

Beyond the Textbook

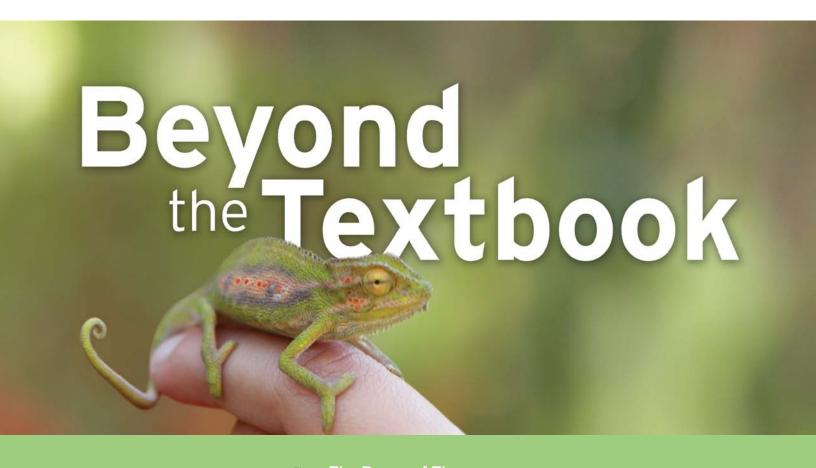
DISCOVERY EDUCATION SCIENCE TECHBOOK™

A comprehensive digital program that replaces traditional textbooks, fuels digital transformation and supports Provincial expectations.









Discovery Education Science Techbook™

provides unrivaled content that helps teachers transition to the exciting world of digital resources. Science Techbook™ ignites curiosity and enhances learning via a powerful, simple-to-use program that substantially lowers district costs.

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Exclusive Digital Content Available only from Discovery Aligned to Provincial expectations Always up-to-date content
Inquiry-Based Instructional Design
3. Powerful, Simple to Use Resource > Intuitive design saves teachers' time > Any device. Anywhere. Anytime. > Custom, on-going professional development eases transition > Assessment informs instruction
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THE POWER OF THREE: Discovery Education's Unique Approach to Increasing Student Achievement



A complete replacement for traditional textbooks, Discovery Education's Science Techbook™ is a dynamic digital resource that empowers students to take ownership of their own learning. **Compatible with any hardware your district employs**—iPads, tablets, laptops or desktops—Techbook™ elevates student achievement through a combination of three critical elements.

- 1 Exclusive content from Discovery Channel, Discovery Education and 100 other publishers that captures student attention.
- Inquiry-based instructional design, tied to custom, on-going professional development, that makes students think, act and communicate like scientists.
- Powerful, simple to use technology that saves teachers' time and eases transition to digital resources.

THE CONVERGENCE OF ALL THREE ELEMENTS

It is the convergence of all three elements that makes Science Techbook™ truly unique. Supported by deep, on-going professional development for teachers, Science Techbook™ connects today's digitally native students with a powerful new educational resource that brings transformational change to the classroom. The result is a marked increase in student engagement, learning and achievement.

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EXCLUSIVE DIGITAL CONTENT:
Only from Discovery





From MythBusters, to LIFE, to FROZEN PLANET, and much more, Science

Techbook™ is packed with captivating content found only from the world's number one non-fiction media company. Custom built and aligned to Provincial expectations, Science Techbook™ incorporates content from Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, The Science Channel and more than 100 other respected educational publishers such as PBS, including custom content produced by Discovery Education specifically to reach 21st century learning objectives.

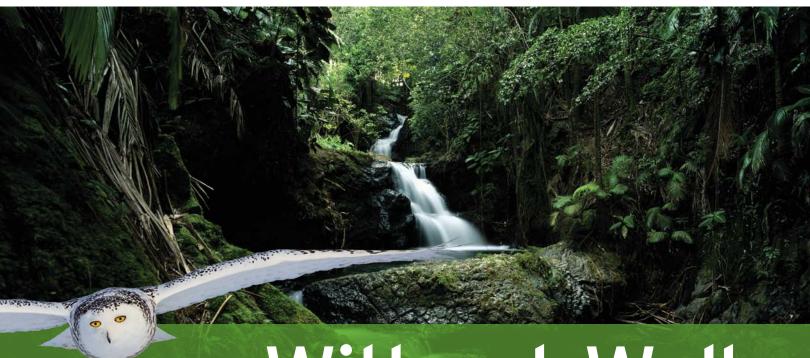


ALWAYS UP-TO-DATE CONTENT

Traditional textbooks are outdated the moment they are printed. Science Techbook™ is updated in real-time, so new scientific discoveries are automatically included in the program at no additional cost. Information and imagery from natural and man-made disasters, such as catastrophic oil spills, devastating earthquakes or nuclear reactor calamities, are available to students soon after the events occurred.



