing.
- B Only one tells how zoos have helped save some kinds of animals.
- C Only one says that breeding animals can lead to problems.
- D Only one mentions the problem of keeping animals in a small

#### Part B

What evidence from the passage best supports the answer to

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# Glossary

A glossary includes words and terms that appear in boldface throughout the book, along with their definitions.



Fable: a short story in which animals act like humans Fact: a statement or information that can be proven Fairy tale: a type of traditional story that involves magical creatures interacting with humans in good and bad ways Fiction: a made-up story Figurative language: language that is not meant literally Folktale: a story about ordinary people that teaches a lesson about Genre: type of literature Hyperbole: exaggerated statement for effect Hyperlink: a link that uses the World Wide Web to find another Inferences: information figured out with details from the story and \_\_\_\_\_ Key words: list of important words in a text Literal: word means exactly what its says Main idea: what the story, article, or paragraph is about Metaphor: a type of figurative language that compares two unlike things but does not use the words like or as Moral: concerned with the principles of right and wrong Myth: a story that explains something about nature or a people's customs or beliefs

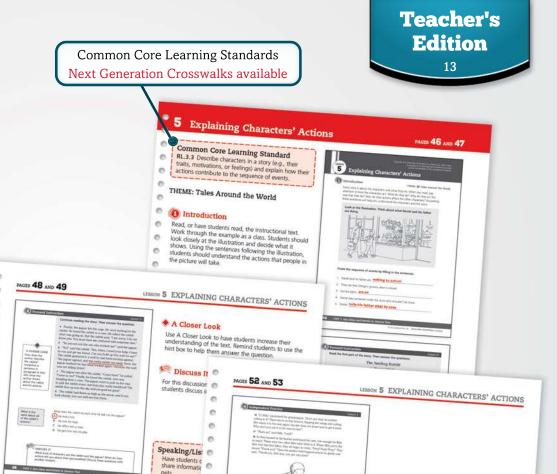
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- Annotated student pages with answers
- Answer analysis and CCLS and Depth of Knowledge (DOK) correlations

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- · Speaking/listening, writing, and media/research activities
- Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary
- English learner support



Writing Activity

did it make them feel?

Have students write about a time they were able to help someone. What did they do to help? How

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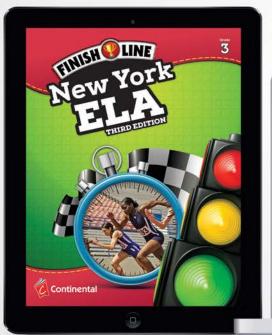
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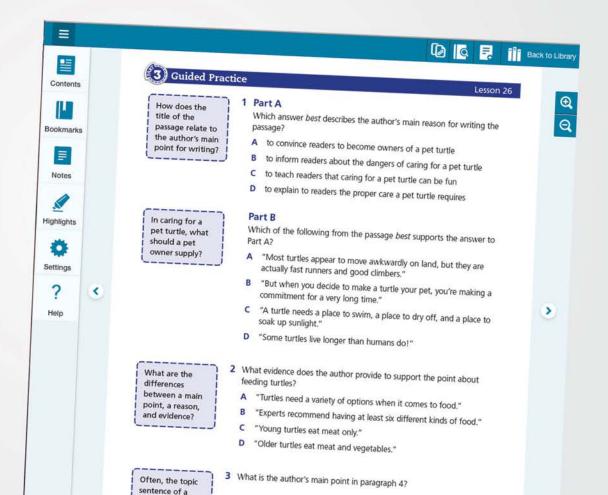


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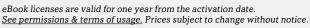
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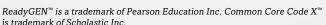
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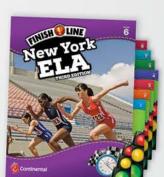












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