

Course Planner and Pacing Guide

Each Topic gives you the flexibility to streamline, focusing on core assets that cover the NGSS by taking the Fast Track, or to pull in additional resources for full instruction no matter the length of your Science class. Here you can see average durations of Topics and Experiences in days. You can see durations in minutes in the Topic Planners, Experience At-A-Glance pages, and instructional pages of this guide.

FAST TRACK Use the activities with the check mark to fast-track your teaching.



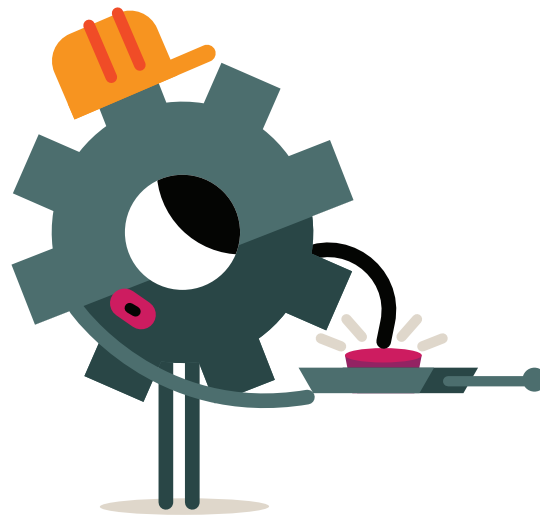
	TOPIC 1 Matter	✓	L*	S*	TOPIC 2 Changing Matter	✓	L*	S*	TOPIC 3 Modeling Earth's Surface	✓	L*	S*
Topic Launch		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3
Experiences	1 Properties of Matter	3	5	8	1 Reversible Changes	3	5	8	1 Modeling Patterns of Land	3	5	8
	2 Using Materials	3	5	8	2 Irreversible Changes	3	5	8	2 Patterns of Earth's Water	3	5	8
	3 Building with Matter	3	5	8						3	5	8
Topic Wrap-Up		1	2	3		1	2	3		1	2	3
TOTAL DAYS		11	19	30		8	14	22		8	14	22

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Fast Track
- L*

Longer Periods: 30-45 mins
- S*

Shorter Periods: 15-30 mins



TOPIC 4 Earth's Changing Surface	✓	L*	S*	TOPIC 5 Interactions in Ecosystems	✓	L*	S*
	1	2	3		1	2	3
1 Rapid Changes	3	5	8	1 Plant Survival	3	5	8
2 Slow Changes	3	5	8	2 Interactions of Living Things	3	5	8
3 Solutions for Surface Changes	3	5	8	3 Comparing Land and Water Habitats	3	5	8
	1	2	3		1	2	3
	11	19	30		11	19	30