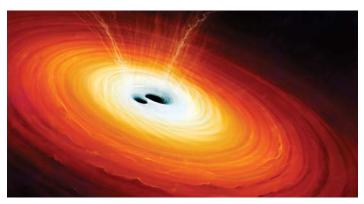




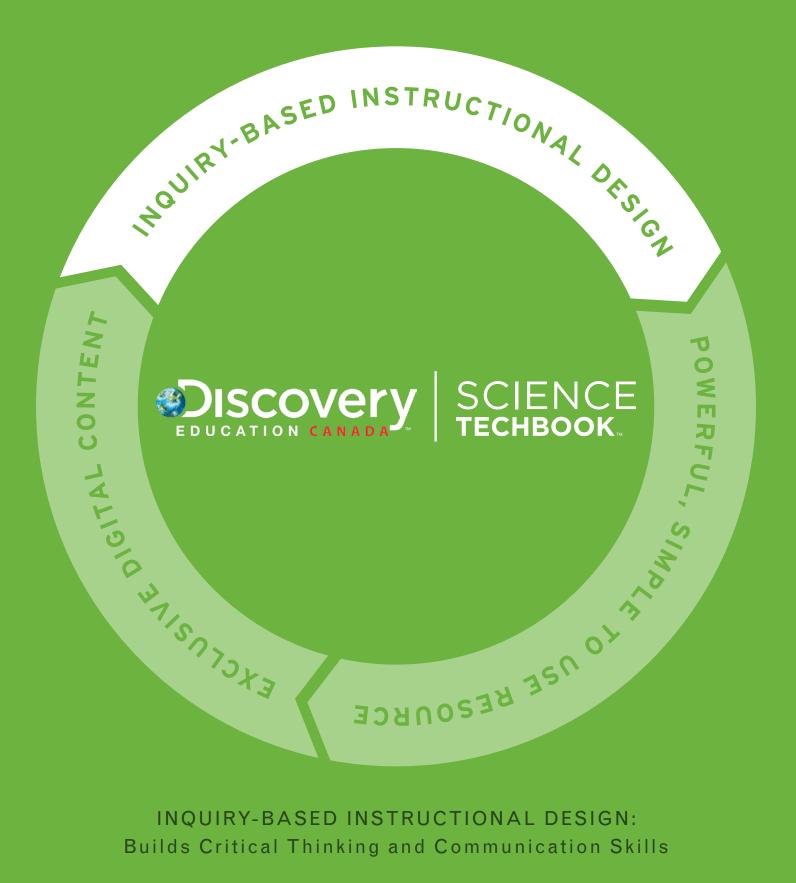
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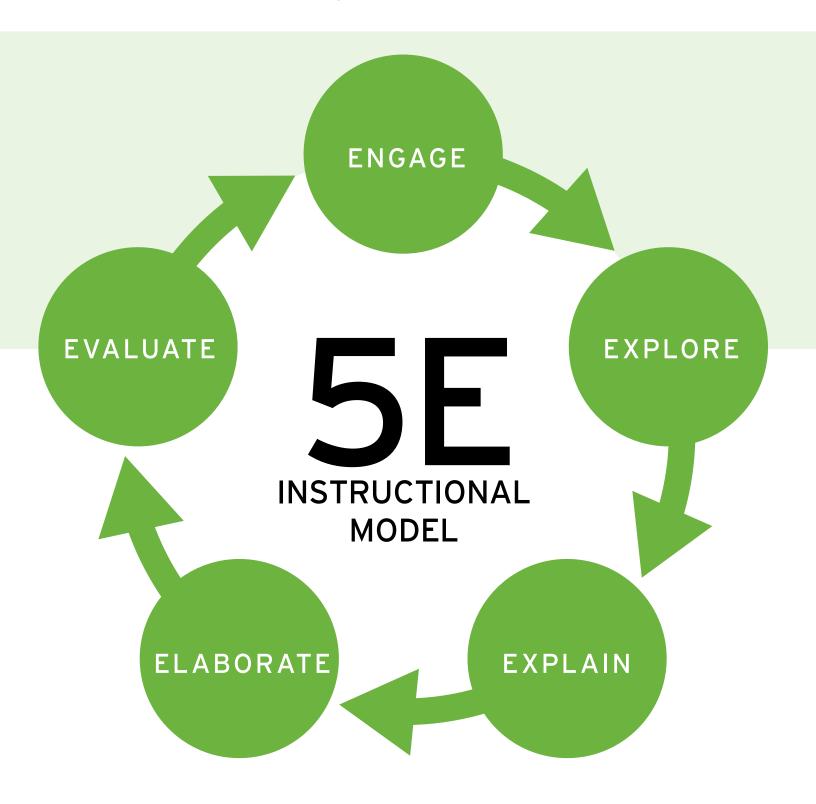


