

BIOLOGY

FOR TEXAS



User Guide For Caregivers

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This User Guide for Caregivers outlines key features integrated into **BIOZONE's Biology for Texas**.

Why choose BIOZONE's Biology for Texas for your son or daughter?

- ▶ Multiple opportunities are provided for your child to investigate, apply knowledge, and then to demonstrate mastery across all of the Biology TEKS.
- ▶ Engaging, current, and relevant phenomena and case studies are extensively embedded, to develop deeper understanding of the concepts, prompt questioning, and encourage learning.
- ▶ The unique format of the worktext, a combined textbook and workbook, allows your child to personalize, respond, and interact directly with the stimulus material.
- ▶ The scale of the biology concepts deliberately builds from the small, cellular world, through to the expansive ecological system, allowing for scaffolded knowledge to be built upon, while applying prior knowledge.
- ▶ BIOZONE's **Biology for Texas** is much more than just a book! Some of the features that support your child include:

Curated digital resources, such as 3D models, videos, interactive programs and more, to enhance the learning experience.	
Learning outcomes linked to TEKS, allowing for mastery of High School Biology in a way that is logical accessable	and
Digital student progress tracking tools, so your child can clearly visualize their progression throughout toourse and identify areas needing further revision or coverage.	t the
English Language Proficiency support, including easy-to-follow learning suggestions, and a Spanish- English glossary of important terms.	

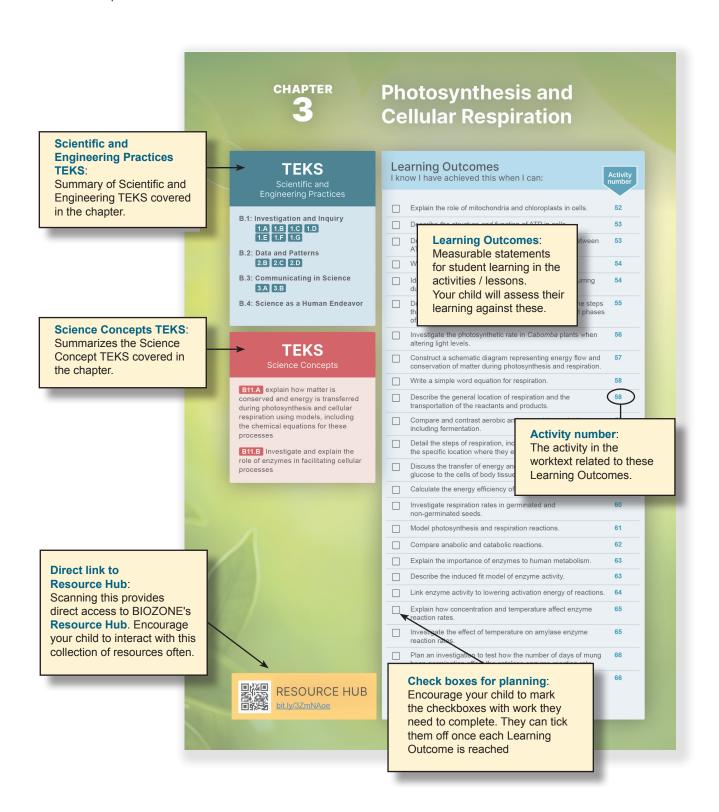
Head to https://biozone.com/us/texas/ to find out how your son or daughter can begin your journey with this exciting new way of learning.

Unpacking the Chapters

Each chapter introduction provides an overview of the chapter content presented as a set of concise learning outcomes. This list provides clear and defined goals, that indicate mastery of the Biology TEKS, as they progress through the chapters. The check-boxes can be used as an organization and planning tool. Your child can use the check-boxes to mark learning outcomes reached, and tick it off when completed. The student progress tracker tool, a digital program accessible in the **Resource Hub**, can be used to record and monitor your child's level of progress as they work through each learning outcome, indictaing areas that can be returned to for further learning or homework.

