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Our September issue is full of goodies—from a fiction story about contemplating a fresh start to a brand-new word study feature (see below). But before you dive in, set yourself up to get the most out of your subscription all year long. It's easy!



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Warmly, Kim Tranell, Editorial Director ktranell@scholastic.com



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Mini Read, pp. 2-3 "The Video Game Writer" Meet Brittney Morris, who crafts the stories behind popular video games.	Grammar		
In the News, pp. 4-7 "Is TikTok Going Away?" Find out why the U.S. government might ban our country's fastest-growing social media app.	Summarizing	Lower Level Higher Level	/
Nonfiction Feature, pp. 8-13 "Rescue at the Water's Edge" Learn about one boy's terrifying 9/11 experience— and the boat rescue that turned dozens of ordinary people into heroes.	Text Evidence	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	/ *
Read-Aloud Fiction, pp. 14-19 "Secrets of Splat Night" Study a character at a crossroads with this thought- provoking short story by best-selling author Gordon Korman.	Inference		/ *
True Teen Story, pp. 20-23 "Racing Toward a New Future" See how Zeke came back stronger after a heart condition robbed him of his big dream.	Problem and Solution	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	/ *
Word Play, pp. 24-25 "What Do These Things Have in Common?" Practice using prefixes (and learn about some lucky mistakes) with our fun new word study feature.	Using Prefixes		
Paired Texts, pp. 26-29 "Beware Snake Island" and "Welcome to Pig Beach" Compare two unusual islands: one inhabited by venomous snakes, the other known for its cute pig population.	Compare and Contrast	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	/ *
Debate, pp. 30-31 "Should You Call Out a Liar?" Weigh the pros and cons of speaking up when someone is being dishonest.	Argument Writing	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	V
Infagraphic, p. 32 "The Stary of Spicy Food" Gather facts on the most tongue-tingling treats—and then decide whether you'd test your tolerance.	Text Features		

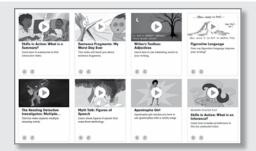
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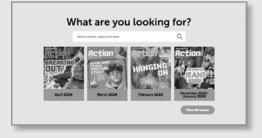
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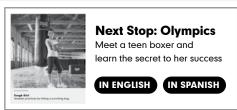
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