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The Standards Slide Deck Magazine

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Meet the Triplets

Three Tools. One Standard. One Powerful Instructional System.

What happens when instruction, teacher support, and student tracking are all built around the exact same TEKS? You get what we call **the Triplets**. They are three intentionally connected instructional tools that work together as a complete teaching and learning cycle centered on one specific standard:

The Student Slide Deck

Where the standard comes to life. Students experience the skill through examples, questioning, discussion, modeling, guided practice, and application.

The Teacher Script

Behind every student slide is intentional teacher support: what to say, what to ask, what misconceptions to watch for, and how to push thinking further.

The Tracking Sheet

Where students see their own thinking. They record responses, collect evidence, monitor understanding, and notice growth connected directly to the TEKS.

"Students see it. Teachers teach it. Students track it."

Randi Whitney

What Is Inside Each Slide Deck?

Every weekly slide deck follows a consistent 10-slide structure so students always know what to expect:

#	Slide	What It Does
1	Cover	States the exact TEKS wording and asks, "What does this mean to me?"
2	NOTICE	The first thinking level. Students notice the skill in context.
3	CHOOSE	Students select the correct application of the skill.
4	SHOW	Students demonstrate the skill with guided support.
5	OWN	Students apply the skill independently.
6	DEFEND	Students explain and justify their thinking.
7	Your Turn	Student fill-in practice connected to the tracking sheet.
8	Answer Key	Reveals the answers with explanations.
9	Show What You Know	A test-style question for application.
10	Closing	Wraps up the lesson and previews next week.

NOTICE

CHOOSE

SHOW

OWN

DEFEND

The five thinking levels climb from recognition to justification.

The Teacher Script: SAY and DO

Every Teacher Script page mirrors the student slide deck. For each slide, the script shows:

- **A clock icon with the suggested time** for that slide (for example, 1 minute for the cover, 2 minutes for each thinking level).
- **SAY lines:** exact instructional language, including key questions, think-alouds, and prompts.
- **DO lines:** what the teacher should be doing, such as modeling, circulating, or checking for understanding.

The script gives teachers instructional language without taking away their own personality or professional judgment.

DID YOU KNOW?

In our 36-week sets, every week has 10 slides and 10 matching teacher script pages. The teacher never has to guess what to say or do: the script is built slide by slide, with timing for each one.

The Tracking Sheet: Front and Back

Each tracking sheet is numbered (for example, "Sheet 5 of 36") so students and teachers always know exactly which sheet matches which deck. The front carries the TEKS, a passage excerpt, and response boxes for recording thinking at each level. The back has additional practice, a self-check area, and space for students to notice their growth over time.

WHY IT WORKS

Every component points back to the same standard. The teacher is not teaching one version of a skill while the student is practicing a different version and the tracking sheet is measuring a third. When the Triplets are in place, the instructional message is consistent, clear, and measurable.

Why We Call Them Triplets

Just like triplets in a family, these three resources share the same DNA. They are born from the same TEKS, grow alongside each other, and are strongest when they stay together. The slide deck shows the learning. The script supports the teaching. The tracking sheet captures the growth. Pull any one away, and the system still works. But put all three together, and students, teachers, and data all speak the same language.

The Triplet Promise

Too often, classroom resources live in separate worlds. The teacher guide says one thing. The student presentation emphasizes another. The tracking sheet measures something slightly different. The Triplets eliminate that disconnect.

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The 20-Minute Standards Block

The daily routine from our planning and pacing documents.

Our Implementation Guide organizes each day into two blocks: a 15-minute Section 50 Lesson (the cluster and module lesson from the Teacher Lesson Plan) and a separate **20-minute Standards Block** for standards practice. The Implementation Guide's daily practice lives here, next to the Standards Slide Decks.

THE CORE ROUTINE

Choose four different Standards Slide Deck sets and spend five minutes on each of them to make up the 20-minute section of the writing time that is in our planning and pacing documents.

How a Day in the Standards Block Works

Each numbered day in the calendars is one Standards block day. The day-in-cycle plan fills the 20 minutes: retrieval, the concept or game, and a short check.

Day	20-Minute Plan
Day 1	3 min retrieval; 5 min whole-group opener; 9 min modeling and guided practice; 3 min exit
Day 2	3 min retrieval; 6 min extension; 8 min compare correct and incorrect choices; 3 min fresh item
Day 3	2 min retrieval; 1 min setup; 15 min partner or small-group game; 2 min individual exit
Day 4	3 min reminder; 14 min independent items; 3 min self-check or conference
Day 5	Ordinary: 3 min retrieval, 10 min fresh check, 7 min feedback. Formal: 2 min directions, 16 min independent work, 2 min review

When Students Also Need a Standards Slide Deck

The Spelling, Editing, and Revising Slide Decks practice the same skills every week. On a day the class needs deck practice, teach one or two decks (about five minutes each) and shorten that day's Implementation step to fit the rest of the 20 minutes. Keep retrieval and the exit check; trim the opener or extension first. The 15-minute Section 50 lesson never gives up time to either.

