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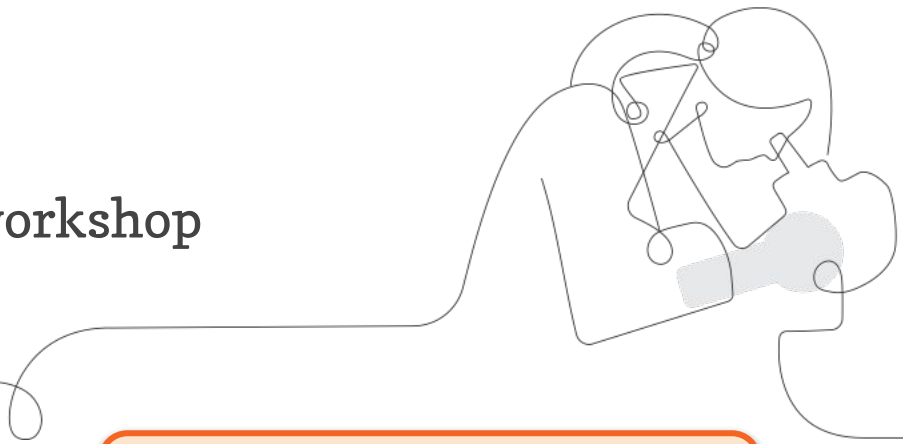
## Unit Internalization & Guided Planning

Deep-dive and strengthening workshop  
Grade 8, Natural Selection

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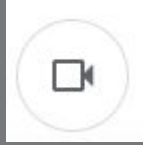
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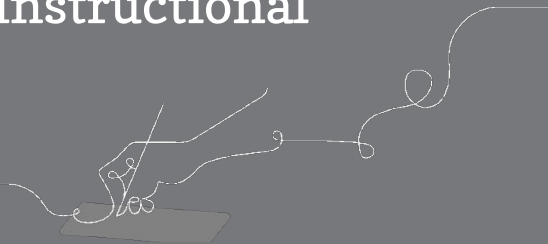
- Be an active participant - chat, ask questions, discuss, share!

# Workshop goals

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- Internalize your upcoming unit.
- Plan for collecting **evidence of student learning** in order to make instructional decisions to **support diverse learner needs**.
- Gather resources to develop a multi-day plan for implementing Amplify Science within your class schedule and instructional format.

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# Plan for the day

- Framing the day
  - Welcome
  - Instructional Materials
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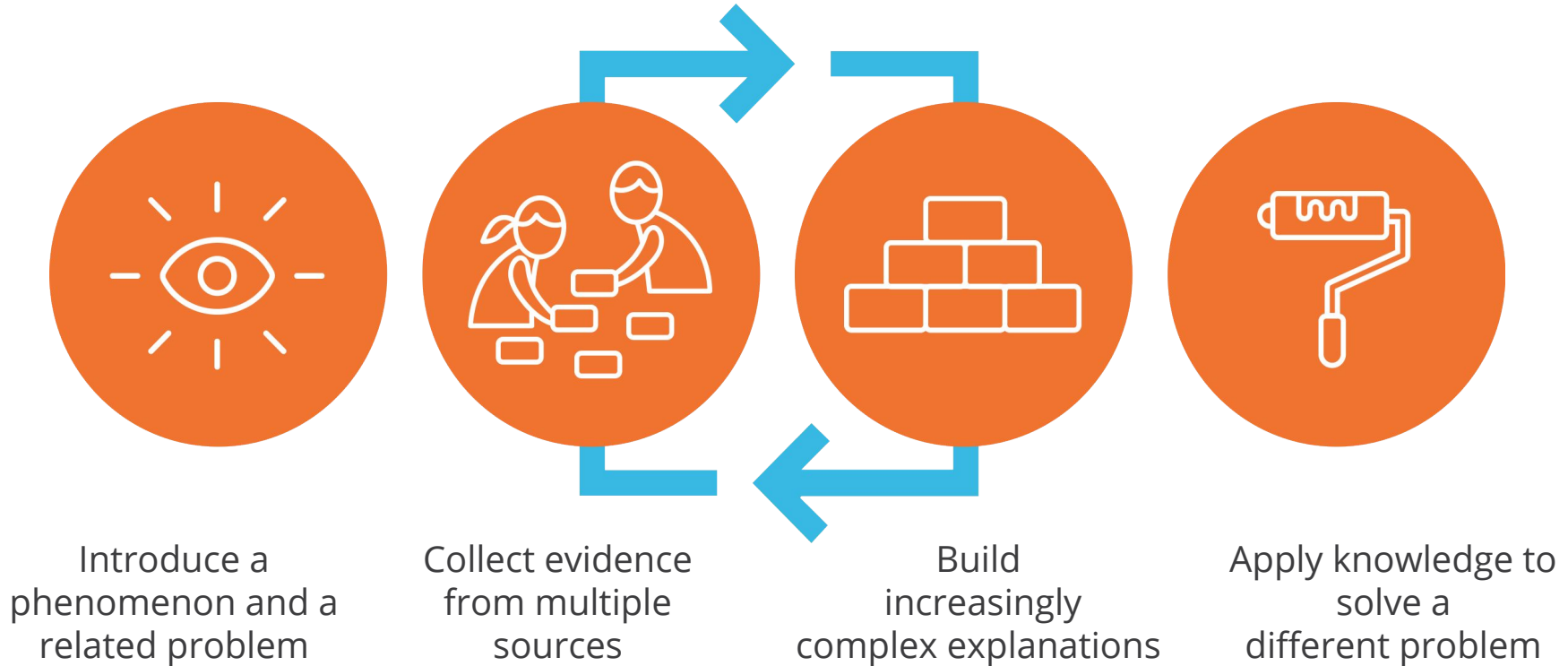
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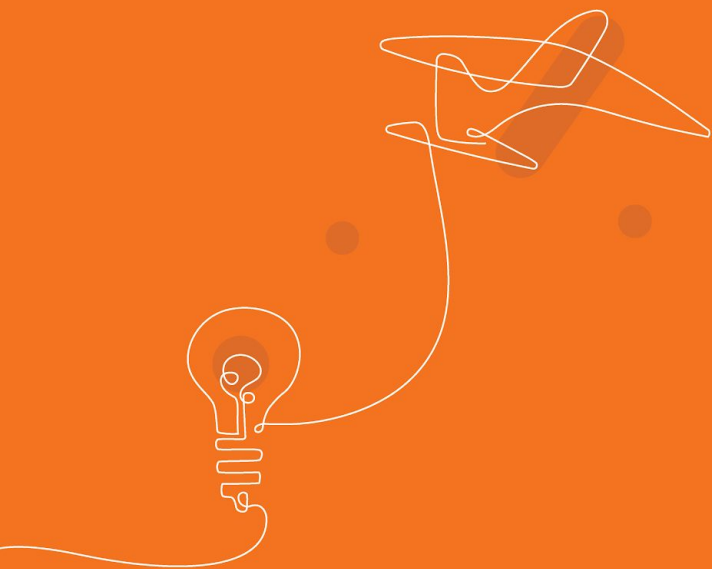




# Amplify Science Refresher

# Amplify Science Instructional Approach





# Instructional Materials

# Middle school course curriculum structure

## Integrated model\*

### Grade 6

- Launch: Microbiome
- Metabolism
- Engineering Internship: Metabolism
- Traits and Reproduction
- Thermal Energy
- Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate
- Weather Patterns
- Earth's Changing Climate
- Engineering Internship: Earth's Changing Climate

### Grade 7

- Launch: Geology on Mars
- Plate Motion
- Engineering Internship: Plate Motion
- Rock Transformations
- Phase Change
- Engineering Internship: Phase Change
- Chemical Reactions
- Populations and Resources
- Matter and Energy in Ecosystems

### Grade 8

- Launch: Harnessing Human Energy
- Force and Motion
- Engineering Internship: Force and Motion
- Magnetic Fields
- Light Waves
- Earth, Moon, and Sun
- Natural Selection
- Engineering Internship: Natural Selection
- Evolutionary History

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## Launch unit

- First unit
- 11 lessons

## Core units

- Majority of units
- 19 lessons

## Engineering Internships

- Two per year
- 10 lessons

# Standard Amplify Science Curriculum

# Amplify Science @Home Curriculum



# Amplify Science @Home Curriculum

In addition to the standard Amplify Science curriculum, you also have access to Amplify Science @Home Curriculum on the Science Program Hub.