INQUIRY-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN: Builds Critical Thinking and Communication Skills



Part of the magic behind Science Techbook™ is that it is built around students answering essential questions. This inquiry-based model of instructional design helps students build critical thinking and communication skills. Students "construct" new ideas and concepts by connecting new information to prior knowledge. **Engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate.** The 5Es describe a learning process that enables students and teachers to experience common activities, build on prior knowledge, construct meaning, and continually assess their understanding of a concept, just as real scientists do.

Inquiry-Based Learning needs Inquiry-Based Instruction.





Critical Thinking And Communication Skills

> ENGAGE

Engage, the initial step in the process, is where students first encounter and identify an instructional task, make connections between prior and present experiences and build the foundation for activities ahead. Science Techbook™ provides teachers with focused "engage" resources, such as high impact video clips with discussion questions, to grab students' attention and introduce a concept.

> EXPLORE

In the Explore phase, students have the opportunity to use a variety of Science Techbook™ resources, get directly involved in the inquiry process and probe an essential question. This may take place using a range of instructional techniques including having students work in teams, building a base of common experiences and sharing information with others.

> EXPLAIN

The Explain phase is where students begin to put the abstract information they have gathered into a more concrete, communicable form. Students are encouraged to

put these explanations into their own words and demonstrate real understanding of a concept. Science Techbook™ incorporates scientific explanations into the program at this phase. These are structured, evidence-based guides to help students think, act, read and write like scientists. From a cross-curricular vantage point, there is a direct connection between reading and communicating in science and Language Arts Provincial expectations.

> ELABORATE

Elaborate activities encourage learners to expand on the concepts learned, make connections to other related concepts and apply their understandings to the world around them by conducting additional activities.

> EVALUATE

The Evaluate phase is an ongoing process that occurs throughout the lesson. Formative and self-assessments are embedded throughout and provide benchmarks to progress in preparation for more formal summative assessments. Science Techbook's assessment system also provides remediation content suggestions for areas needing further work.

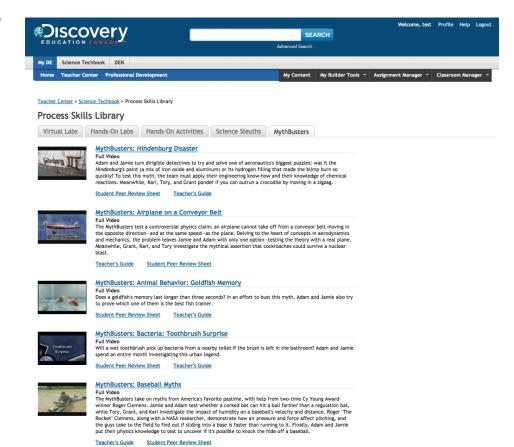
Learning begins when students are **engaged**.



Process Skills Library

The Process Skills Library is a comprehensive collection of virtual labs, hands-on labs, hands-on activities, and *MythBusters* segments that encourage inquiry, high-level thinking and critical scientific process skills such as data collection, data analysis, and drawing conclusions.

- The Process Skills Library provides a single, convenient point of access to a wide range of resources. These assets are also embedded throughout the program at appropriate grade levels.
- > Teacher and student guides are provided for most activities.







