

Science 200

Teacher's Guide

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STRUCTURE OF THE LIFEPAC CURRICULUM

The LIFEPAC curriculum is conveniently structured to provide one teacher handbook containing teacher support material with answer keys and ten student worktexts for each subject at grade levels two through twelve. The worktext format of the LIFEPACs allows the student to read the textual information and complete workbook activities all in the same booklet. The easy-to-follow LIFEPAC numbering system lists the grade as the first number(s) and the last two digits as the number of the series. For example, the Language Arts LIFEPAC at the 6th grade level, 5th book in the series would be LAN0605.

Each LIFEPAC is divided into 3 to 5 sections and begins with an introduction or overview of the booklet as well as a series of specific learning objectives to give a purpose to the study of the LIFEPAC. The introduction and objectives are followed by a vocabulary section which may be found at the beginning of each section at the lower levels, at the beginning of the LIFEPAC in the middle grades, or in the glossary at the high school level. Vocabulary words are used to develop word recognition and should not be confused with the spelling words introduced later in the LIFEPAC. The student should learn all vocabulary words before working the LIFEPAC sections to improve comprehension, retention, and reading skills.

Each activity or written assignment has a number for easy identification, such as 1.1. The first number corresponds to the LIFEPAC section and the number to the right of the decimal is the number of the activity.

Teacher checkpoints, which are essential to maintain quality learning, are found at various locations throughout the LIFEPAC. The teacher should check 1) neatness of work and penmanship, 2) quality of understanding (tested with a short oral quiz), 3) thoroughness of answers (complete sentences and paragraphs, correct spelling, etc.), 4) completion of activities (no blank spaces), and 5) accuracy of answers as compared to the answer key (all answers correct).

The self test questions are also number coded for easy reference. For example, 2.015 means that this is the 15th question in the self test of Section II. The first number corresponds to the LIFEPAC section, the zero indicates that it is a self test question, and the number to the right of the zero the question number.

The LIFEPAC test is packaged at the centerfold of each LIFEPAC. It should be removed and put aside before giving the booklet to the student for study.

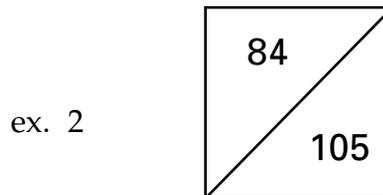
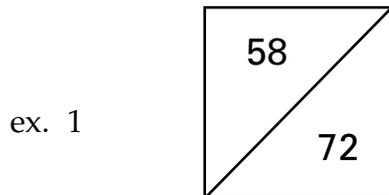
Answer and test keys have the same numbering system as the LIFEPACs and appear at the back of this handbook. The student may be given access to the answer keys (not the test keys) under teacher supervision so that he can score his own work.

A thorough study of the Curriculum Overview by the teacher before instruction begins is essential to the success of the student. The teacher should become familiar with expected skill mastery and understand how these grade level skills fit into the overall skill development of the curriculum. The teacher should also preview the objectives that appear at the beginning of each LIFEPAC for additional preparation and planning.

TEST SCORING and GRADING

Answer keys and test keys give examples of correct answers. They convey the idea, but the student may use many ways to express a correct answer. The teacher should check for the essence of the answer, not for the exact wording. Many questions are high level and require thinking and creativity on the part of the student. Each answer should be scored based on whether or not the main idea written by the student matches the model example. "Any Order" or "Either Order" in a key indicates that no particular order is necessary to be correct.

Most self tests and LIFEPAC tests at the lower elementary levels are scored at 1 point per answer; however, the upper levels may have a point system awarding 2 to 5 points for various answers or questions. Further, the total test points will vary; they may not always equal 100 points. They may be 78, 85, 100, 105, etc.



A score box similar to ex.1 above is located at the end of each self test and on the front of the LIFEPAC test. The bottom score, 72, represents the total number of points possible on the test. The upper score, 58, represents the number of points your student will need to receive an 80% or passing grade. If you wish to establish the exact percentage that your student has achieved, find the total points of his correct answers and divide it by the bottom number (in this case 72.) For example, if your student has a point total of 65, divide 65 by 72 for a grade of 90%. Referring to ex. 2, on a test with a total of 105 possible points, the student would have to receive a minimum of 84 correct points for an 80% or passing grade. If your student has received 93 points, simply divide the 93 by 105 for a percentage grade of 89%. Students who receive a score below 80% should review the LIFEPAC and retest using the appropriate Alternate Test found in the Teacher's Guide.

The following is a guideline to assign letter grades for completed LIFEPACs based on a maximum total score of 100 points.