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Microbiome

19 Lessons  
Metabolism

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# AmplifyScience@Home

Two different options:

## @Home Units

- Digital or print-based versions of Amplify Science units condensed by about 50%

## @Home Videos

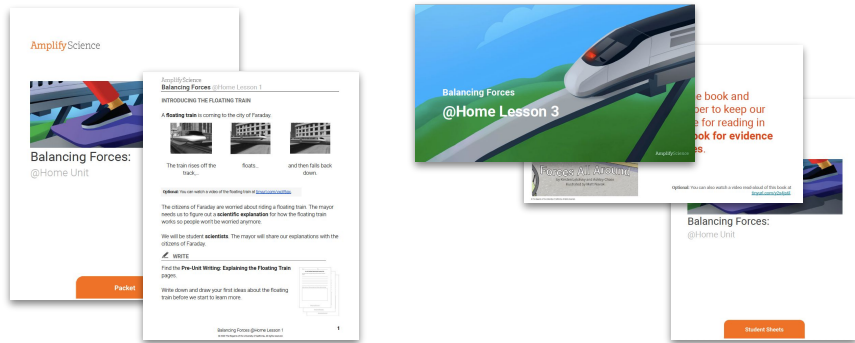
- Video playlists of Amplify Science lessons, taught by real Amplify Science teachers



# @Home Units

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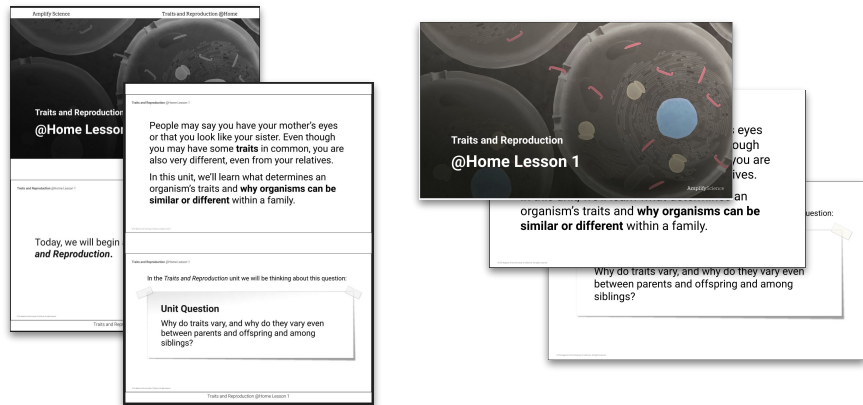
Original approach: two different resources



Print-based: @Home packets

Digital: @Home slides and student sheets

Updated approach: one resource, two formats



Print-based: PDFs of @Home Slides and student sheets

Digital: Google Slides @Home Slides and Google Doc student sheets

# Amplify Science @Home Curriculum

You have access to the  
Natural Selection @Home Unit.

The Natural Selection @Home  
Unit has **14 lessons**. Each  
lesson is written to be **30  
minutes** long.

Natural Selection ▼

Spanish @Home unit to come March 10

@Home Unit   @Home Videos   Hands-on investigations videos


@Home Unit


Instructions >

English


**NS@Home Teacher Resources**

TEACHER OVERVIEW


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LESSON INDEX

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**NS@Home Family Overview**

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**NS@Home Student Materials**


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ALL STUDENT SHEETS


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**NS@Home Lesson 2**


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**NS@Home Lesson 3**


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STUDENT SHEETS

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- A blue arrow labeled "Digital option" points to the Google icon for Lesson 2.
- An orange circle highlights the "STUDENT SHEETS" section and its associated Google and PDF icons for Lesson 2.

# Amplify Science @Home Curriculum

You have access to the Natural Selection @Home Videos.

There are 16 @Home Videos for the Natural Selection unit. This covers all lessons expect for the assessment lessons (1.1, 2.5, and 4.4). The video playlists on YouTube teach the standard Amplify Science Lessons.

## Natural Selection ▾

@Home unit to come February 25 (Eng.) and March 10 (Span.)

[@Home Unit](#) [@Home Videos](#) [Hands-on investigations videos](#)

### @Home Videos

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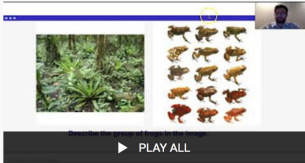
NS Lesson 1.5

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NS Lesson 3.3

NS Lesson 4.3




Natural Selection Chapter 1 Lesson 1.2

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


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


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- Apps in This Unit
- Flextensions in This Unit

Printable Resources

- Article Compilation
- Coherence Flowchart
- Copymaster Compilation
- Flextension Compilation
- Investigation Notebook
- NGSS Information for Parents and Guardians
- Print Materials (8.5" x 11")
- Print Materials (11" x 17")

Offline Preparation

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Offline Guide

## Unit Guide resources

Once a unit is selected, select **JUMP DOWN TO UNIT GUIDE** in order to access all unit-level resources in an Amplify Science unit.

### Planning for the unit

Unit Overview	Describes what's in each unit, the rationale, and how students learn across chapters
<b>Unit Map</b>	Provides an overview of what students figure out in each chapter, and how they figure it out
Progress Build	Explains the learning progression of ideas students figure out in the unit
Getting Ready to Teach	Provides tips for effectively preparing to teach and teaching the unit in your classroom
Materials and Preparation	Lists materials included in the unit's kit, items to be provided by the teacher, and briefly outlines preparation requirements for each lesson
Science Background	Adult-level primer on the science content students figure out in the unit
Standards at a Glance	Lists Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) (Performance Expectations, Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts), Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, and Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

### Teacher references

Lesson Overview Compilation	Lesson Overview of each lesson in the unit, including lesson summary, activity purposes, and timing
Standards and Goals	Lists NGSS (Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts) and CCSS (English Language Arts and Mathematics) in the unit, explains how the standards are reached
3-D Statements	Describes 3-D learning across the unit, chapters, and in individual lessons
Assessment System	Describes components of the Amplify Science Assessment System, identifies each 3-D assessment opportunity in the unit
Embedded Formative Assessments	Includes full text of formative assessments in the unit
Books in This Unit	Summarizes each unit text and explains how the text supports instruction
Apps in This Unit	Outlines functionality of digital tools and how students use them (in grades 2-5)

### Printable resources

Copymaster Compilation	Compilation of all copymasters for the teacher to print and copy throughout the unit
Investigation Notebook	Digital version of the Investigation Notebook, for copying and projecting
Multi-Language Glossary	Glossary of unit vocabulary in multiple languages
Print Materials (8.5" x 11")	Digital compilation of printed cards (i.e. vocabulary cards, student card sets) provided in the kit
Print Materials (11" x 17")	Digital compilation of printed Unit Question, Chapter Questions, and Key Concepts provided in the kit





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Each Amplify Science Middle School unit is structured around a unit-specific learning progression, which we call the Progress Build. The unit's Progress Build describes the way students' explanatory understanding of the unit's focal phenomena is likely to develop and deepen over the course of a unit. It is an important tool in understanding the structure of a unit and in supporting students' learning: it organizes the sequence of instruction (generally, each level of the Progress Build corresponds to a chapter), defines the focus of assessments, and grounds the inferences about student learning progress that guide suggested instructional adjustments and differentiation. By aligning instruction and assessment to the Progress Build (and therefore to each other), evidence about how student understanding is developing may be used during the course of the unit to support students and modify instruction in an informed way.