Students love to engage in forensic analysis and solve a mystery. Science Sleuths provide a forensic approach to inquiry by providing scientific content, interviews with key individuals, and simple lab tests to solve a mystery. Each program segment includes observation/writing prompts/critique sheets and a teacher's guide to support inquiry-based learning.



Can your textbook do this?





Core Interactive Text

Fulfilling the Promise of Digital

Interactivity is the critical function that separates static text from a fully digital resource. With Core

Interactive Text, Discovery Education Science Techbook™ takes interactivity

to a whole new level. Designed to reach every learner, Core Interactive Text (CIT) is Science

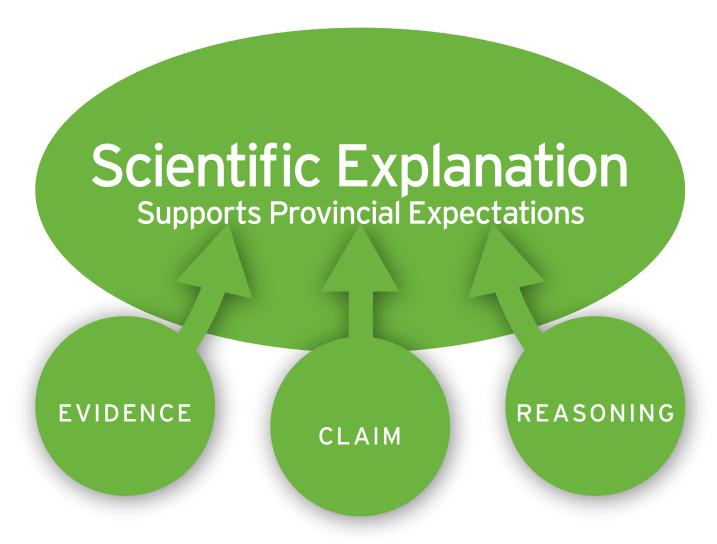
Techbook's groundbreaking user interface that captures the unique benefits of digital—sound, video, images, explorations, text-to-speech, English-to-French and three font sizes—with one-button simplicity.

- 1 Students have rich supporting videos, images, simulations, and audio right at their fingertips.
- Videos play instantly, in small or large format, without having to open a new window or go to a different site.
- By highlighting text, students can have the key text read to them in English or French.
- 4 Students can highlight text, take notes and save them so they are available for future reference.

"It has been exciting to watch our teachers and students use Science Techbook™ in their classrooms during this first year of implementation. The change that is taking place not only brings a powerful digital resource into the classroom, but embraces a method of teaching that allows our teachers to become facilitators of knowledge."

- Curt Witthoff, Coordinator - K-12 Science & Environmental Education, Collier County Public Schools

Read, write, think and talk like a scientist.



Science Techbook™ is designed to enhance comprehensive literacy in all forms—reading, writing, listening, verbal communication and critical thinking skills. These are skills mandated by Provincial expectations.

Three of the many Science Techbook™ features that support Provincial expectations and comprehensive literacy are:

- > Scientific Explanation Format: A guide for each concept that helps students respond to essential questions by providing a structured framework for recording data in a consistent manner and supporting those claims through evidence, fact-based reasoning and arguments—critical elements of Provincial expectations' writing and verbal requirements.
- > Core Interactive Text: Provides unparalleled comprehensive literacy support via embedded

multimodal features for all learning styles, including leveled reading, note-taking and highlighting capability, links to the interactive glossary, English and French text, text-to-speech, video with audio, digital simulations and virtual labs.

> Leveled Reading with Interactive Glossary: With Science Techbook's inquiry-based instructional design, the quest for science knowledge and the need to answer the essential question drives the purpose for reading. Techbook™ incorporates reading passages at three levels: on grade, below grade and above grade. The Interactive Glossary provides critical support for reading at all levels. This exclusive, groundbreaking resource has more than 800 terms to help students master science vocabulary via four different modalities: 1) Text — English and French, 2) Animation, 3) Video with sound and 4) Images.