A Sample Week at a Glance

Set 1: Editing

5 minutes | TEKS 11(D)

Set 2: Revising

5 minutes | TEKS 11(C)

Set 3: Evidence

5 minutes | TEKS 7(C)

Set 4: Spelling

5 minutes | TEKS 2(B)

Four sets, five minutes each, filling the 20-minute standards block every day.

But since we have far more than four Triplet sets to offer, the question becomes: what else can teachers do with them? That is where the creative uses come in.

Every Triplet Set We Offer

A complete inventory by grade, with TEKS codes verified from each deck's cover slide.

Grade 3 Triplet Sets

Triplet Set	TEKS (cover)	Wks	Description
Editing	11(D)	36	Conventions and grammar editing with Sentence Weather symbols.
Editing Part Two	11(D)	30	Additional editing standards, Clusters 2 through 7.
Revising	11(C)	36	Strengthening writing through revision strategies.
Spelling	3.2(B)	36	Every word drawn from that cluster's reading, plum family.
Writing	Process & Genre	36	Genre and process moves for the year, mauve family.
Evidence	7(C)	36	Collecting and weighing text evidence with TRACKS and CSI.
Explanation	12(B)	36	Explaining evidence with DEEP FACTS: Definition, Example, Story.
Paraphrasing	7(D)	36	Keeping the meaning, the facts, and the logical order.
Morphemes	3(C)	36	Prefixes, suffixes, and roots. One morphology rule a week.
Figurative Language	10(D)	36	Simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, imagery.
Literary Devices	3.10(D)	36	Imagery and figurative language: how authors achieve purposes.
Word Choice	11(C)	36	Precise and purposeful word selection for stronger writing.

Grade 3: 12 sets

DID YOU KNOW?

Across all 36 Triplet sets and three grades, the library holds 13,070 slides, 13,070 teacher script pages, and 2,091 tracking sheet pages. That is 28,231 coordinated instructional pages, ready to open and teach.

A Supplemental Support System

The Writing Academy®, LLC provides additional instruction and additional practice alongside a campus or district's existing reading language arts core resource. It is not a state assessment blueprint and does not replace core instruction.

Grade 4 Triplet Sets

Triplet Set	TEKS (cover)	Wks	Description
Editing	11(D)	36	Grade 4 conventions and grammar editing.
Editing Part Two	11(D)	46	Part Two editing standards for every cluster.
Revising	11(C)	36	Grade 4 revision strategies with increasing complexity.
Spelling	4.2(B)	36	Prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots, plum family.
Writing	11(B), 12(B)	36	Genre and process moves for the year, mauve family.
Evidence	7(C)	36	Collecting and weighing text evidence with TRACKS and CSI.
Explanation	12(B)	36	DEEP FACTS with Facts/Statistics, Comparison, Cause/Effect.
Paraphrasing	7(D)	36	Keeping the meaning, the facts, and the logical order.
Morphemes	3(C)	36	Prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots at Grade 4.
Figurative Language	10(D)	36	Figurative language in context at Grade 4 complexity.
Literary Devices	4.10(D)	36	Imagery, figurative language, and how authors achieve purposes.
Word Choice	11(C)	36	Precise and purposeful word selection at Grade 4.

Grade 4: 12 sets

Grade 5 Triplet Sets

Triplet Set	TEKS (cover)	Wks	Description
Editing	11(D)	36	Grade 5 conventions and grammar editing.
Editing Part Two	11(D)	43	Part Two editing standards for every cluster.
Revising	11(C)	36	Grade 5 revision strategies building toward mastery.
Spelling	5.2(B)	36	Morphology at Grade 5, Greek and Latin roots, plum family.
Writing	11(B), 12(B)	36	Genre and process moves for the year, mauve family.
Evidence	7(C)	36	Collecting and weighing text evidence with TRACKS and CSI.
Explanation	12(B)	36	Explaining evidence with DEEP FACTS at Grade 5 complexity.
Paraphrasing	7(D)	36	Paraphrasing with meaning, facts, and logical order.
Morphemes	3(C)	36	Advanced prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin roots.
Figurative Language	10(D)	36	Figurative language at Grade 5 complexity and depth.
Literary Devices	5.10(D)	36	Imagery, figurative/literal language, and sound devices.
Word Choice	11(C)	36	Precise and purposeful word selection at Grade 5.