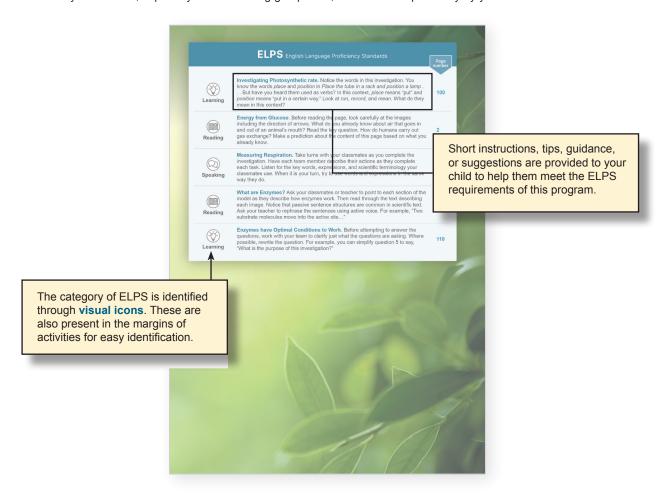
The chapter introduction also provides a list of the TEKS and ELPS covered in the chapter. The introductory chapter can be refered to for explanations of the codes used to identify the TEKS and ELPS.

The QR code provides direct access to BIOZONE's Resource Hub.



Unpacking the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS)

▶ The second page of the chapter introduction identifies the ELPS covered within the chapter. These can either be integrated into a lesson by the teacher, especially those involving group work, or utilized independently by your child.



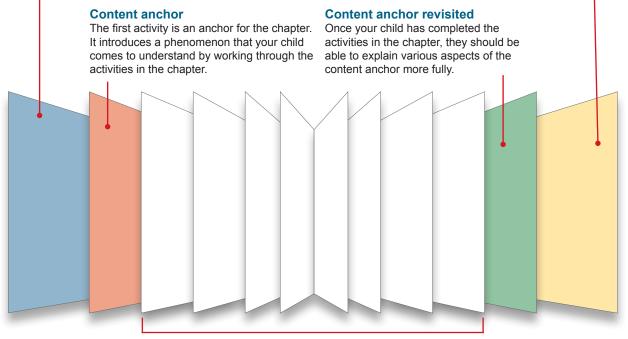
Structure of a Chapter

Chapter introduction

Identifies the activities relating to the learning outcomes. Relevant TEKS and ELPS are identified

Summing up

Find out what your child knows about the content and skills they have explored in the chapter.



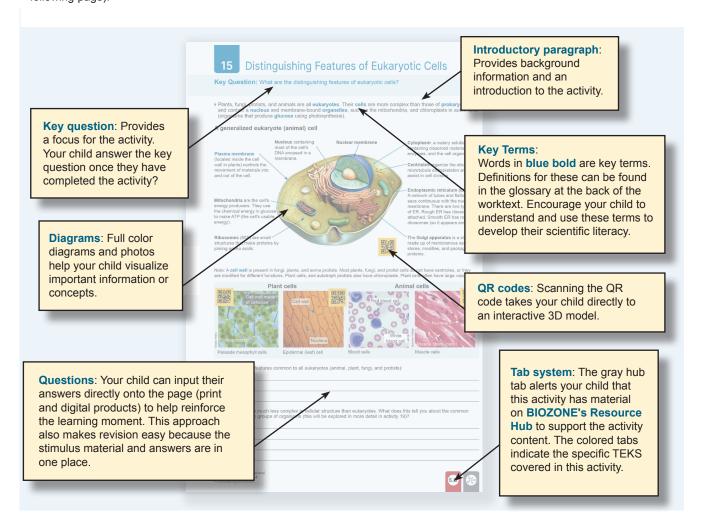
Activity pages

Material is scaffolded over a learning sequence in a series of related activities. Questions allow your child to demonstrate their understanding of the material.

Unpacking the Activities

The activity pages have been carefully designed to provide high quality information in an easily accessible format. They include a number of features designed to engage, and help your child unpack and understand the information. Features include:

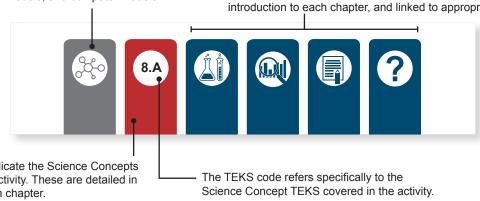
- Short blocks of text so that your child does not feel overwhelmed with too much reading.
- ▶ High quality, informative graphics.
- Links to 3D models (following page). These provide another dimension to your child's engagement and learning.
- Duestion and answer sections allow your child to demonstrate their understanding of the content. By having the stimulus material and their answers in one place, your child can easily revise for assessments.
- The tab system identifies when there is support material on the Resource Hub. Tabs also identify the applicable TEKS (see following page).



Understanding the Tab System

The gray hub tab indicates that the activity has online support via the BIOZONE RESOURCE HUB. This may include videos, animations, articles, 3D models, and computer models.