- LIFEPAC Test = 60% of the Total Score (or percent grade)
 - Self Test = 25% of the Total Score (average percent of self tests)
 - Reports = 10% or 10* points per LIFEPAC
 - Oral Work = 5% or 5* points per LIFEPAC
- *Determined by the teacher's subjective evaluation of the student's daily work.

Example:

LIFE PAC Test Score	=	92%	92	x	.60	=	55 points
Self Test Average	=	90%	90	x	.25	=	23 points
Reports						=	8 points
Oral Work						=	4 points

TOTAL POINTS = 90 points

Grade Scale based on point system:	100	-	94	=	A
	93	-	86	=	B
	85	-	77	=	C
	76	-	70	=	D
	Below		70	=	F

TEACHER HINTS and STUDYING TECHNIQUES

LIFEPAC Activities are written to check the level of understanding of the preceding text. The student may look back to the text as necessary to complete these activities; however, a student should never attempt to do the activities without reading (studying) the text first. Self tests and LIFEPAC tests are never open book tests.

Language arts activities (skill integration) often appear within other subject curriculum. The purpose is to give the student an opportunity to test his skill mastery outside of the context in which it was presented.

Writing complete answers (paragraphs) to some questions is an integral part of the LIFEPAC Curriculum in all subjects. This builds communication and organization skills, increases understanding and retention of ideas, and helps enforce good penmanship. Complete sentences should be encouraged for this type of activity. Obviously, single words or phrases do not meet the intent of the activity, since multiple lines are given for the response.

Review is essential to student success. Time invested in review where review is suggested will be time saved in correcting errors later. Self tests, unlike the section activities, are closed book. This procedure helps to identify weaknesses before they become too great to overcome. Certain objectives from self tests are cumulative and test previous sections; therefore, good preparation for a self test must include all material studied up to that testing point.

The following procedure checklist has been found to be successful in developing good study habits in the LIFEPAC curriculum.

1. Read the introduction and Table of Contents.
2. Read the objectives.
3. Recite and study the entire vocabulary (glossary) list.
4. Study each section as follows:
 - a. Read the introduction and study the section objectives.
 - b. Read all the text for the entire section, but answer none of the activities.
 - c. Return to the beginning of the section and memorize each vocabulary word and definition.
 - d. Reread the section, complete the activities, check the answers with the answer key, correct all errors, and have the teacher check.
 - e. Read the self test but do not answer the questions.
 - f. Go to the beginning of the first section and reread the text and answers to the activities up to the self test you have not yet done.
 - g. Answer the questions to the self test without looking back.
 - h. Have the self test checked by the teacher.
 - i. Correct the self test and have the teacher check the corrections.
 - j. Repeat steps a–i for each section.

5. Use the SQ3R* method to prepare for the LIFEPAC test.
6. Take the LIFEPAC test as a closed book test.
7. LIFEPAC tests are administered and scored under direct teacher supervision. Students who receive scores below 80% should review the LIFEPAC using the SQ3R* study method and take the Alternate Test located in the Teacher Handbook. The final test grade may be the grade on the Alternate Test or an average of the grades from the original LIFEPAC test and the Alternate Test.

*SQ3R: Scan the whole LIFEPAC.

Question yourself on the objectives.

Read the whole LIFEPAC again.

Recite through an oral examination.

Review weak areas.

GOAL SETTING and SCHEDULES

Each school must develop its own schedule, because no single set of procedures will fit every situation. The following is an example of a daily schedule that includes the five LIFEPAC subjects as well as time slotted for special activities.

Possible Daily Schedule

8:15	–	8:25	Pledges, prayer, songs, devotions, etc.
8:25	–	9:10	Bible
9:10	–	9:55	Language Arts
9:55	–	10:15	Recess (juice break)
10:15	–	11:00	Mathematics
11:00	–	11:45	Social Studies
11:45	–	12:30	Lunch, recess, quiet time
12:30	–	1:15	Science
1:15	–		Drill, remedial work, enrichment*

*Enrichment: Computer time, physical education, field trips, fun reading, games and puzzles, family business, hobbies, resource persons, guests, crafts, creative work, electives, music appreciation, projects.

Basically, two factors need to be considered when assigning work to a student in the LIFEPAC curriculum.

The first is time. An average of 45 minutes should be devoted to each subject, each day. Remember, this is only an average. Because of extenuating circumstances a student may spend only 15 minutes on a subject one day and the next day spend 90 minutes on the same subject.

