Think BIG Tank 365

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Scope and Sequence

Twelve monthly packs, one month at a time



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How the year is organized

• Twelve monthly packs in school year order, August to July, so a school can start any month. Each pack sells on its own.
• Each pack holds 30 or 31 numbered days. Days 1 to 365 run straight through the year with no repeats.
• Every pack works the same way: 4 school weeks of Monday to Friday slide days (20 days) plus Bonus days for extra days, early finishers, or take home.
• Every month draws from all 14 question categories, mixes easier and harder questions, and follows the season loosely where a question fits. No pack leans on holidays.

The five thinking levels, one per weekday

Day	Level	Marker	What students do
Monday	NOTICE	Foundational circle	List the small details you see.
Tuesday	CHOOSE	Emergent square	Pick the best of two explanations.
Wednesday	SHOW	Visible down triangle	Sketch or point to the evidence.
Thursday	OWN	Independent up triangle	Explain it in your own words or ask your own question.
Friday	DEFEND	Reflective diamond	Give a reason and answer a partner challenge.

The three stages it builds

• Noticing Awareness: noticing the small details in the world around them, with no paper and no correcting.
• The Editor's Eye: transferring those same noticing skills to text, while reading and while improving their own writing.
• Detail Sense: the habit is automatic. Students notice details without being prompted, in the world and on the page.

What each daily slide set contains

• Title slide: day number, category, and the question of the day.
• Look: 30 second timer, the picture of the day. Quiet looking.
• Wonder: what students wonder about what they saw.
• Idea: best idea so far, in a frame I think ___ because ___.
• Compare: partners share one difference they noticed.
• Investigate: one way to check the idea.
• Next Step: the idea so far in one sentence.
• Answer reveal for the teacher, then the closing: I noticed ___.
• Every day ends with one line linking today to The Editor's Eye.

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Picture style for every day

Flat vector art, simple shapes, navy and gold on white. No text of any kind. No faces on objects. Each picture shows one clear thing to point to, and only the thing to observe, never the reason, so the picture cannot give away the answer. Imagined scenes are playful and kind.

Each Picture cell in the month tables gives only what is unique to that day. The style above applies to every picture.

Week 4

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q241	Why can you see tiny scratches on a screen only when the light hits it a certain way?	Small Details Most People Miss	Show you see tiny scratches on a screen only when the light hits it a certain way.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q81	How can a seed sprout when it starts out buried in the dark?	Plants and growing things	Show a seed sprout when it starts out buried in the dark.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q322	A drawing shows a healthy tree, dark soil, and a full watering pail. Trees need water, soil, and one more thing to grow. What is missing, and how can you tell?	What Is Missing?	A healthy green tree in dark soil beside a full blue watering pail under a wide empty pale sky. The Sun must be absent from the sky. No rays and no glow anywhere.
Thu O	OWN (up triangle)	Q120	Why might a turtle pull its head into its shell?	Animals and tiny neighbors	Show a turtle pull its head into its shell.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q174	How could you find out which paper airplane design stays in the air longest?	Motion light and sound	Show you find out which paper airplane design stays in the air longest.

Bonus Days

Day 21 (Q180): Why does a wet suction cup sometimes hold better than a dry one? Picture: Show a wet suction cup sometimes hold better than a dry one.

Day 22 (Q292): Why does adding an apostrophe turn cant into a different word? Picture: Show adding an apostrophe turn cant into a different word.

Day 23 (Q293): Why do we use a comma between items in a list? Picture: Show we use a comma between items in a list.

Day 24 (Q111): Why do some animals come out mostly at night? Picture: Show some animals come out mostly at night.

Day 25 (Q112): How can a fish get oxygen while staying underwater? Picture: Show a fish get oxygen while staying underwater.

Day 26 (Q113): Why does a whale have to come to the surface to breathe? Picture: Show a whale have to come to the surface to breathe.

Day 27 (Q210): How can punctuation change the meaning of a sentence? Picture: Show punctuation change the meaning of a sentence.

Day 28 (Q212): Why can two people read the same story and imagine different-looking characters? Picture: Show two people read the same story and imagine different looking characters.

