



Britannica
School

Early Elementary



Guided Tour

Your Complete Guide to Britannica School: Early Elementary



Watch and Learn

Check out our **Britannica School Early Elementary Tutorial** video to learn more about the features in this guide.



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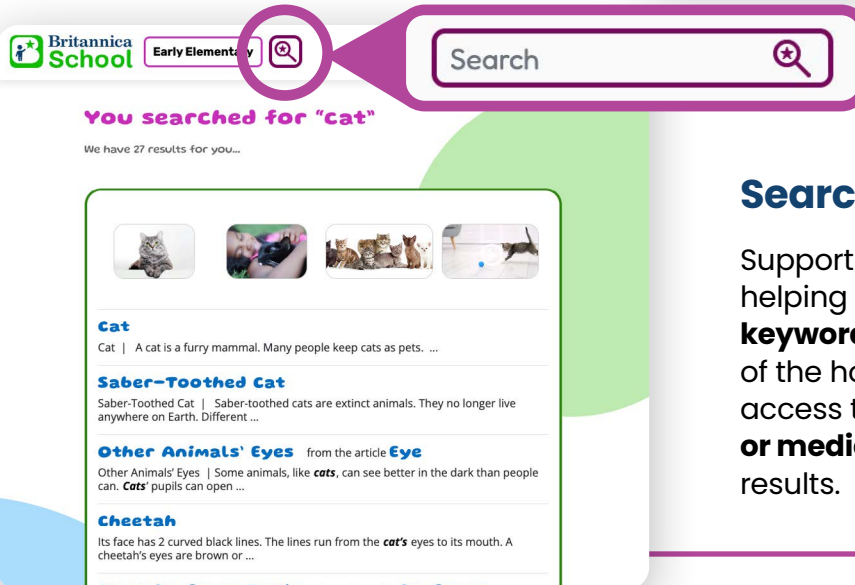
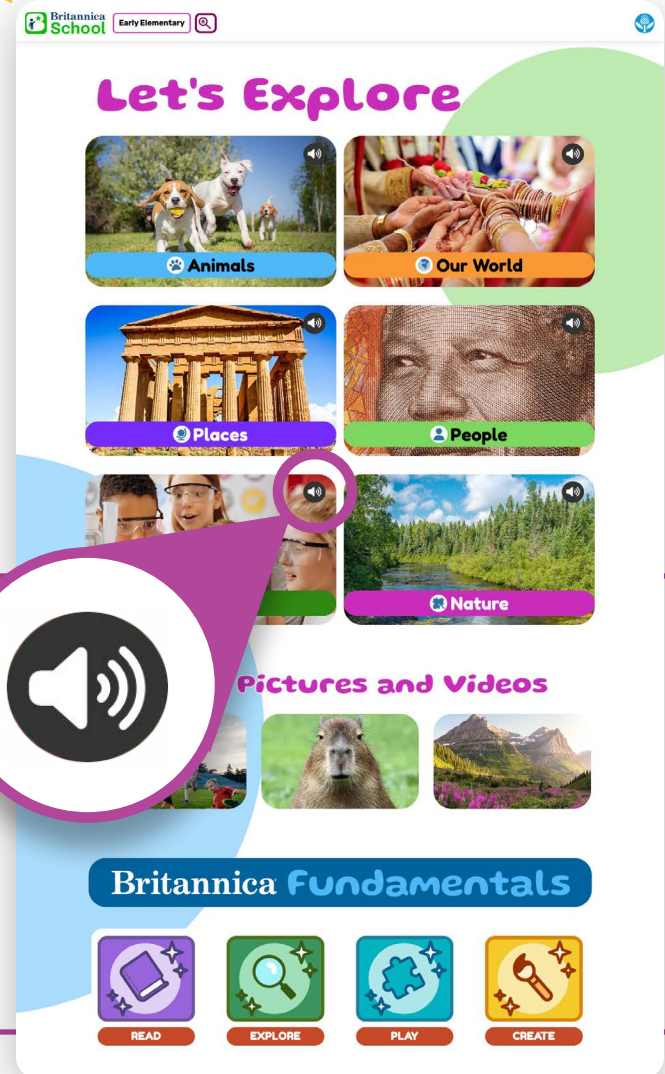
Discover resources to support educators with ready-made lessons, strategies, and classroom tools.