Grade 5: 12 sets

BY THE NUMBERS

36 Triplet sets across three grades. Over 1,300 weekly slide decks, each one with a matching Teacher Script and Student Tracking Sheet. The full library holds 13,070 slides and 13,070 teacher script pages, all aligned to the TEKS, all ready to use.

Beyond the 20-Minute Block

Dozens of ways to put every Triplet set to work, all day long.

With 12 Triplet sets per grade, there are far more sets than a single 20-minute block can hold. That is not a problem. That is an opportunity.

Data-Driven Target Groups

Use assessment data to form small groups of students who need help with specific standards. Pull the matching Triplet and teach it in a focused session. The tracking sheet becomes the evidence of growth.

Who: Teacher with 4 to 6 students | When: Intervention block

Computer Station Rotations

Project different slide decks at different computer stations and let students rotate. Each station focuses on a different standard while students work at their own pace.

Who: Full class in groups | When: Literacy centers or rotation days

The Teacher Script Matching Game

Print the Teacher Scripts, cut the page in half between the slide and the script text, and have students match the script to the correct slide. Students read and reason about instructional language.

Who: Partners or small groups | When: Review day or center

Morning Warm-Up / Bell Ringer

Project one slide from any Triplet deck when students arrive. One thinking-level slide takes 2 to 3 minutes and gets minds working immediately. Rotate sets daily.

Who: Whole class | When: First 3 minutes of the day

Exit Ticket: Show What You Know

Use Slide 9 as a daily exit ticket. Students answer on a half-sheet before leaving. The teacher sorts responses to plan the next day's focus.

Who: Every student | When: Last 3 minutes of any period

Intervention and RTI Tier 2

Triplet sets offer structured, standards-aligned practice at five thinking levels. Start at NOTICE and work upward. The tracking sheet documents the intervention.

Who: RTI teacher + Tier 2 group | When: Intervention period

State Assessment Spiral Review

In the weeks before the state assessment, revisit one Triplet from each major strand daily. Four sets, five minutes each. The tracking sheets double as a review log.

Who: Whole class | When: 4 to 6 weeks before assessment

Partner Coaching

One student reads the SAY lines from the Teacher Script while the other works through the deck. Then they switch. Students practice reading instructional language.

Who: Student pairs | When: Friday review or center rotation

"Teacher for a Day"

A student volunteer uses the Teacher Script to lead the class through a deck. This builds public speaking, reading fluency, and deep understanding, because teaching is the highest form of learning.

Who: One presenter + class | When: Review day or reward

Family Night Demonstrations

At curriculum night, display a Triplet and let parents experience a slide. Show how their student tracks growth on the tracking sheet. Families see exactly what standards look like.

Who: Parents and students | When: Open house or family night

Substitute-Friendly Days

Leave a Triplet set with the sub plans. The Teacher Script tells the substitute exactly what to say and do, slide by slide, with timing. No guesswork, no wasted time.

Who: Substitute teacher | When: Any absent-teacher day

Centers with Accountability

Students work through the deck independently and record responses on the tracking sheet. The sheet travels with the student and serves as built-in accountability.

Who: Independent groups | When: Center rotation block

Thinking Level Climb Game

Turn the five levels into a whole-class game. Start at NOTICE. If the class answers correctly, they "climb" to the next level. Goal: reach DEFEND before time runs out.

Who: Whole class | When: Friday fun or review, 10 minutes

Spiral Review Calendar

Create a rotating calendar that revisits a different Triplet every two to three weeks. Over the year, every set gets revisited multiple times, keeping all standards fresh.

Who: Teacher planning tool | When: Year-long implementation

Vocabulary Wall

Each deck introduces key terms connected to its standard. Harvest those words and add them to a living vocabulary wall. Students see the same academic language across decks and passages.

Who: Whole class reference | When: Updated weekly

Pair with a Writing Workout

After an evidence deck, use Evidence Detective. After explanation, Explanation Station. After editing, Check MATE. After revising, OnRAMP. The Triplet teaches; the Workout practices.

Who: Whole class or small group | When: Same day or next

DID YOU KNOW?

The Triplet library spans 36 sets across three grades. Most sets run 36 weeks (360 slides each), and the Editing Part Two sets add even more, with 30 to 46 weeks of additional editing standards per grade.

Homework Connection

Send the tracking sheet home with a note explaining the slide deck. Parents see the actual standard their student is working on, not just a grade, but the thinking.