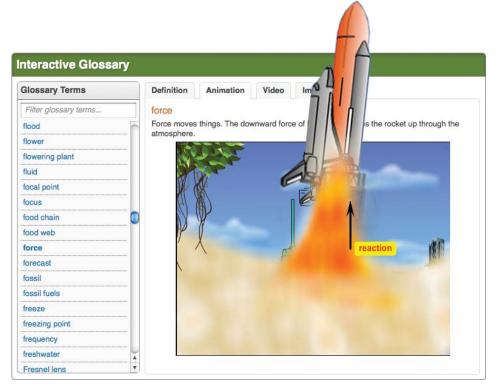




Interactive Glossary

Mastering science vocabulary is critical to success. Students must learn as much new vocabulary in a science course as they learn in the first year of a

foreign language. Discovery Education's Interactive Glossary is a one-of-a-kind resource created to help students master essential vocabulary.



The Interactive Glossary includes:

- > More than 800 glossary terms
- > Definitions in English and French
- Digital animations to describe the term
- Video segments with audio illustrating the term and providing context
- > Downloadable images

Support for French speaking students? Oui!

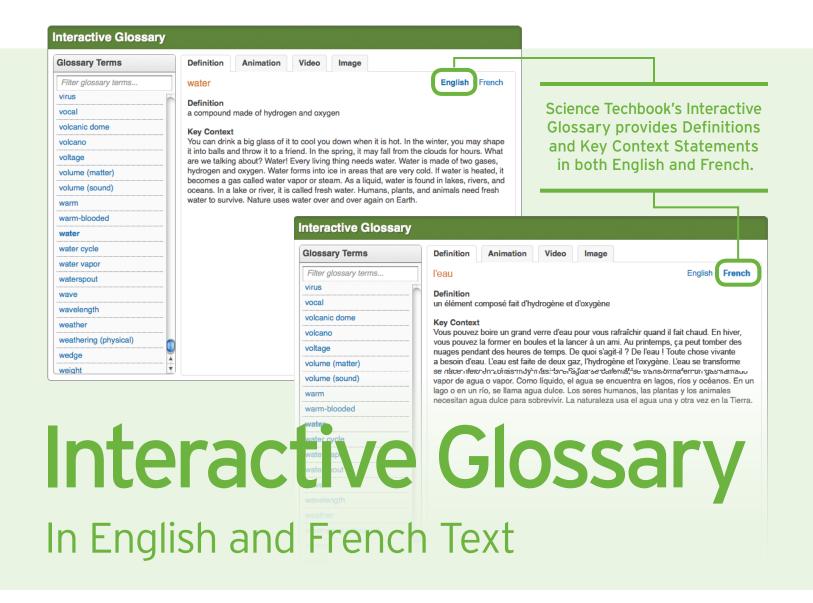


Provinces with a large French speaking population require additional specialized resources. As a primary instructional resource, Discovery Education Science Techbook™ is designed to meet the instructional needs of all students, including those who require additional French language support. Science Techbook™ helps these students master scientific concepts and demonstrate their proficiency in English while preparing them for English-based science tests.

- Roseann Burklow, 7th Grade Science, Mooresville, NC

[&]quot;I cannot tell you how Science Techbook™ has energized my lessons! I am now using the 'My Builder's Tool' and Techbook™ to assign exciting and engaging lessons for my 7th grade science classes. The creators of Techbook™ have thought of it all!! ... The more I learn from the experts at Discovery Education the more excited I get. (After 30 years of teaching, too:-)"





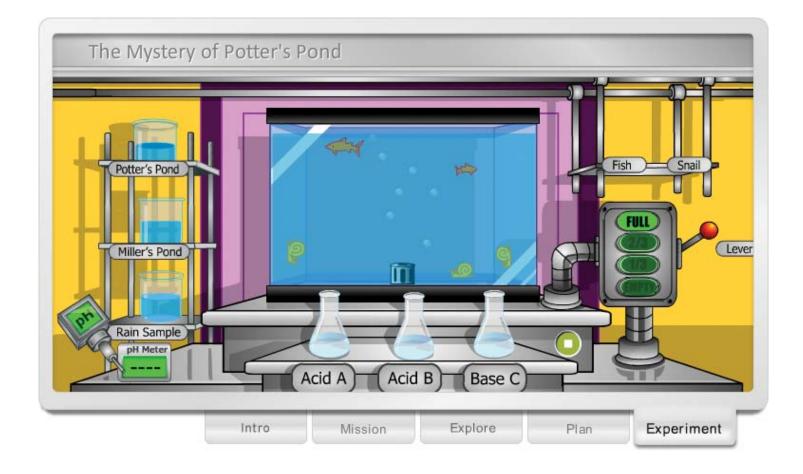
Science Techbook™ provides support to French speaking students in a variety of ways.