The Natural Selection Progress Build consists of three levels of science understanding. To support a growth model for student learning progress, each level encompasses all of the ideas of prior levels and represents an explanatory account of unit phenomena, with the sophistication of that account increasing as the levels increase. At each level, students add new ideas and integrate them into a progressively deeper understanding of the mechanisms by which the distribution of traits in a population change in response to changes in factors of an environment affecting organisms' survival. Since the Progress Build reflects an increasingly complex yet integrated explanation, we represent it by including the new ideas for each level in bold.

**Prior knowledge (preconceptions).** At the start of the Natural Selection unit, middle school students will have had some exposure to ideas included in the unit. Students will have experience with trait diversity in humans and familiar species, such as dogs and cats, but they may not have extensive experience considering variation in less familiar species. For example, students may believe that all members of a species have the exact coloration pattern used to camouflage them from predators, making all individuals equally likely to survive in the environment. The concept of change in trait distribution over time depends on an understanding of variation. Students will recognize that certain traits are more helpful for survival and that the most helpful traits depend on factors in the organisms' environments. Students will likely have heard of major environmental changes that cause organisms to die off. Some students may know that these factors can make certain individuals more likely to survive than others; others may believe that environmental changes make all individuals in a population less likely to survive.

**Progress Build Level 1: Adaptive traits become more common while traits that are non-adaptive become less common in a population over many generations.**

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**Progress Build Level 2: Individuals with adaptive traits are more likely to live longer and pass on those traits to their offspring.**

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## Natural Selection Planning for the Unit

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# Unit Internalization Work Time

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## Guided Unit Internalization

### Part 1: Unit-level internalization

Unit title:

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Unit Question:

Student role:

By the end of the unit, students figure out ...

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## Guided Unit Internalization

### Part 1: Unit-level internalization

Unit title: Natural Selection

#### What is the phenomenon students are investigating in your unit?

What caused the rough-skinned newts of Oregon State Park to become so poisonous?

#### Unit Question:

Why do populations change over time?

#### Student role:

Student biologists

#### By the end of the unit, students figure out ...

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#### What science ideas do students need to figure out in order to explain the phenomenon?

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#### Chapter 1: What caused this newt population to become more poisonous?

**Students figure out:** There is variation in poisonousness among individuals in the newt population. Because of the presence of predators (snakes), the more poisonous traits were adaptive. Over time, the newts with higher poisonous-level traits became more common in the newt population. An adaptive trait will become more common, but a trait does not appear in a population just because it would be helpful, and individual newts did not change their amount of poison.

**How they figure it out:** Using the Sim, students explore variation in populations and test when traits will become common. They use a physical model of variation in a population, and analyze histogram evidence about the newt population. They correct alternate conceptions represented in a short comic strip and represent their own ideas by creating visual models.

# Chapter 1: Environmental Change and Trait Distribution

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This resource correlates lessons from the Standard Curriculum with @Home Unit Lessons.

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# Natural Selection @Home Lesson 1

Today, we will begin a new unit called ***Natural Selection***. In this unit we will learn about how populations of organisms change over time.



Look at the image of a population of dart frogs from a rain forest in Ecuador on the next slide. What do you notice about them?



The frogs on the previous slide represent a population.



**population**

**a group of the same type of organism living in the same area**

In this lesson and throughout the unit you will need to **access different pages** such as the Glossary on the next slide. Check with your teacher about how you will access materials and complete and submit work in this @Home Unit.



**Natural Selection Glossary** (continued)

**prediction:** an idea about what might happen that is based on what you already know  
*predicción:* una idea acerca de lo que podría suceder que está basada en lo que tú ya conoces

**prey:** an animal that is hunted or killed by another animal for food  
*presa:* un animal al cual otro animal caza o mata para alimentarse

**protein mole-**  
*molécula de p-*  
*de organismo*

**selection pre-**  
*surviving*  
*presión de se-*  
*individuo*

**sexual repro-**  
*reproducción*  
*generar descen-*

**species:** a gr-  
*reproduce with*  
*especie: un gr-*  
*reproducen co-*

**survive:** to st-  
*sobrevivir: ma-*

**trait:** a specifi-  
*rasgo: una ca-*

**variation:** any  
*variación: cua-*

**Natural Selection Glossary** (continued)

**generation:** a group of individuals born and living at about the same time  
*generación:* un grupo de individuos que nacieron y viven aproximadamente al mismo tiempo

**histogram:** a graph that uses bars to show how characteristics or values are distributed within a group  
*histograma:* un gráfico que usa barras para mostrar cómo se distribuyen los valores dentro de un grupo

**inherit:** to rec-  
*heredar: recibir*

**mutation:** a r-  
*mutación: un*

**natural selec-**  
*many genera-*  
*selección nat-*  
*población con-*

**non-adaptive**  
*environment*  
*rasgo no ada-*  
*ambiente esp-*

**nymph:** a you-  
*ninfa: un inse-*

**offspring:** an  
*descendencia*

**organisms:** li-  
*organismos:*

**population:** a  
*población: un*

**predator:** an  
*depredador: u-*

**Natural Selection Glossary**

**adaptive trait:** a trait that makes it more likely that an individual will survive in a specific environment  
*rasgo adaptativo:* un rasgo que hace más probable que un individuo sobreviva en un ambiente específico

**ancestor:** a related organism from a previous generation  
*ancestro:* un organismo emparentado de una generación anterior

**camouflage:** a way of hiding by looking the same as the background  
*camuflaje:* una manera de esconderse luciendo igual que el fondo

**cause:** an event or process that leads to a result or change  
*causa:* un evento o proceso que provoca un resultado o cambio

**chromosome:** a long piece of DNA that contains many genes  
*cromosoma:* un pedazo largo de ADN que contiene muchos genes

**distribution:** the number of individuals with each trait in a population  
*distribución:* el número de individuos que tienen cada rasgo en una población

**DNA:** a type of molecule that genes and chromosomes are made of  
*ADN:* un tipo de molécula de la que están hechos los genes y los cromosomas

**effect:** a result or change that happens because of an event or process  
*efecto:* un resultado o cambio que ocurre debido a un evento o proceso

**environment:** everything (living and nonliving) that surrounds an organism  
*ambiente:* todo (viviente y no viviente) lo que rodea a un organismo

**feature:** a characteristic that all members of a species have  
*atributo:* una característica que tienen todos los individuos de una especie

**gene:** an instruction for making a protein molecule  
*gen:* una instrucción para formar una molécula de proteína

**gene version:** a specific form of a gene that provides instructions for making a particular protein molecule  
*versión de gen:* una forma específica de un gen que proporciona instrucciones para hacer una molécula de proteína particular

Throughout the year, you can look up vocabulary words in the **Glossary** to help you understand what they mean. You can find this in your student pages or in the [Amplify Library](#).





The frogs in the image you just examined are 15 **individuals** from **one population of a species** of dart frogs. In this unit, we will focus on a different population that has some very interesting traits.



Let's watch a video that will explain your role in this unit.

You will be helping to solve a mystery about a specific **population of rough-skinned newts.**

Note: all videos in this @Home Unit can be viewed on a smartphone or any other connected device.