The **blue TEKS** tabs use picture codes to identify the scientific and engineering practices TEKS relevant to the activity, B.1 - B.4 from left to right, below. These are detailed in the introduction to each chapter, and linked to appropriate activities.

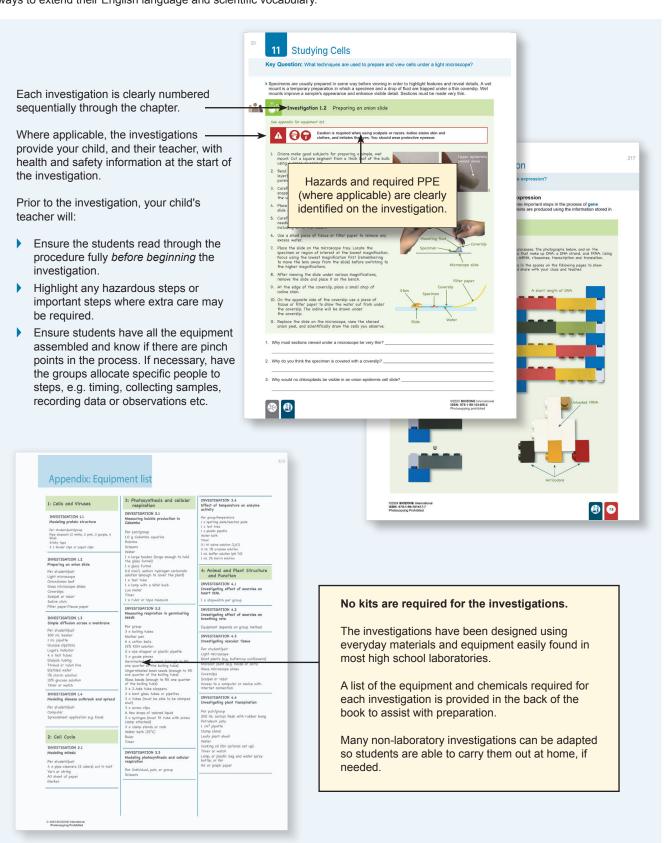


The red TEKS tabs indicate the Science Concepts TEKS covered in the activity. These are detailed in the introduction to each chapter.

Practical investigations

Throughout *Biology for Texas*, your child is given opportunities to explore through investigations. These are opportunities for your child to develop competency in laboratory procedures, to practice and refine skills in observation and analysis, and to manipulate data. Some investigations act as stimulus material, while others require your child to take what they have already learned and apply their knowledge to a more complex scenario. Investigations can take several forms, including paper practicals, modeling activities, and wet lab experiments.

The investigations provide an excellent opportunity for collaborative work and will stimulate discussion and the sharing of ideas. Students of different abilities may be sometimes paired for investigations, so that confident students can guide and encourage less able students and, in this relaxed environment, striving students will be encouraged to share their own observations and thoughts. Collaboration through paired practical work provides an excellent opportunity for English language learners to interact in meaningful ways to extend their English language and scientific vocabulary.



Digital Support

BIOZONE's Resource Hub provides links to online content supporting the activities in the worktext.

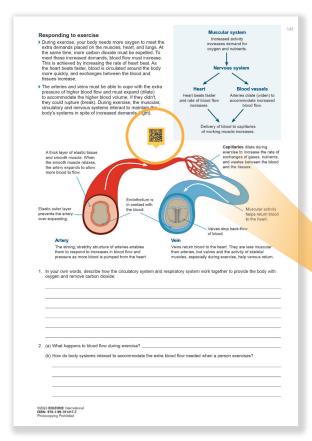
The external websites are mostly narrowly focused information, interactive labs and games, and video clips directly relevant to that part of the activity identified by the hub icon. They provide great support to help your child's understanding.

BIOZONE's **Resource Hub** supports learners of all abilities. Some material is specifically tagged for those students needing further extension, both in the classroom and at home.

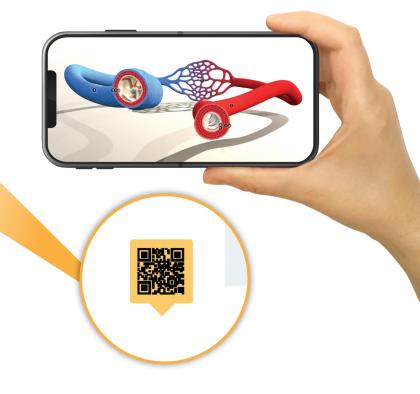


Then enter the code provided in the BIOZONE Biology for Texas Book.