The second factor is the number of pages to be worked in each subject. A single LIFEPAC is designed to take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Allowing about 3-4 days for LIFEPAC introduction, review, and tests, the student has approximately 15 days to complete the LIFEPAC pages. Simply take the number of pages in the LIFEPAC, divide it by 15 and you will have the number of pages that must be completed on a daily basis to keep the student on schedule. For example, a LIFEPAC containing 45 pages will require 3 completed pages per day. Again, this is only an average. While working a 45 page LIFEPAC, the student may complete only 1 page the first day if the text has a lot of activities or reports, but go on to complete 5 pages the next day.

Long-range planning requires some organization. Because the traditional school year originates in the early fall of one year and continues to late spring of the following year, a calendar should be devised that covers this period of time. Approximate beginning and completion dates can be

noted on the calendar as well as special occasions such as holidays, vacations and birthdays. Since each LIFEPAC takes 3-4 weeks or eighteen days to complete, it should take about 180 school days to finish a set of ten LIFEPACs. Starting at the beginning school date, mark off eighteen school days on the calendar and that will become the targeted completion date for the first LIFEPAC. Continue marking the calendar until you have established dates for the remaining nine LIFEPACs making adjustments for previously noted holidays and vacations. If all five subjects are being used, the ten established target dates should be the same for the LIFEPACs in each subject.

FORMS

The sample weekly lesson plan and student grading sheet forms are included in this section as teacher support materials and may be duplicated at the convenience of the teacher.

The student grading sheet is provided for those who desire to follow the suggested guidelines for assignment of letter grades found on page 23 of this section. The student's self test scores should be posted as percentage grades. When the LIFEPAC is completed the teacher should average the self test grades, multiply the average by .25 and post the points in the box marked self test points. The LIFEPAC percentage grade should be multiplied by .60 and posted. Next, the teacher should award and post points for written reports and oral work. A report may be any type of written work assigned to the student whether it is a LIFEPAC or additional learning activity. Oral work includes the student's ability to respond orally to questions which may or may not be related to LIFEPAC activities or any type of oral report assigned by the teacher. The points may then be totaled and a final grade entered along with the date that the LIFEPAC was completed.

The Student Record Book which was specifically designed for use with the Alpha Omega curriculum provides space to record weekly progress for one student over a nine week period as well as a place to post self test and LIFEPAC scores. The Student Record Books are available through the current Alpha Omega catalog; however, unlike the enclosed forms these books are not for duplication and should be purchased in sets of four to cover a full academic year.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECOND GRADE SCIENCE

The LIFEPAC curriculum from grades two through twelve is structured so that the daily instructional material is written directly into the LIFEPACs. The student is encouraged to read and follow this instructional material in order to develop independent study habits. The teacher should introduce the LIFEPAC to the student, set a required completion schedule, complete teacher checks, be available for questions regarding both content and procedures, administer and grade tests, and develop additional learning activities as desired. Teachers working with several students may schedule their time so that students are assigned to a quiet work activity when it is necessary to spend instructional time with one particular student.

The Teacher Notes section of the Teacher's Guide lists the required or suggested materials for the LIFEPACs and provides additional learning activities for the students. The materials section refers only to LIFEPAC materials and does not include materials which may be needed for the additional activities. Additional learning activities provide a change from the daily school routine, encourage the student's interest in learning and may be used as a reward for good study habits.

Materials Needed for LIFEPAK

Required:
bean seeds
paper cups
soil
1 rock, 2 cups
2 labels, 3 seeds

Additional Learning Activities

Section I *God Made Living and Nonliving Objects*

1. What was the earth like after the first day?
2. What would you have seen on earth after the second day?
3. Can you tell the differences between living and nonliving things?
4. How does the sun help you to know what season it is?
5. How are fish special for living in the water?
6. How was man different from the other animals?
7. Invite a Christian to speak to the students about the Creation of the world.
8. Have the students draw a mural on a large sheet of butcher paper depicting the sequence of Creation.
9. Have students make a collection of living and nonliving objects.
10. Make up games using the homes of living and nonliving insects on cards. Each player can correctly say the object is living or nonliving, he moves forward one space. If no special board is available, use any game board with a path on it. The cards can be made by these students with the whole class involved in playing the game.

Section II *Rock and Seed Experiment*

This section is a special study and does not require further activities.

Section III *God-Made Objects and Man-Made Objects*

1. Can you see anything that God made?
2. Can you see anything that man made?
3. What is the difference in the things God made and in the things that man made?
4. What does man use to make objects?
5. To help students to become aware of different materials, students can describe objects stressing the qualities of softness, hardness, shininess, dullness, pliability, and so forth.
6. Make a list of all objects the students see. List the materials used in each object.
Teach categories as you progress with this discussion.
7. Students may construct objects from different materials.