Homepage Features

Britannica School: Early Elementary, crafted for Grades PreK–2, offers engaging, read-aloud articles with age-appropriate vocabulary, vibrant images, videos, and interactive features to keep young learners engaged. With easy navigation, students can dive into content made just for them!

Article and Media Browse

Students can explore available articles and media pieces through **six categories**. A **read-aloud feature** supports early readers, and **exciting visuals** make it easy for students to find what interests them most!



Search Bar

Support your students by helping them conduct a **keyword search** at the top of the homepage. Easily access the **exact article or media piece**, or view all results.

Articles

Explore low-Lexile range articles appropriate for young learners. Articles are sectioned and collapsible with less text to support emerging readers. Students can listen to articles read aloud, cite the article, and share through various platforms. They can also use the English/Spanish toggle to translate all media content into native Spanish.



English
Spanish



Easy-to-Use Navigator

Effortlessly **print**, **cite** in four styles (MLA, APA, Chicago, and Harvard), **adjust the font size** for readability, and **share articles** directly to Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, or Google Drive for **seamless classroom integration**.

Text Support Features

The **quick-click dictionary** allows you to quickly find definitions and Spanish translations for any word. A **read-aloud feature** with word-by-word highlighting is available via the play button at the top of each section, supporting emerging readers.

Bees are **insects**. They buzz around.

ENGLISH

ESPAÑOL

in*sect

noun \ 'in-sekt \

- any of numerous small invertebrate animals (as spiders or centipedes) that are more or less obviously made up of segments —not used technically
- any of a class of arthropods (as butterflies, true bugs, two-winged flies, bees, and grasshoppers) with the body clearly divided into a head, thorax, and abdomen, with three pairs of jointed legs, and usually with one or two pairs of wings

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Definitions provided by Merriam-Webster