Day 29 (Q215): Can two explanations sound reasonable even if only one fits the evidence? Picture: Show two explanations sound reasonable even if only one fits the evidence.

Day 30 (Q42): How can wi[illegible] move a sailboat[illegible] w[illegible] canno[illegible]e the w[illegible] Pic[illegible]re: Sho[illegible]win[illegible] move a sai[illegible]oat if we cannot see the wind.

Day 31 (Q43): Why does a flag[illegible] instead[illegible] stay[illegible]g stre[illegible]d str[illegible]gh[illegible]out? [illegible]Show[illegible] flag flap in [illegible]aying stretched straight out.

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Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q281	Why are some letters tall, some short, and some hang below the line?	Noticing Words and Marks	Show some letters tall, some short, and some hang below the line.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q105	How do ants find a crumb that is far from their nest?	Animals and tiny neighbors	Show ants find a crumb that is far from their nest.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q349	Two versions of one sentence with a single word changed: what changed, and what did it do?	Same or Different?	Two strips with gray word bars. The strips match except one bar is a different color in the second strip. No readable words.
Thu O	OWN (up triangle)	Q213	How can a picture tell a story without any words?	Patterns words and possibilities	Show a picture tell a story without any words.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q10	Why does oil gather on top of water instead of mixing right in?	Food and kitchen mysteries	Show oil gather on top of water instead of mixing right in.

Bonus Days

Day 113 (Q142): Why can it be harder to balance with your eyes closed? Picture: Show it be harder to balance with your eyes closed.

Day 114 (Q162): Why can a balloon move across a room when its air rushes out? Picture: Show a balloon move across a room when its air rushes out.

Day 115 (Q86): How can water get from a tree's roots to its highest leaves? Picture: Show water get from a tree's roots to its highest leaves.

Day 116 (Q87): Why do some plants have thorns? Picture: Show some plants have thorns.

Day 117 (Q89): Why can two plants in the same garden grow to different heights? Picture: Show two plants in the same garden grow to different heights.

Day 118 (Q46): How do waves reach the beach when no one is pushing them by hand? Picture: Show waves reach the beach when no one is pushing them by hand.

Day 119 (Q47): Why is ocean water salty while rainwater is not nearly as salty? Picture: Show ocean water salty while rainwater is not nearly as salty.

Day 120 (Q49): Why does a mirror fog up after a hot shower? Picture: Show a mirror fog up after a hot shower.

Day 121 (Q67): Why does the sky often look blue instead of purple or green? Picture: Show the sky often look blue instead of purple or green.

Day 122 (Q68): What makes the sky look orange or pink near sunset? Picture: Show what makes the sky look orange or pink near sunset.

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February Pack: Days 184 to 213

Four school weeks plus 10 Bonus days. Colors and shapes match the level markers above.

Week 1

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q257	Why does a zipper have a small stop at the bottom?	Small Details Most People Miss	Show a zipper have a small stop at the bottom.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q110	How can a caterpillar turn into a butterfly?	Animals and tiny neighbors	Show a caterpillar turn into a butterfly.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q332	A drawing of a car, seen from above, shows three dark circles where it touches the road. Cars of this kind need one on every corner to roll evenly. What did the artist leave out?	What Is Missing?	A small car seen from above with only three dark round wheels where it touches the road. One corner has no wheel.
Thu O	OWN (up triangle)	Q99	What clues could tell you that a plant is growing when the change is too slow to watch?	Plants and growing things	Show what clues could tell you that a plant is growing when the change is too slow to watch.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q13	Why does bread become toast instead of simply getting warmer?	Food and kitchen mysteries	Show bread become toast instead of simply getting warmer.