> Core Interactive Text with French Reading Path and Text-to-Voice. Science Techbook™ includes a French reading path with text-to-voice capability for the primary content for each key concept in the program. Students simply select the French option, highlight the text to be read, and the text-to-voice feature reads that section to the student in French. All videos included in the Core Interactive Text will also have the option of closed caption in French.

> Direct Science Vocabulary Instruction: Learning science content and scientific processes starts with a solid understanding of science vocabulary. Science Techbook's Interactive Glossary provides multimodal definitions for more than 800 of the most common K–12 science terms. Students learn the vocabulary through text, animations, and brief video clips with audio support.

For each vocabulary word, a Definition and Key Context Statement is available in both English and French. This provides French speaking students access to the science vocabulary while at the same time strengthening their English language proficiency.

For every virtual lab there is a hands-on lab.



Science Techbook™ includes a variety of virtual labs, each paired with a hands-on lab, designed to teach students investigative design. Students are guided to ask a testable question and design an investigation that answers that question. Once they have an approved approach, students conduct the virtual investigation, collect and analyze data, and then report results to their peers. In sharing data and conclusions, students are playing the role of scientists and engineers who share and discuss their results as a matter of practice.

Teachers are provided Virtual Lab Teacher Guides that provide a step-by-step approach to teaching investigative design. Following each virtual lab, the experience is repeated with a hands-on lab related to the same concept. Students again move through the investigation process, this

time conducting actual measurements and manipulating science materials in real time. Science is more about doing than reading. Discovery Education's carefully selected hands-on labs complement the learning experience by incorporating at least one science process skill and/or concept about the nature of science.

- > Virtual labs are designed to be open-ended.
 There is no one correct answer.
- > Labs are leveled to grade level.
- > Hands-on labs use readily available materials to lower costs.
- > Both directed and guided labs are included.
- > Student information and planning sheets are provided.





"I have more resources available to reach all the kids. Some succeed with the visuals, others understand better through story (animated video), while others gain understanding through the fun-damental and virtual labs. I believe all of my students are leaving with a greater understanding of science concepts and fewer misconceptions."

- Elementary Teacher, Collier County Schools, FL





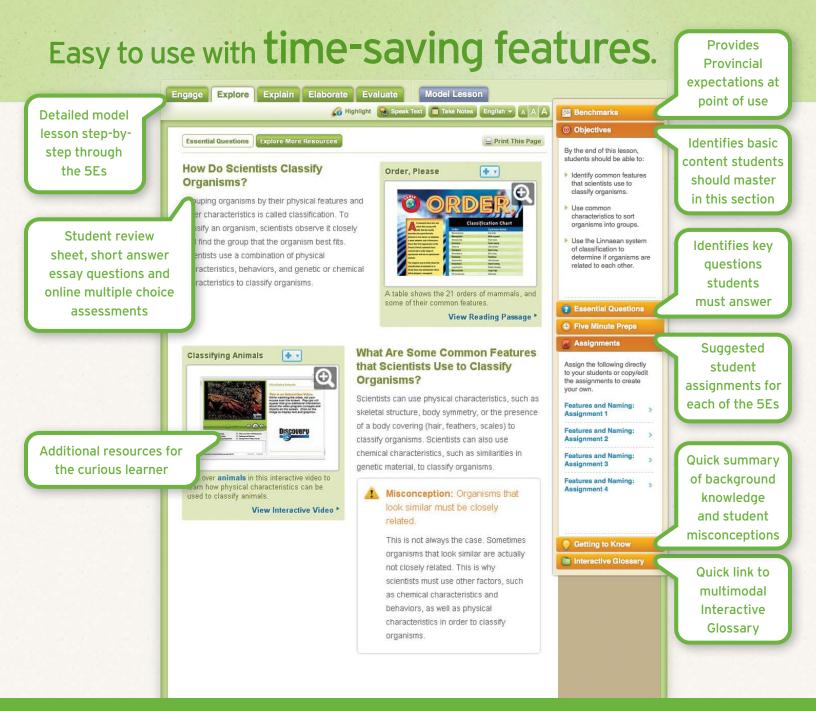
POWERFUL, SIMPLE TO USE RESOURCE: Any Device. Anywhere. Any Time.