Abeja



Una abeja

Las abejas almacenan la

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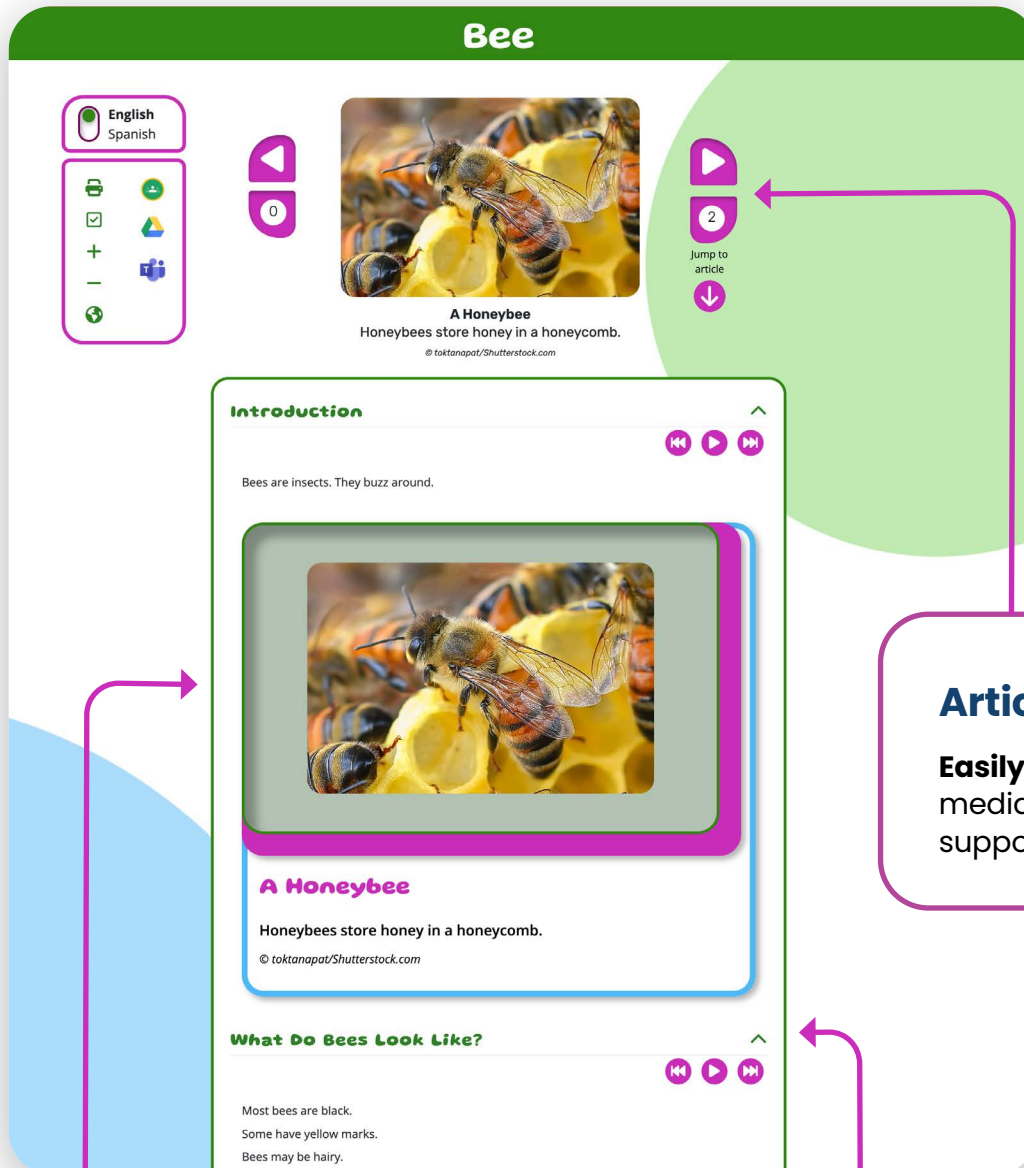
Inglés
Español

English/Spanish Toggle

An easy **toggle** between English and Spanish boosts language acquisition and accessibility, seamlessly translating **articles and all related media** into **native Spanish**.

Tools and Learning Features

Britannica School: Early Elementary articles feature enhanced readability and engaging visuals, making information accessible, compelling, and easy to navigate.



Article Media Gallery

Easily preview and access all media at the **top of articles**, supporting self-directed learning.

In-line Visuals

Photos, videos, and illustrations within articles **add context** and **enhance readability**, creating an **immersive learning experience**.

Easy-to-Read Layout

Articles are **sectioned, collapsible, and broken up** with bulleted lists and fun facts, making information **simple and digestible** for emerging readers.

Images and Videos

Discover age-appropriate pictures and videos in six engaging categories—Animals, Our World, Places, People, Science, and Nature—right from the homepage.

Picture Tools

Quickly access **age-appropriate image captions and source information** to support early media literacy. Students can print, cite in four styles, or share directly to Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams using the toolbar.

Tyrannosaurus Rex



Tyrannosaurus rex was a big, meat-eating dinosaur.

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Media Details

Sharing Options

All About Bees



There are more than 20,000 species, or types, of bees.

Bees are interesting insects.

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Video Support Features

Download videos, access transcripts, captions, and source info. Enable audio descriptors and subtitles to **support diverse student needs**.