Week 2

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q285	Why do some sentences end with a question mark instead of a period?	Noticing Words and Marks	Show some sentences end with a question mark instead of a period.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q175	Why are most wheels round instead of square?	Everyday objects and inventions	Show most wheels round instead of square.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q354	Two clouds on the same afternoon: what [illegible] the sam[illegible] bout them	Same or Different?	Two white clouds in one blue sky. Same soft white material, different shapes and sizes.
Thu O	OWN (up tri[illegible]gle)	Q224	W[illegible]at if yo[illegible]uld see[illegible] air [illegible]oving arc[illegible]nd yo[illegible]	[illegible]hat if and w[illegible]at next	An imagined scene showing a world where you could see the air moving around you.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	[illegible]14	Why[illegible]an y[illegible]u sm[illegible]ll [illegible]inn[illegible] bef[illegible]e you can see it	[illegible]ood and kit[illegible]en	Show you smell dinner before you can see it.

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Week 3

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q258	Why does a key have a hole in its top?	Small Details Most People Miss	Show a key have a hole in its top.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q60	Why does the Moon seem to change shape during the month?	Earth sky and space	Show the Moon seem to change shape during the month.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q333	A house has a door and a roof. Inside, the rooms stay dark in the daytime. What is missing?	What Is Missing?	A small house with a door and a roof and solid walls with no openings. No windows anywhere.
Thu O	OWN (up triangle)	Q100	How could you compare two seeds fairly to see which sprouts first?	Plants and growing things	Show you compare two seeds fairly to see which sprouts first.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q206	How could you decide which of two routes is shorter before walking either one?	Patterns words and possibilities	Show you decide which of two routes is shorter before walking either one.

May Pack: Days 275 to 305

Four school weeks plus 11 Bonus days. Colors and shapes match the level markers above.

Week 1

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q268	Why does a soap bubble show colors on its surface?	Small Details Most People Miss	Show a soap bubble show colors on its surface.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q137	Why do your pupils change size when the light changes?	Bodies senses and minds	Show your pupils change size when the light changes.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q338	A story introduces a dog on the first page. On the last page, the problem is solved, and every character is there except one. What is missing?	What Is Missing?	A group of story animal friends gathered together at the end of a tale. A small dog seen in the opening scene is absent from the group.
Thu O	OWN (up triangle)	Q190	Why might a chair have four legs instead of three or five?	Everyday objects and inventions	Show a chair have four legs instead of three or five.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q36	Why can a tiny drop of water sit like a little dome on a leaf?	Water and weather wonders	Show a tiny drop of water sit like a little dome on a leaf.

Week 2

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q269	Why does a puddle sometimes dry in a ring instead of all at once?	Small Details Most People Miss	Show a puddle sometimes dry in a ring instead of all at once.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q159	How can a heavy ship float while a small metal coin sinks?	Motion light and sound	Show a heavy ship float while a small metal coin sinks.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q360	The period and the comma: what is the same, and what does each one tell a reader?	Same or Different?	A large period dot and a large comma side by side on white. Same dot, one with a tail. The marks are the picture subject.
Thu O	OWN (up tria gle)	Q229	hat if pla t could w o a tter pla to row?	hat if and v at next	An imagined scene showing a world where plants could walk to a better place to grow.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q216	H could ou gur ou wha n unfa iliar ord ns v hou ooking it up rig av y?	atterns wor and ossibilities	Show you figure out what an unfamiliar word means without looking it up right away.

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Week 3

Day	Level	Q #	Question	Category	Picture
Mon N	NOTICE (circle)	Q270	Why does the ground smell different after rain?	Small Details Most People Miss	Show the ground smell different after rain.
Tue C	CHOOSE (square)	Q177	How can an eraser remove a pencil mark?	Everyday objects and inventions	Show an eraser remove a pencil mark.
Wed S	SHOW (down triangle)	Q339	A math problem shows three numbers and an empty answer box. The reader does not know what to find out. What is missing?	What Is Missing?	A slate with three soft gray number like shapes and one empty answer box. No question mark shape and no task shown.
Thu O	OWN (up triangle)	Q230	What if a playground had to work for students and giraffes?	What if and what next	An imagined scene showing a world where a playground had to work for students and giraffes.
Fri D	DEFEND (diamond)	Q21	Why does a sliced avocado turn brown faster in some spots than others?	Food and kitchen mysteries	Show a sliced avocado turn brown faster in some spots than others.