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Articles	Spotlight Skill‡	Differentiated Articles	Lesson Plan	Text-to-Speech	Skill Sheets and Quizzes	Multimedia Resources
Mini Read, pp. 2-3 "Who Designed That Hoodie?" Learn about Jaz Zamora's awesome career designing sportswear for Adidas.	Grammar			✓*	Grammar: <i>Your</i> vs. <i>You're</i>	
In the News, pp. 4-7 "Is This the Future of Football?" Find out why flag football is taking the United States by storm.	Summarizing	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	✓	✓*	- Spotlight Skill Workout: 5 Questions - Words to Know Review - Quiz (two levels) - Central Idea and Details	- Video: "Skills in Action: What Is a Summary?" - Video: "Play Hard, Stay Safe" - Words to Know Slideshow
Nonfiction Feature, pp. 8-13 "Into the Choking Smoke" Commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 with this brave firefighter's incredible story.	Text Evidence	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	✓❖	✓*	- Spotlight Skill Workout: Text Evidence - Words to Know Review - Quiz (two levels)	- Video: "Beyond the Story: Into the Choking Smoke" - Words to Know Slideshow - Background Builder Slideshow
Read-Aloud Fiction, pp. 14-19 "The Choice" See how grappling with a big decision leads Zander to self-discovery.	Inference		✓❖	✓*	- Spotlight Skill Workout: Inference - Words to Know Review - Quiz (two levels) - Elements of Fiction	- Video: "Skills in Action: What Is an Inference?" - Words to Know Slideshow
True Teen Story, pp. 20-23 "Spreading Sweet Dreams" Meet Ayana, a cancer survivor who now works to brighten the lives of other young patients.	Cause and Effect	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	✓❖	✓*	- Spotlight Skill Workout: Cause and Effect - Words to Know Review - Quiz (two levels)	- Video: "2 Minutes With . . . Ayana Banks" - Words to Know Slideshow
Word Play, pp. 24-25 "The Day We Sent a Message to Aliens" Practice using prefixes while learning about a unique event in the history of space exploration.	Using Prefixes			✓*		- Video: "Adventures in Morphology" - Video: "Beyond the Story: Are Those Aliens?" - Interactive Quiz: "What's That Prefix?"
Paired Texts, pp. 26-29 "The Loudest Place on Earth" and "The Quietest Place on Earth" Compare the astonishing noise level in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with the equally amazing quiet in Hawaii's Haleakala Crater.	Compare and Contrast	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	✓❖	✓*	- Spotlight Skill Workout: Compare and Contrast - Words to Know Review - Quiz (two levels)	Words to Know Slideshow
Debate, pp. 30-31 "Do You Need Recess?" Consider the pros and cons of taking time out to play.	Argument Writing	✓ Lower Level ✓ Higher Level	✓	✓*	Argument Writing (two levels)	Poll
Poetry, p. 32 "Who Am I?" Analyze a thought-provoking poem about identity.	Analyzing Poetry			✓*	Analyzing Poetry	