Unlike other programs that may require a particular brand of technology to access their program, Science Techbook™ works with whatever hardware or technology a district employs—iPads, tablets, mobile devices, laptops or desktops. **Substantially less expensive per student** than traditional textbooks, Science Techbook™ provides additional savings by eliminating the need to replace or inventory textbooks. In today's world of constrained budgets, many school districts do not have sufficient resources to provide every student with his or her own device. Therefore, Science Techbook™ provides professional development and model lessons that provide teaching strategies for differing levels of technology—whether whole group, small group, or 1-to-1.





"I love the enthusiasm of the third grade mind and Discovery Education has been a fantastic addition to the classroom. I cannot imagine that any other textbook could bring about change as dramatic as we have seen with Discovery Education Techbook™."

> - Becky Pennington, 3rd Grade, Center Grove Community Schools, Greenwood, IN







Science Techbook's user interface is so intuitive and easy to use that **teachers will be up and running in a remarkably short period of time.** The user interface is based on feedback from thousands of teachers actively using Science Techbook™. Everything is right where you might expect it. Now in its second generation, Science Techbook™ provides a natural, book-like experience in a digital world, easing the transition to digital resources. Videos, interactives, audio and imagery are right at point of use. With the click of a mouse, you can change from English to French, choose a font size or activate text-to-speech. Sit back and get ready to blast-off. You and your students are going to enjoy the ride.

A host of time-saving features right at your fingertips.

In-depth model lesson for every concept: Built around the 5E model of instruction, it is a huge time-saver for novice and experienced teachers alike. Each lesson displays all standards covered, provides background information to help teachers prepare, including typical student misconceptions, and provides links for each suggested resource and student assignment. Materials for student review, short answer essays and online auto-graded multiple choice assessments are provided for each concept. A printed Teacher's Guide is also included as an additional time-saving resource.

Quick-links include:

- > 5-Minute Prep to help teachers brush up on a new concept
- > Expectations and Objectives
- Essential Questions
- > Student Assignments
- > Interactive Glossary

Ongoing Professional Development = More Students Learning More

A state-of-the-art digital resource like Science Techbook™ is only part of the equation. Teachers need to engage in meaningful, on-going professional development to take full advantage of this transformative teaching tool. Discovery Education provides strategic professional development customized to the unique needs of each school and district so that teachers can transition more easily and successfully to this powerful digital resource.

Discovery Education offers a range of professional development opportunities to help teachers move along a continuum from "entry" all the way to "transformation." A unifying theme is that all sessions from "Getting Started with Techbook™," to sessions on deepening scientific inquiry, to strategies for engaging diverse learners incorporate research-based practices in science and literacy instruction.

Discovery Education professional development and implementation specialists evaluate the technology available in each district and provide strategies to optimize its use in a variety of classrooms... whether it is

a one-computer classroom, a one-to-one environment or something in between. If necessary, some professional development can be delivered live via webinars to accommodate teacher schedules.

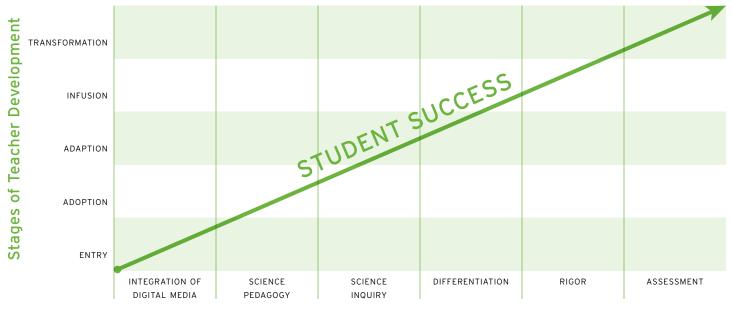
The professional development team leads districts stepby-step through the digital transition process with justin-time professional learning experiences that emphasize systemic change and principles of learning that ultimately bring coherence to content, instructional strategies and technology integration. The result is a substantial increase in student achievement.

"Discovery Education sets the bar very high. I've been teaching a hands-on, activity based science curriculum for nineteen years. The Discovery Education Science Techbook™ has combined concept, content, interactivity and digital. In my opinion it is the best curriculum available, and I consider it 'the missing link.' Combine all of that with fantastic professional development and customer service, and Discover Education is the whole package."