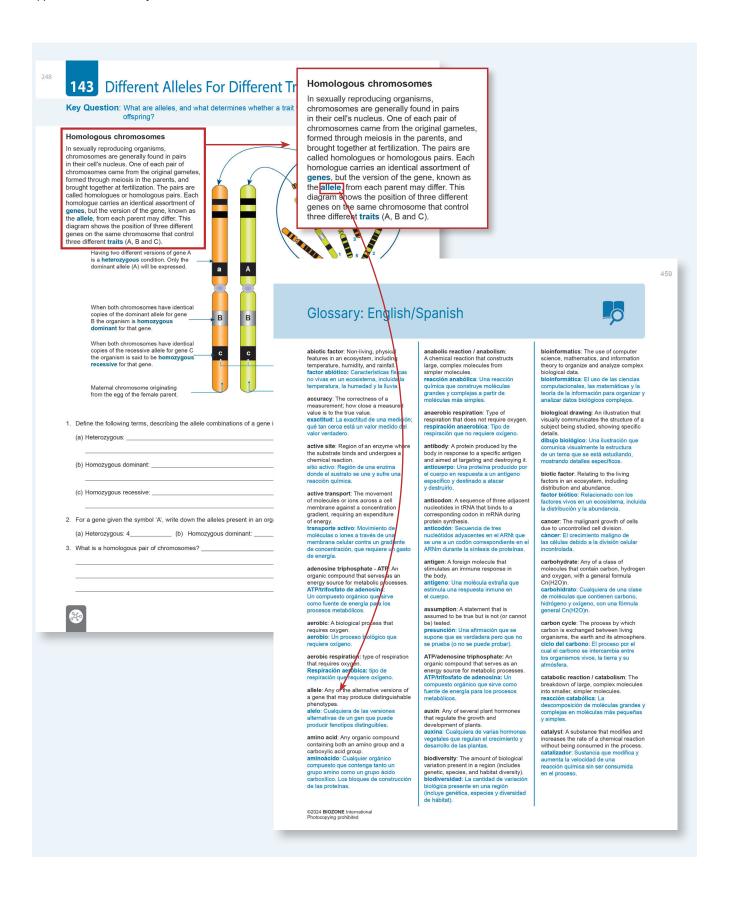
Encourage your child to scan the **QR codes** on the activity pages. These link directly to informative and engaging 3D models. All models can be rotated and zoomed, and some contain informative annotations.



Glossary

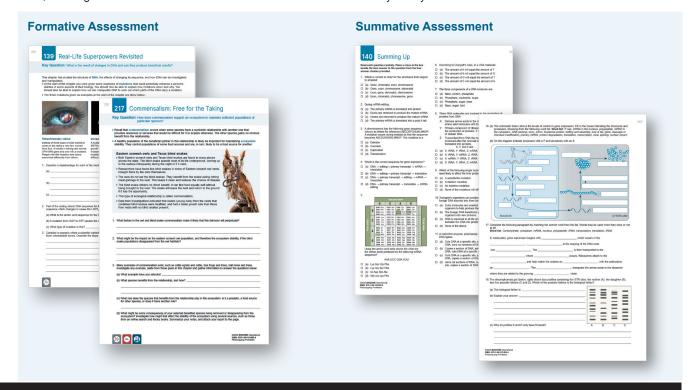
BIOZONE has several support mechanisms in place to scaffold the development of language skills, including tools for English Language Learners (ELLs) in your classroom. A **glossary** of important key terms is provided in English and Spanish. In the digital versions of the worktext, **text to speech** (read aloud) and **translation** functions support ELLs in their learning journey. More information on these features is provided below.

Encourage your child to use the **glossary** to build scientific literacy and become comfortable with using the terms appropriately. Key terms, which have been **blue bolded** within an activity, are included in the glossary. Key terms are only bolded the first time they appear within an activity.



Student Assessment

Biology for Texas provides ample opportunity for your child to demonstrate their understanding and proficiency in both the TEKS and ELPS. Opportunities for formative and summative assessment are provided. While most activities require your child to record a response, we do not recommend that every question is graded. In most instances, your child's answers form a record of work for them, allowing them to review their answer within the context of the activity at any time.



Digital Data Analysis

Digital Student Progress Trackers, downloadable from the <u>Resource Hub</u> in Google Sheet format, allow your child to self-report their grades for each Learning Outcome leading to a specific Student Expectation, as part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Biology.

Your child can track their progress as they move through each TEKS, identify patterns in their understanding, and be able to respond by working with more scaffolding, extension, or targeted revision.