Using the print version? Watch the video here: [tinyurl.com/AMPNS-11](https://tinyurl.com/AMPNS-11)

As you heard in the video, some of these newts are poisonous enough to kill a human. But the population did not always have so many individuals who were extremely poisonous.

We'll investigate why the population **changed over time**. Read the message on the next slide to learn more.



**To:** Student Biologists  
**From:** Dr. Alex Young, Head Biologist  
**Subject:** Claims About the Rough-Skinned Newts

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Hello, student biologists! I'd like to ask for your help in investigating the following claims. These claims were brought to us by park visitors.

Claim 1: Some people think that some newts became more poisonous because they wanted to—newts do seem like smart creatures!

Claim 2: Others suggest something in the environment caused the newts to become more poisonous.

Please let us know what you find out about these claims!

Below is the question that will guide our work across the entire unit:



## **Unit Question**

Why do populations change over time?

We will investigate why populations like the rough-skinned newts in Oregon State Park change over time.

We will begin by trying to figure out the answer to this question:



## **Chapter 1 Question**

What caused this newt population to become more poisonous?

**What caused this newt population to become more poisonous?**

**Claim 1:** Individual newts became more poisonous because they wanted to.

**Claim 2:** The newt population became more poisonous because of something in the environment.



Here are two claims that respond to the Chapter 1 Question.

What are your **initial ideas** about the claims?



**What caused this newt population to become more poisonous?**

**Claim 1:** Individual newts became more poisonous because they wanted to.

**Claim 2:** The newt population became more poisonous because of something in the environment.

We will continue to think about this question and these two claims throughout Chapter 1.

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# Today we will investigate this question:



**Investigation Question:**  
How can we describe a population?

The first step in understanding why this population of newts changed over time is to learn more about **what a population is and how it can be described.**

Once we know how to describe a population, we can recognize when a population has changed and describe that change.



When you were examining the individuals in this population you probably noticed **similarities and differences**. For example, they are **similar** because they all have four legs. However, the spots on their skin are very **different**.



Here is a population of dog face butterflies.



What was one thing that all of these butterflies have in common?

What is different about these butterflies?



All of the butterflies had one or more **colors** on their wings. Wing color is an example of a **feature**: a characteristic that all members of a species have, which varies between organisms.





The different **versions** of this feature (for example, yellow, orange, or black for wing color) are called **traits**.



This word can help us describe populations:



**trait**

**a specific characteristic of an individual organism**

Observing the animal populations has helped us investigate this question:

**Investigation Question:**

How can we describe a population?



For example, we might say that this population has **different traits** for wing color: some are yellow, some are yellow with black spots, etc.

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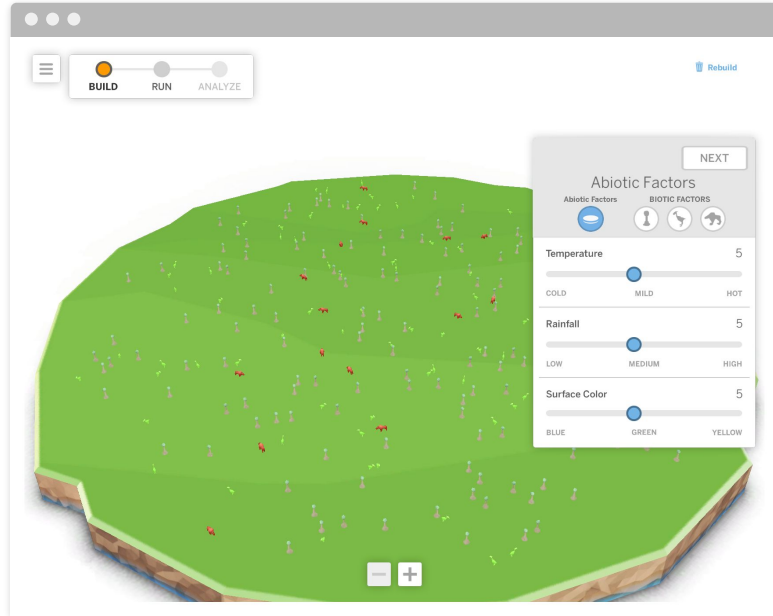
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Throughout the unit, we will be using the ***Natural Selection Simulation***.

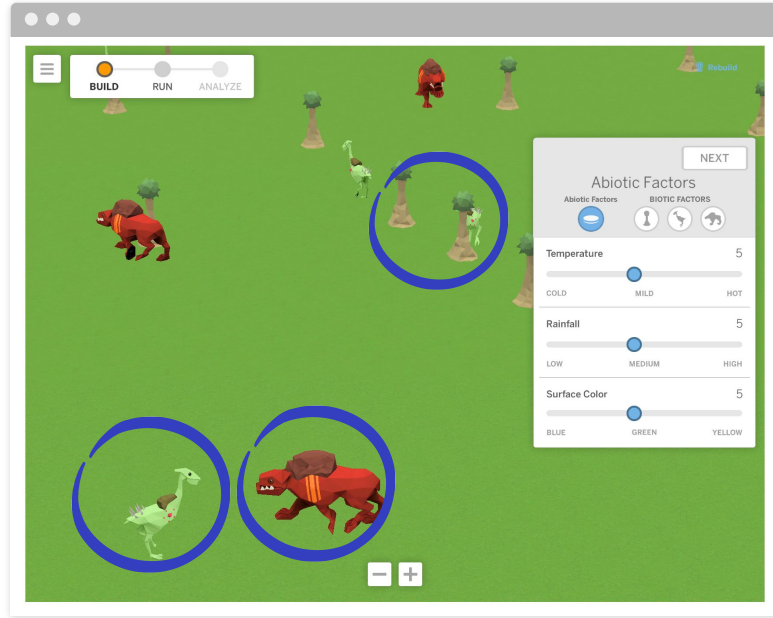
In this lesson you will use the Sim or watch a video of a Sim investigation. Check with your teacher about how you will access Sims and other digital tools in this @Home Unit.



A simulation is a type of **scientific model**. Models can help us study things that happen very slowly.

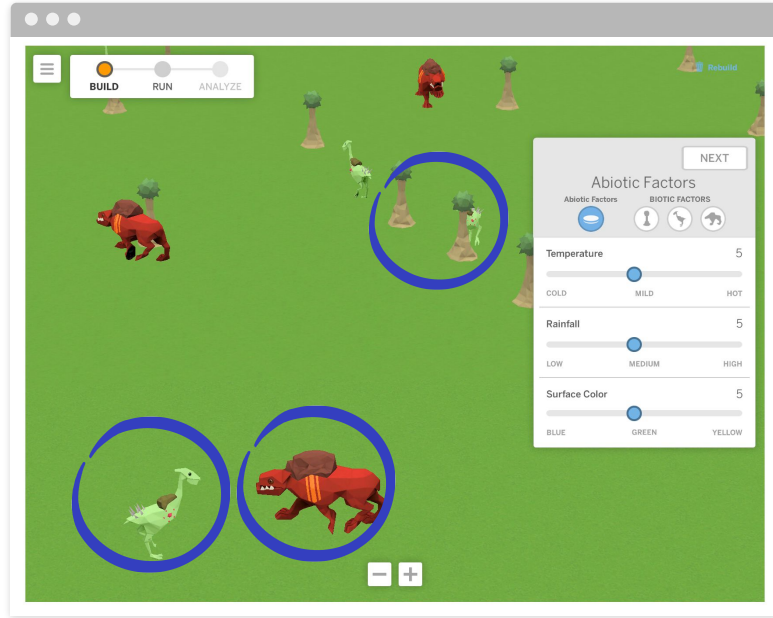


Since a sim can show changes in a population **much more quickly** than they happen in nature, they are important tools for biologists who study populations of organisms.



