

National Geographic Learning: Reach K-5 ESL Overview

This is a short overview of the Reach K-5 ESL program from National Geographic Learning. An in-depth overview can be viewed under the Professional Development tab on the teacher resource site from www.myngconnect.com.

Resources:

- All print resources, excluding big books and workstation flip charts, are available digitally on www.myngconnect.com or www.ngreach.com – both are the same website.
- Grades 1-5 will also receive a copy of ExamView per teacher for customizing assessments.
- Each grade level has 2 Teacher Editions. Units 1-4 in Volume I and Units 5-8 in Volume II.
- Each unit provides approximately 4 weeks of instruction.
- Each tabbed unit is divided into Part I – approximately 10 days of instruction and Part II – approximately 10 days of instruction.
- Each Part begins with a Unit Daily Planner highlighting key oral language skills, grammar and language function skills, content and academic vocabulary, reading comprehension strategies, and writing.
- Every Teacher Edition has a tabbed section, Best Practices and Research, providing the research base supporting the program as well as additional Professional Development Articles written by the program authors.
- Every Teacher Edition has a tabbed section, Teaching Routines and Strategies, which provides Vocabulary Routines, Reading Routines, Beginning Reading, Fluency Routines, Writing, Structured Response, and Cooperative Learning Strategies. These are all used at point of use within the daily lessons, but provide teachers with additional access to apply the resources in other content areas.
- All TEKS and ELPS are listed at point of use in the Teachers Guide as well as listed in the back of every Teachers Guide under the ELPS and TEKS tab.

Lesson Structure:

- Each unit begins with the Unit Launch to build background prior to getting into the unit. This is done through National Geographic videos, short clips, songs, etc.
- Each Part has a two page spread prior to the Unit Planner detailing the two main selections, genres, skills at a glance, and TEKS/ELPS standards for the 10 days of instruction for that part.
- The daily lesson path at kindergarten includes the sections of Language, Vocabulary, Stories and Songs, and Writing.
- The daily lesson path at Grades 1-5 includes the sections of Language, Vocabulary, Reading, and Writing.
- Each Unit Daily Planner provides a generic at a glance planning with suggested times. Teachers can create customized lessons plans online.
- All grade levels have integrated phonics, phonemic awareness, and/or word study. Additional phonics instructional suggestions are shown at the bottom of each Unit Daily Planner. Plans can also be created online.
- The Unit Daily Planner will show assessed items with a **T** next to each assessed item. These are assessed on the Unit Tests. Items assessed are aligned with TELPAS and STAAR Reading and Readiness and Writing.
- Ready to Go Work Stations are shown following the planning pages. These work stations are tied directly to the TEKS and ELPS covered in the unit.
- Differentiated teaching strategies by Proficiency Levels, Language Transfer Issues, Spanish Cognates, Newcomer Support, Language Frames and Keys to Efficacy are found in the margins of the Teachers Guide at point of use.
- Every lesson will have Check for Understanding as well as Close and Assess to provide a quick, informal assessment of students each day.
- Each unit will end with a formal writing project as well as Unit Review and Assessments.