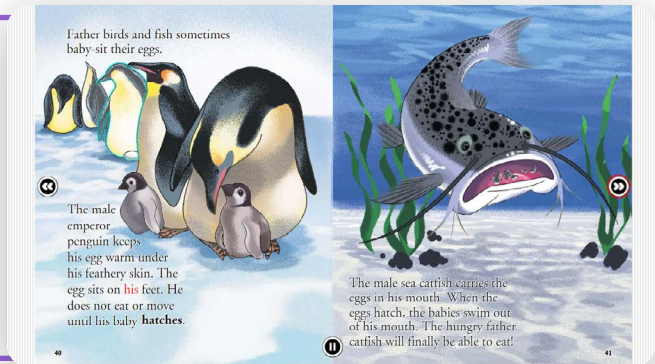


Britannica Fundamentals

Inspire emergent learners to read, explore, play, and openly create in a vibrant environment filled with curriculum-aligned content and activities. Set the tone for a day of exploration and discovery with colorfully illustrated stories, captivating images and videos, interactive maps, and a fun digital art board.

Read

Animated e-books introduce fundamental concepts and build language and comprehension skills. Topics range from animals and colors to places and shapes, with narrated, word-by-word highlighted text.



Explore

In the explore section students can browse seven global biomes and see where they're located on the interactive map.



Play

Interactive games build early literacy and math skills with multiple-choice and drag-and-drop questions guided by animated characters!



Create

Illustrate concepts or have fun drawing freely with brushes, colors, stickers, and backgrounds. Use the eraser, reset, and print options to customize and save creations.



Teach Britannica: Resources for Educators

Teach Britannica is an educator's companion, offering ready-to-use resources that support instruction and enrich classroom learning for Early Elementary students. Through this dedicated hub, educators can access tools like graphic organizers, instructional strategies, and lesson minis—all designed to make teaching easier and more impactful.

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Teach Britannica

Educator resources to enhance learning

Accessing Teach Britannica

Teach Britannica is easily accessible from the **Britannica Education icon** in the main navigation on Britannica School: Early Elementary.

LESSON MINI

Seasons and Cycles

Grade: K-2

Topic: Science

Unit: Seasons

Overview



In this lesson mini, students learn about seasons and their effects on daily life. They observe and record local weather conditions, exploring how these change over time. Students also make observations at different times of year and relate the amount of daylight to each season.

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Ideas for Implementation

Science

Literacy

Lesson Minis

These modular activities are designed **to promote personalized learning** and boost engagement. These minis include **options for differentiation, variations, and collaborative teaching**—ideal for lesson planning, sub plans, and real-world extension activities.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY

Draw It, Write It

Grade: K-2, 3-5

Type: Acquire Vocabulary

< 20 minutes

When: Before, during, and after reading

Materials: Draw It, Write It graphic organizer, whiteboard or display, writing utensil

Description



The Draw It, Write It strategy focuses on new vocabulary acquisition. Students draw a picture representing a new vocabulary word. Then they write a sentence using the word. This strategy encourages students to represent their understanding of the new vocabulary in multiple ways and practice using it in context. The strategy enhances comprehension skills, expands vocabulary, and improves overall language proficiency by engaging visual and written expression. This multimodal method helps students internalize new words more effectively, fostering deeper understanding and better retention of vocabulary in the long term.

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Instructional Strategies

Access seven categories of **evidence-based methods** for effective education, such as **Acquire Vocabulary** and **Organize Thinking**, which are essential for learning goals of any classroom.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

GRADE

K-2

3-5

6-8

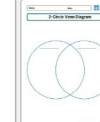
9-12

UNIV

2-Circle Venn Diagram

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, UNIV

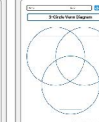


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3-Circle Venn Diagram

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, UNIV



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5Ws and 1H

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

GRADE: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12



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Analyzing Figurative Language

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

GRADE: 6-8, 9-12



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Graphic Organizers

Visual tools such as **diagrams, charts, and structured visuals** support student understanding of relationships, processes, and concepts, **making complex ideas easier to grasp**.



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