Today, we'll use the *Natural Selection* Sim to set up populations of organisms and observe their variation in traits. There are three types of organisms in the Sim: **thornpalms**, **ostrilopes**, and **carnithons**.





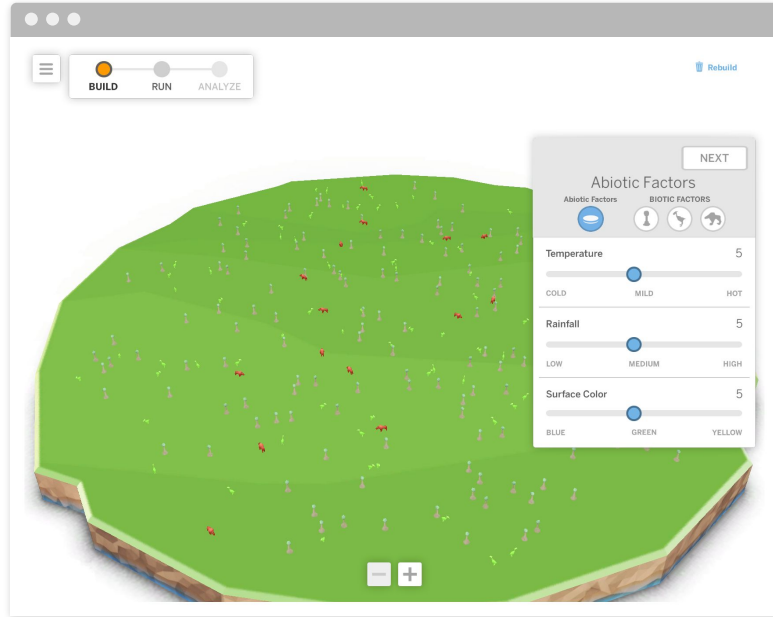
These organisms are not real, but you can learn about populations of real organisms from observing these organisms in the Sim.

Watch the video on the next slide to learn more about the Sim.

Dragging the **slider** on the **x-axis** of each histogram changes the distribution of **traits** for that feature.

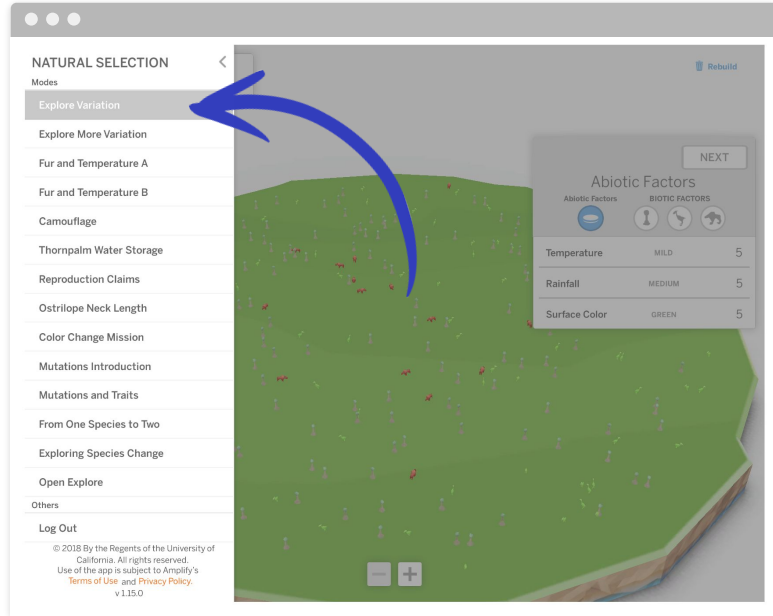


Using the print version? Watch the video here: [tinyurl.com/AMPNS-12](https://tinyurl.com/AMPNS-12)



The goal of the first set of Sim missions is to set up and observe **different populations**.

We can complete all the missions in **Build** without entering Run.



Each Sim activity has a mode with settings that make it easier to complete. In this activity, you'll focus on a few features of each Sim organism using **Explore Variation** mode.

We will be setting up different populations in the Sim and **changing the traits** of individuals in the populations.

This is possible in the Sim, but it is **not** how populations actually change in the real world. In the real world, traits such as color and fur level stay the same for the life of an individual.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Exploring Variation and Distribution in the Sim

**Using the Sim?** Follow the instructions for the Sim investigation below.

**Not using the Sim?** Go to [tinyurl.com/AMPNS-01](https://tinyurl.com/AMPNS-01) to watch a video of someone completing the Sim Missions and write a check mark next to each mission after you complete it.

**Goal:** Set up and observe different populations in the *Natural Selection* Simulation.

**Sim Investigation Instructions:**

1. Open the *Natural Selection* Simulation and open the mode: Explore Variation.
2. Complete the missions below. Complete each mission by adjusting the trait-level and variation sliders.
3. Zoom in to the environment to observe the individual organisms.
4. Write a check mark next to each mission after you complete it.

**Tips:**

- It is not necessary to enter Run or Analyze to complete these missions.
- Turn off organisms that you are not investigating by pressing the INCLUDE THORNPALMS/OSTRILOPES/CARNITHONS toggles.

\_\_\_ **Mission 1:** Set up a thornpalm population where all the thornpalms have medium thorns.

\_\_\_ **Mission 2:** Set up a thornpalm population where the thornpalms have many different thorn sizes.

\_\_\_ **Mission 3:** Set up a thornpalm population with many short thornpalms, a few medium-height thornpalms, and no tall thornpalms.

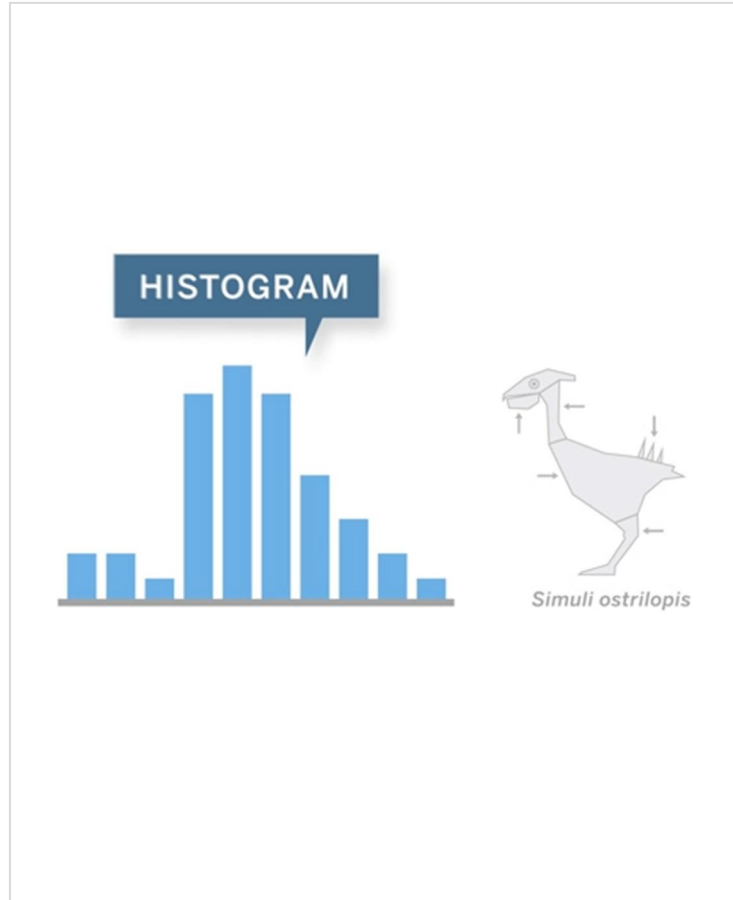
\_\_\_ **Mission 4:** Set up an ostrilope population that has blue, green, and yellow ostrilopes.