Who: Student + family | When: Weekly take-home

Data Walls from Tracking Sheets

Collect tracking sheets by standard and create a class data wall showing which thinking levels students reach. The visual tells the teacher exactly where to push next.

Who: Teacher data analysis | When: End of each module

Cross-Grade Vertical Alignment

Pull the same TEKS family across Grades 3, 4, and 5 to show how skills build. Teachers see how editing in 3rd grade grows into editing in 5th, all through the same Triplet structure.

Who: Vertical team | When: PLC or professional development

New Teacher Onboarding

Give new teachers a Triplet set as their first teaching experience. The script removes guesswork. The deck provides visuals. The tracking sheet shows data collection. A complete lesson in a box.

Who: New hires or student teachers | When: Orientation week

Self-Paced Digital Practice

Load decks onto tablets or a shared drive. Students who finish early pull up any Triplet and work through it with their tracking sheet, building skills without waiting.

Who: Individual students | When: Independent work time

Professional Development

Use a Triplet during PD to model standards-based instruction. Walk teachers through the deck while they follow the script. Discuss what they noticed about the thinking levels.

Who: Instructional coach | When: PD sessions or coaching

"Can you think of other ways we could help students understand how important it is to notice evidence within what they read?"

Randi Whitney

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Every one of these creative uses circles back to the same truth: when the teaching tool, the teacher support, and the student evidence all point to the same standard, learning sticks. The Triplets make that alignment automatic, no matter how or when you use them.

DID YOU KNOW?

33 of our 36 Triplet sets include a Show What You Know slide every week, a test-style question that uses real passage text from that cluster's reading so students practice with the same words they see in class.

Which Triplet When?

An at-a-glance planning chart for the entire year.

When	Best Triplet Sets	Why
Beginning of Year (Prepare)	Editing, Spelling, Writing, Evidence	Establish the four core routines from Day 1.
Clusters 1 and 2	Core 4 + Paraphrasing, Explanation	Layer in comprehension and evidence explanation.
Clusters 3 and 4	Core 4 + Morphemes, Literary Devices	Build vocabulary depth and analytical reading.
Clusters 5 and 6	Core 4 + Figurative Language, Word Choice	Strengthen craft and style before argumentative writing.
Pre-Assessment Review	All 12 sets on rotation	Spiral every standard in 5-minute daily doses.
Clusters 7 and 8	Core 4 + any weak areas from data	Target needs using tracking sheet evidence.
Intervention / RTI	Whichever TEKS the data shows	The matching Triplet becomes the intervention.
Substitute Days	Any set the class has not yet seen	Script-driven, no planning needed.
Family Night	Editing or Evidence (most visual)	Parents see thinking levels in action.
Centers / Stations	Rotate 4 to 6 different sets	Each station is a different standard with accountability.

Weekly Planning Template

Use this template to plan your Standards Slide Deck rotation. Write in the Triplet set name and TEKS.

Day	Set 1 (5 min)	Set 2 (5 min)	Set 3 (5 min)	Set 4 (5 min)
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				

Planning Tip

Keep your four core sets (Editing, Revising, Spelling, and one comprehension set) consistent Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, swap in a review set, a student-led deck, or the Matching Game for variety. The tracking sheets travel with the student all week, so continuity is built in.

DID YOU KNOW?

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33 of our 36 Triplet sets use the five thinking levels (NOTICE, CHOOSE, SHOW, OWN, DEFEND) every week. Students climb the same ladder hundreds of times across the year, building stamina and confidence with every repetition.

The Power of Three

The Triplets are more than a collection of slide decks. They are a philosophy: that when every tool in a teacher's hand points to the same standard, learning becomes visible, teaching becomes intentional, and growth becomes measurable.

Every Triplet set, across every grade and every TEKS family, delivers the same three-part promise:

The Deck Shows the Learning

Students see the standard come to life through five thinking levels, from noticing to defending.

The Script Supports the Teaching

Teachers have the exact SAY and DO language, with timing, for every slide.

The Sheet Captures the Growth

Students track their own thinking and teachers see the data, all on one numbered page.

With 36 Triplet sets spanning Grades 3, 4, and 5, and over 1,300 weekly slide decks ready to use, there is a Triplet for every standard, every day, every student. Use them in the 20-minute standards block. Use them in centers, in intervention groups, as bell ringers, as exit tickets, as substitute plans, as family night demonstrations, or as the foundation for data-driven target groups. They are built to be flexible because every classroom is different, but the alignment never wavers.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Every Triplet set comes in three matched files: one for slides, one for teacher scripts, and one for tracking sheets. A teacher can open all three in minutes and have a complete standards lesson ready for the day.

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