- Julie Gavin, Lead Middle School Teacher, School Town of Munster, Munster, Indiana







Areas of Discovery Education Professional Development Support

Sharing strategies, resources, ideas, and SUCCESS.



Helping teachers connect to their most valuable asset - other

teachers — is just one of the ways Discovery Education supports teachers after they have adopted Science Techbook™. The Discovery Educator Network (DEN) has 200,000 members providing professional development support to more than one million educators worldwide. In addition to on-going professional development, Discovery Education also assigns an instructional implementation specialist to each district to ensure successful implementation by sharing strategies, resources, ideas and successes.

Many instructional activities, events and professional development services are provided at no additional cost. These include:

- > A Night of Discovery: An evening event that introduces Science Techbook™ to parents and illustrates how they can participate in their child's education.
- > Webinars: A wide range of free webinars to enhance teacher skills.
- > Seasonal Science Streams: A monthly live schoolbased broadcast integrating engaging, hands-on science with digital media, fit for the season.

- > A SciCon: A day-long virtual science conference designed to expand your professional community and learn new strategies for using digital content.
- > **DEN Science Institute:** Intensive hands-on professional development for selected educators.
- > Monthly Newsletter, DEN Blog and Lab Report: A communication path that helps teachers stay abreast of new content and new ways to use Science Techbook™.
- > Live Technical Support: A continuing commitment from Discovery Education to provide timely support via phone, email or chat.





5-Minute Prep

Provides teacher background knowledge, typical student misconceptions and highlights the Big Ideas and key content for that concept area.

- > 5 minute concept overview
- Summarizes teacher background knowledge
- > Highlights student misconceptions
- > Identifies Big Ideas in science
- > Outlines student's prior knowledge
- > Links to key content
- Downloadable and editable

Time-Saving Lesson Plans

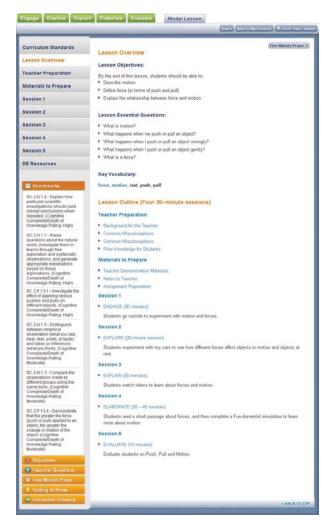
Science Techbook™ provides lesson plans for every concept, saving teachers critical time. Detailed lesson plans allow teachers to begin using Techbook™ effectively from day one. Since Science Techbook™ works with whatever hardware a district employs—iPads, tablets, mobile devices, laptops or desktops—Techbook's model lessons also provide teaching strategies for differing technology levels, whether whole group, small group, or 1-to-1.

Model lessons utilize the 5E Instructional Model providing a "how to" guide for Science Techbook™. The lessons model inquiry-based instruction, offering two pathways: directed inquiry and guided inquiry with easily accessible digital resources linked from each lesson.

Each lesson plan includes:

- > Provincial expectations
- Materials to prepare
- Essential Learnings (lesson objectives, essential questions and key vocabulary)
- Session lessons with pacing guides

- > Lesson Outline
- > Teacher Preparation (background information on the concept to be taught)
- Discovery Education resources provided
- > The ability to download and edit



Concept Review - The MOST popular asset



The Evaluate section for each concept includes a comprehensive review page with graphics and practice assessments for students. **Students love this feature** and spend considerable time reviewing concepts and taking practice assessments, where they get immediate feedback and an explanation of the correct answer.



Assessment that informs instruction.

Discovery Education's Science Assessment Manager provides state-of-the-art tools to help assess and report student progress. Assessment Manager also recommends and assigns remediation resources by student, group or class.

Student results are scored and color coded:

- Needs remediation
- Standard/concept not yet mastered
- Standard/concept is mastered

The Student Center – Where teachers send and students receive their assignments

- Each student is given a single access code for use both in school and at home
- No additional software is required
- Suggested student assignments from each model lesson can be edited by teachers
- > Students can access the Core Interactive Text, writing prompts, assessments, assignments and full search capabilities

With Science Techbook's Assessment Manager, you can:

- > Create an expectations-based, concept-based or custom assessment
- > Assign assessments to a student, group or class
- > Report results by student or class
- > Assign recommended remediation resources
- > Save and retrieve previously used assessments



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