Find the **Exploring Variation and Distribution in the Sim** page. Use the [Sim](#) or watch a video of this Sim investigation.



Complete the four Missions.

**Exploring Variation and Distribution in the Sim** page



You saw a graph called a histogram in the Sim, which is an important type of visual representation that we'll use throughout this unit.

Next, we'll watch a video explaining **histograms**.



Using the print version? Watch the video here: [tinyurl.com/AMPNS-13](https://tinyurl.com/AMPNS-13)



You have seen several examples of variation within populations.



**variation**

**any difference in traits between individual organisms**

As we think about how populations change over time we will need to think about different generations.



**generation**

**a group of individuals born and living at about the same time**

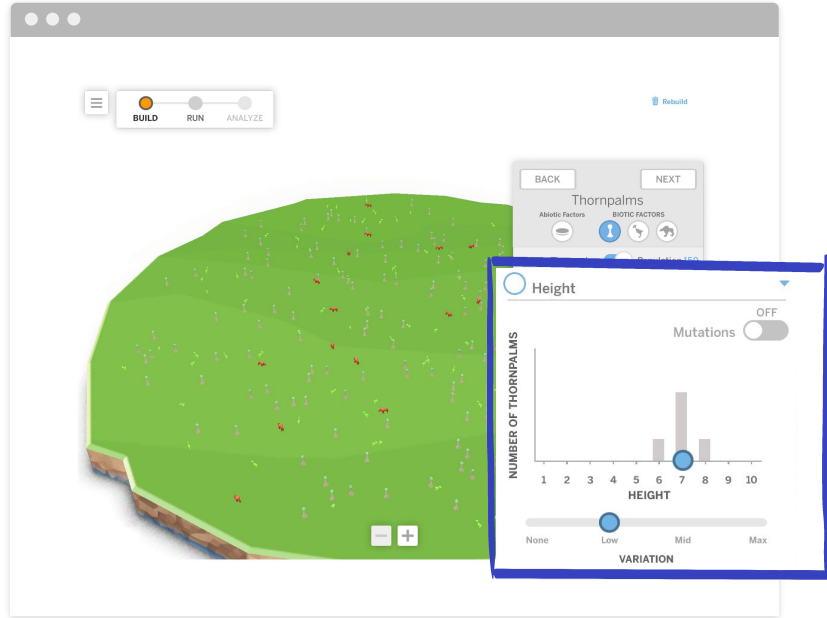
A histogram is a useful way to look at the distribution of traits in a population.



**distribution**

**the number of individuals with each trait in a population**

We learned that individuals in a population can have **different traits** for the **same feature**. When individuals have different traits, the population has **variation**. We can also talk about how many individuals in a generation have each trait. This is called the **distribution of traits in a population**. This information can be shown in a **histogram**.



The Sim creates a **histogram** in the Population menu as you set up each population.

This **key concept** summarizes what we have learned today.

1. A population can be described by the traits present and by the number of individuals who have each trait.

# End of @Home Lesson



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# Suggestions for Online Synchronous Time



## Online synchronous time

**Online discussions:** It's worthwhile to establish norms and routines for online discussions in science to ensure equity of voice, turn-taking, etc.

**Digital tool demonstrations:** You can share your screen and demonstrate, or invite your students to share their screen and think-aloud as they use a Simulation or other digital tool.

**Interactive read-alouds:** Screen share a digital book or article, and pause to ask questions and invite discussion as you would in the classroom.

**Shared Writing:** This is a great opportunity for a collaborative document that all your students can contribute to.

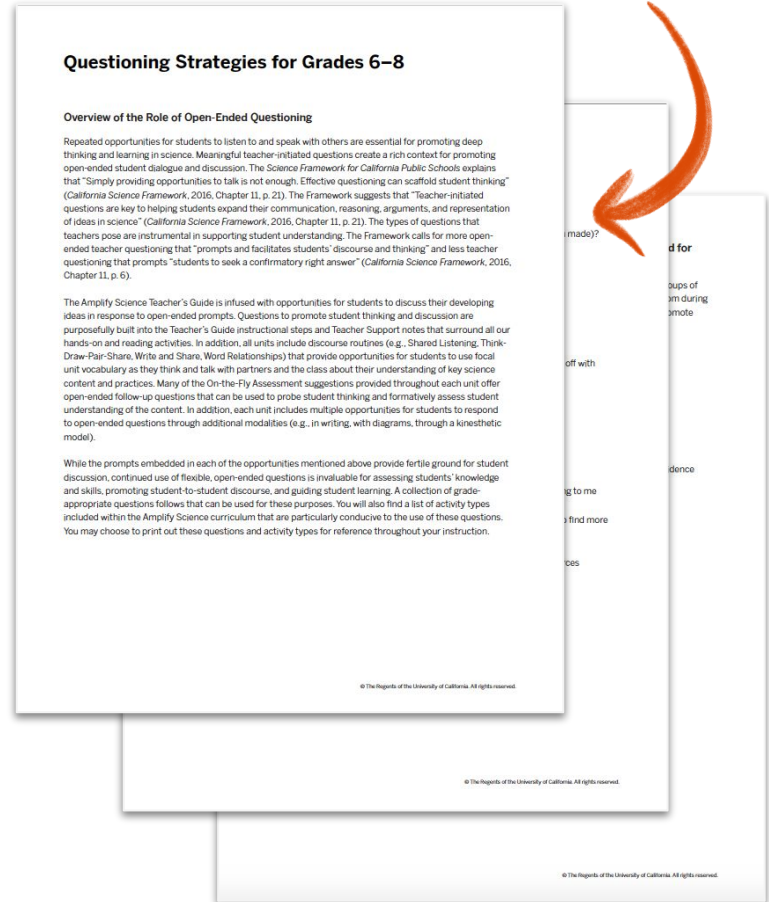
**Co-constructed class charts:** You can create digital charts, or create physical charts in your home with student input.



# Questioning Strategies

## Open-Ended Questions to Facilitate Student Thinking & Discourse

- Questions to assess students' knowledge and skills
- Questions to promote student-to-student discourse
- Questions to guide student learning



# Reflection: Teaching @Home Lesson 1

How would you teach this lesson?

How might you include suggestions for online synchronous time and/or questioning strategies?



Day @Home Lesson 1

Minutes for science: 15 min

Instructional format:

- ☒ Asynchronous
- ☐ Synchronous

Lesson or part of lesson:

Introducing the poisonous newts (slides 1-15)

Mode of instruction:

- ☒ Preview
- ☐ Review
- ☐ Teach full lesson live
- ☒ Teach using synchronous suggestions
- ☒ Students work independently using:
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  - ☐ @Home Videos

Students will...

View slides and the video that introduces students to the unit. Jot down initial ideas about their reactions to the video.

Teacher will...

Assign slides 1-15 in Schoology and provide direction for students to jot down their ideas about the unit problem to share when the class meets together.

Minutes for science: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher will...



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Minutes for science: 15 min

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- ☐ Synchronous

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### Teacher will...

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Minutes for science: 30 min

### Instructional format:

- ☐ Asynchronous
- ☒ Synchronous

### Lesson or part of lesson:

Summarize the introduction to the unit, make observations of individuals in a population & engage with the simulation.

### Mode of instruction:

- ☐ Preview
  - ☐ Review
  - ☐ Teach full lesson live
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Work in groups of three to four to observe the Butterfly Population Cards, then share as a class. They will complete the Sim activity for this Lesson. Finally, they will discuss what they learn from using the Sim, then view the Histogram video and discuss it as well.

### Teacher will...

Revisit the unit question on slide 12 and the claims on slide 14. Present slides 15-24 giving students an opportunity to observe the butterfly population cards. Introduce the simulation via slides 25-43 & give students an opportunity to engage with SIM.





Look at the *Students will* columns. What are students working in the lesson(s) that you could collect, review, or provide feedback on?

See Some Types of Written Work in Amplify Science to the right for guidance.

If there isn't a work product listed above, do you want to add one? Make notes below.

Asynchronous: students jot down their initial ideas

Synchronous: record observations while engaging with the simulation and as they explore butterfly populations

How will students submit this work product to you?

See the Completing and Submitting Written Work tables to the right for guidance on how students can complete and submit work.

Asynchronous: students jot initial ideas on paper or digitally to bring with them to the asynchronous lesson

Synchronous: Students will use the student sheets to record their observations while engaging with the simulation & submit through Schoology.

### Some Types of Written Work in Amplify Science

- Daily written reflections
- Homework tasks
- Investigation notebook pages
- Written explanations (typically at the end of Chapter)
- Diagrams
- Recording pages for Sim uses, investigations, etc

### Completing Written Work

- Plain paper and pencil (videos include prompts for setup)
- (6-8) Student platform
- Investigation Notebook
- Record video or audio file describing work/answering prompt
- Teacher-created digital format (Google Classroom, etc)

### Submitting Written Work

- Take a picture with a smartphone and email or text to teacher
- Through teacher-created digital format
- During in-school time (hybrid model) or lunch/materials pick-up times
- (6-8) Hand-in button on student platform

How will you differentiate this lesson for diverse learners? (Navigate to the lesson level on the standard Amplify Science platform and click on differentiation in the left menu.)

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**gene version:** a specific form of a gene that provides instructions for making a particular protein molecule  
基因型: 提供指令以产生特定蛋白质的特殊的基因

s. What are students working in the lesson(s) provide feedback on?  
Amplify Science to the right for guidance.

above, do you want to add one? Make notes below.  
ot down their initial ideas

- I notice/observe . . .
- I think this is important because . . .
- I wonder . . .

ot initial ideas on paper or digitally to  
synchronous lesson

ll use the student sheets to record  
engaging with the simulation and

## Some Types of Written Work in Amplify Science

- Daily written reflections
- Homework tasks
- Investigation notebook pages
- Written explanations (typically at the end of Chapter)

for Sim uses, investigations, etc

## Work

pencil  
prompts

## Submitting Written Work

- for setup)
- (6-8) Student platform
- Investigation Notebook
- Record video or audio file describing work/answering prompt
- Teacher-created digital format (Google Classroom, etc)

- Take a picture with a smartphone and email or text to teacher
- Through teacher-created digital format
- During in-school time (hybrid model) or lunch/materials pick-up times
- (6-8) Hand-in button on student platform

How will you differentiate this lesson for diverse learners? (Navigate to the lesson level on the standard Amplify Science platform and click on differentiation in the left menu.)

## Supports:

- Encourage students to engage in student-to-student discussion
- Provide students with the Multi-Language Glossary where appropriate, add images
- Leverage primary language for discussions
- Teacher modeling of the simulation (could also use the video)
- Strategic partnering

Extension: Have students create a visual representation of what they learned from the simulation/discussion.

# Teacher Overview - Chapter 1

## Overview of @Home Lessons 2-5

### @Home Lesson 2: GROUP 1

- Students complete a Sim activity that provides evidence about why an ostrilope population changed over time. Students are introduced to the Modeling Tool and use it to make a prediction about a new ostrilope population. Students test their predictions about Population B in the Sim.

### @Home Lesson 3: GROUP 2

- Students run tests in the Sim in order to gather evidence to support or refute the claim that yellow color is always an adaptive trait in a yellow environment. Students use the Modeling Tool to predict how high water storage in a thornpalm population can become more common over time.

### @Home Lesson 4: GROUP 3

- Students are introduced to the Write and Share routine, which they use to demonstrate their understanding of why the distribution of traits in a population changes. Students review the @Home Science Wall, including the Chapter Questions, key concepts, and vocabulary. Students use what they have learned to support a claim in order to answer the Chapter 1 Question.

### @Home Lesson 5: GROUP 4

- Students use the Sim to gather evidence about whether or not reproduction always results in offspring with adaptive traits. Students learn about where jellies get the glowing trait.



## Planning:

- Dig into the @Home Resources for your assigned lesson.

## Student work:

- Discuss how you can collect evidence of student work

## Differentiation:

- Consider how you might differentiate your lesson

# Planning Share Out

- What are your key takeaways from planning?
- Which lesson parts did you plan for synchronous vs. asynchronous time?

<b>Breakout Room 1 - Planning @Home Lesson 2</b>			
<b>Multi-day planning, including planning for differentiation and evidence of student work</b>			
<b>Day</b> _____			
<b>Minutes for science:</b> _____		<b>Minutes for science:</b> _____	
<b>Instructional format:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asynchronous <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronous		<b>Instructional format:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asynchronous <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronous	
<b>Lesson or part of lesson:</b>		<b>Lesson or part of lesson:</b>	
<b>Mode of instruction:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preview <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Teach full lesson live <input type="checkbox"/> Teach using synchronous suggestions <input type="checkbox"/> Students work independently using: <input type="checkbox"/> Printed @Home Slides <input type="checkbox"/> Digital @Home Slides <input type="checkbox"/> @Home Videos		<b>Mode of instruction:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Preview <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Teach full lesson live <input type="checkbox"/> Teach using synchronous suggestions <input type="checkbox"/> Students work independently using: <input type="checkbox"/> Printed @Home Slides <input type="checkbox"/> Digital @Home Slides <input type="checkbox"/> @Home Videos	
<b>Students will...</b>	<b>Teacher will...</b>	<b>Students will...</b>	<b>Teacher will...</b>



# Questions?



# Plan for the day

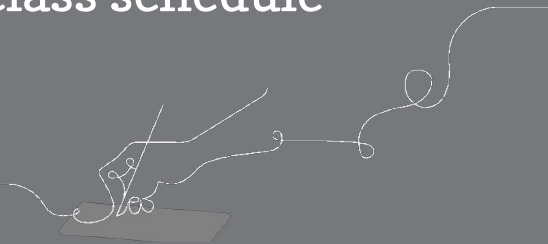
- Framing the day
  - Welcome
  - Instructional Materials
- Unit Internalization
- Planning to teach
  - Collecting evidence of student learning to meet diverse learner needs
- **Reflection and closing**



# During this workshop did we meet our objectives?

- Were you able to internalize your upcoming unit?
- Do you know how to plan for collecting evidence of student learning in order to make instructional decisions to support diverse learner needs?
- Do you have the resources you need to develop a multi-day plan for implementing Amplify Science within your class schedule and instructional format?

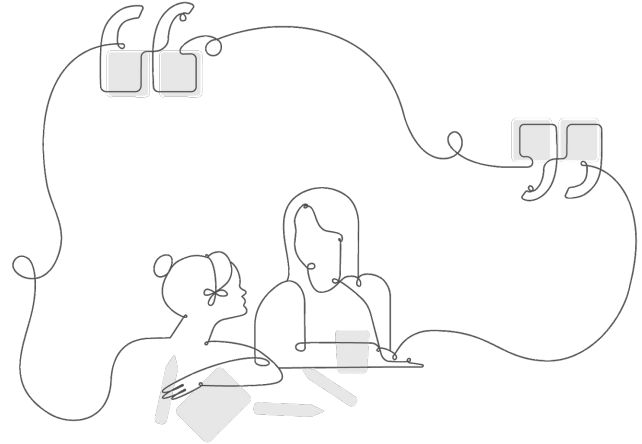
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# Upcoming LAUSD MS Office Hours

## Bi-weekly from 3-4pm


- Thursday, 3/11
- Thursday, 3/25
- Thursday, 4/8
- Thursday, 4/22
- Thursday, 5/13
- Thursday, 5/27



<https://tinyurl.com/6-8OfficeHours>


# Additional Amplify resources

## Program Hub: Professional Learning Resources




Hello Teacher Considine  
t.lconsidine@tryamplify.net


Log Out

Go To My Account 


Classroom Language Settings




LA Science  
Program Guide




Program Hub



Science Program  
Guide



FLORIDA  
EDITION  
Standards Map




Help


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<https://www.amplify.com/floridastandards>

### Professional Learning Resources ▼


This section will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to start teaching with Amplify Science. You'll find **self-study** professional learning videos and resources.




Getting started



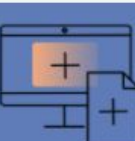
Planning  
Videos and resources to help you plan



Assessment  
Student Assessments and Work



Unit Orientation



Additional Support

# Additional Amplify resources



## Caregivers site

Provide your students' families information about Amplify Science and what students are learning

**[amplify.com/amplify-science-family-resource-intro/](https://amplify.com/amplify-science-family-resource-intro/)**



# Additional Amplify resources



## **Program Guide**

Glean additional insight into the program's structure, intent, philosophies, supports, and flexibility.

**<http://amplify.com/science/california/review>**

## **Amplify Help**

Find lots of advice and answers from the Amplify team.

**[my.amplify.com/help](http://my.amplify.com/help)**

# Additional Amplify Support

## Customer Care

Seek information specific to enrollment and rosters, technical support, materials and kits, and teaching support, weekdays 7AM-7PM EST.



scihelp@amplify.com



800-823-1969



Amplify Chat

## When contacting the customer care team:

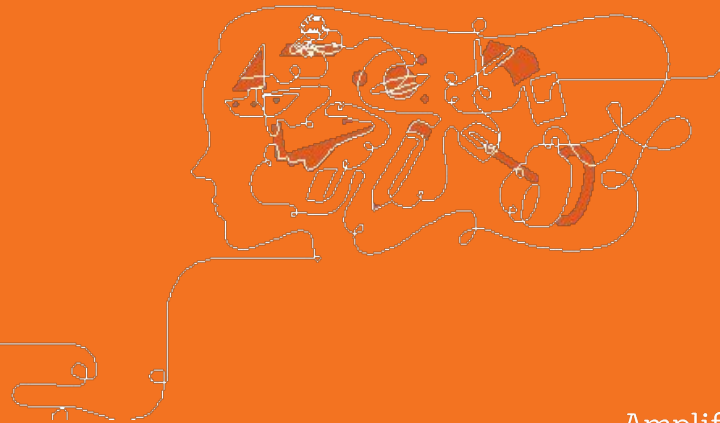
- Identify yourself as an Amplify Science user.
- Note the unit you are teaching.
- Note the type of device you are using (Chromebook, iPad, Windows, laptop).
- Note the web browser you are using (Chrome or Safari).
- Include a screenshot of the problem, if possible.
- Copy your district or site IT contact on emails.

# Please provide us feedback!

URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AmplifyLAUSDMS>

**Presenter names** (choose 1):

**Date:** xx



# Welcome to Amplify Science!

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This site contains supporting resources designed for the Los Angeles Unified School District Amplify Science adoption for grades TK–8.

All LAUSD schools have access to Amplify Science resources at this time.

Click here for [Remote Learning Resources for Amplify Science](#)

[Click here](#) to go back to the LAUSD homepage.

Click the button below to preview the digital Teacher's Guide, and check back for exciting updates to this site!



<https://amplify.com/lausd-science/>

# Smart Start Plans

## Middle School Science Schoology Group

- Access code to join the Schoology Group: **SPG7G-K7BT9**
- Once in the group, you will find the Smart Start Plans under *resources*.

Day	Learning objective	What teacher does	What students do
Monday	Instructional Support Day		
Day 4	Synchronous (60 min)		
	<b>1. Community Building (SEL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating a safe space for sharing on Zoom using Community Circle.</li> </ul> <b>2. Aspects of Modeling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deepen students' understanding of scientific models. (SEP Modeling)</li> </ul> <b>3. Uploading Images to a Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn how to upload an image to a Schoology Discussion using a video tutorial. (Tool)</li> </ul> <b>4. Introduce Initial Model Critique</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critique a model of a classmate in a constructive way to promote collaboration and student discussion. (SEP Modeling)</li> </ul>	<b>1. Community Building (SEL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher will pose a question to students and have students respond in the Zoom chat. <i>Thinking about the world around you, name at least 2 instances where you observe science happening.</i></li> </ul> <b>2. Aspects of Modeling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Read article</a> and <a href="#">watch video</a> Students need to understand the role of modeling in science.</li> </ul> <b>1. Uploading Images to a Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher provides students the link to the informational video on <a href="#">"How to upload the image to Schoology discussion."</a></li> </ul> <b>4. Introduce Initial Model Critique</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the <a href="#">Discussion and Writing Prompts PDF</a> select sentence starters from pages 6 and 8 to have students use to critique the models of classmates.</li> </ul>	<b>1. Community Building (SEL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will respond to the question posed by the teacher in the chat.</li> </ul> <b>2. Aspects of Modeling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will <a href="#">read this article</a> and <a href="#">watch this video</a> and answer questions in a <a href="#">Schoology Quiz</a> in LAUSD MS Science Group: SPG7G-K7BT9) or in Google Docs.</li> </ul> <b>3. Uploading Images to a Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will watch a tutorial on how to upload an image to a Schoology discussion.</li> <li>Students upload their initial model of the phenomenon to a Schoology discussion.</li> </ul> <b>4. Introduce Initial Model Critique</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students return to the Initial Model in Schoology Discussion and critique the model of at least 1 classmate.</li> </ul>
Day 4	Asynchronous		
	<b>Revise Initial Model:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply understanding of modeling (SEP modeling) and students revise their initial model.</li> </ul>	<b>Revise Initial Model:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The teacher provides an opportunity for students to revise their initial model based on article and feedback.</li> </ul>	<b>Revise Initial Model:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will revisit their initial model and make edits based on critiques from classmates and the reading.</li> <li>Students will add an explanation of how their model changed and why they made the changes.</li> <li>Students upload their revised model to Schoology discussion.</li> </ul>

# Creating Assignments in Schoology

- Click Add Materials.
- Select Add Assignment.
- Fill out the Create Assignment form.
- Options. Use Options to turn on/off the following features: Use Individually Assign to only display the assignment to a specific member of the course or a grading group.
- Click Create to complete

# LAUSD Shared Logins

AmplifyScience

Go to: [my.amplify.com](https://my.amplify.com)

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Log In with Amplify

District Shared Logins		
Grade	Username	Password
Kindergarten	LAUSDscienceK	LAUSD1234
1	LAUSDscience1	LAUSD1234
2	LAUSDscience2	LAUSD1234
3	LAUSDscience3	LAUSD1234
4	LAUSDscience4	LAUSD1234
5	LAUSDscience5	LAUSD1234
6	LAUSDscience6	LAUSD1234
7	LAUSDscience7	LAUSD1234
8	LAUSDscience8	LAUSD1234

# Elementary Student Apps Shared Logins

## English

- Username: **ampsci123**
- Password: **ampsci123**

## Spanish

- Username: **ampsci123sp**
- Password: **ampsci123sp**



## Elementary Student Apps