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Reproducible Tests
for use with the Science 200
Teacher's Guide

Name _____

Write the names of five things that are nonliving.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Write the names of five things that are living.

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Circle the things that God created. Put an X on things man has made.

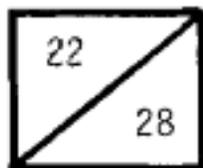
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| 11. day | 18. star |
| 12. desk | 19. pen |
| 13. sky | 20. chair |
| 14. man | 21. rug |
| 15. paper | 22. night |
| 16. tree | 23. sea |
| 17. book | 24. water |

Science 201 Alternate Test

Write the four things that living objects need to live.

25. _____ 27. _____

26. _____ 28. _____



Date _____

Score _____



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Section One

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|------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1.1 | God | 1.18 | Any order: | a. sun | b. moon |
| 1.2 | daytime | | | c. stars | |
| 1.3 | nighttime | 1.19 | Any order: | a. fish | b. birds |
| 1.4 | Any order: | 1.20 | Any order: | a. air | c. light |
| 1.5 | sky | | | b. water | d. food |
| 1.6 | Any order: | 1.21 | Any order: | a. animals | c. cattle |
| | a. dry land or earth | | | b. reptiles | d. man |
| | b. sea or water | 1.22 | man | | |
| 1.7 | Any order: | 1.23 | He made fish and birds. | | |
| | a. plants or grass | 1.24 | He made animals, cattle, reptiles, | | |
| | b. trees | | and man. | | |
| 1.8 | Answers will vary. | 1.25 | He rested. | | |
| 1.9 | teacher check | 1.26 | teacher check | | |
| 1.10 | a. water | 1.27 | c | | |
| | c. light | 1.28 | b | | |
| | b. air | 1.29 | g | | |
| | d. food | 1.30 | f | | |
| 1.11 | they are not living | 1.31 | e | | |
| 1.12 | Answers will vary. | 1.32 | d | | |
| 1.13 | teacher check | | | | |
| 1.14 | Any order: | | | | |
| | a. sun | | | | |
| | b. moon | | | | |
| 1.15 | to light the earth that night | | | | |
| 1.16 | the days | | | | |
| 1.17 | Any order: | | | | |
| | a. summer | | | | |
| | b. fall | | | | |
| | c. winter | | | | |
| | d. spring | | | | |

Section Two

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|------|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 2.1 | I planted my rock. | 2.11 | I planted my seeds. |
| 2.2 | My rock is in the ground. | 2.12 | My seeds are in the ground. |
| 2.3 | I watered my rock. | 2.13 | I watered my seeds. |
| 2.4 | My rock is in the ground. | 2.14 | My seeds are in the ground. |
| 2.5 | I watered my rock. | 2.15 | I watered my seeds. |
| | I put my rock in the sun. | | I put my seeds in the sun. |
| 2.6 | My rock is in the ground. | 2.16 | My seeds are in the ground. |
| 2.7 | I watered my rock. | 2.17 | I watered my seeds |
| | I put plant food on my rock. | | I put plant food on my seeds. |
| 2.8 | My rock is in the ground. | 2.18 | My seeds are in the ground. |
| 2.9 | I watered my rock | 2.19 | I watered my seeds. |
| 2.10 | My rock is in the ground. | 2.20 | A plant is growing. |

2.21 sun

2.22 run

2.23 such

2.24 trust

2.25 dust

2.26 teacher check

Section Three

Answers will vary:

3.1 hill, beach, river, mountain

- 3.2
1. desk
 2. picture
 3. clock
 4. pencil
 5. paper

- 3.3
1. scissors
 2. eraser
 3. chalk
 4. gloves
 5. boots

- 3.4
- | | |
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| a. lawn mower | c. spoon |
| b. pan | d. fork |

3.5 wood, plastic

3.6 plastic, wood, metal

3.7 metal, glass

3.8 wood, metal, plastic

3.9 desk, tent, chest, shelf

Self Test 1

Any order:

- 1.01 a. day b. night
1.02 a. sky
1.03 a. earth b. sea
1.04 a. sun b. moon
 c. stars
1.05 a. fish b. birds
1.06 a. animals b. reptiles
 c. cattle d. man
1.07 to make something
1.08 the world we live on

- 1.09 set apart from other parts
1.010 heaven

Any order:

- 1.011 a. air c. food
 b. water d. light
1.012 not alive
Any Order:
1.013 a. sun b. moon
1.014 a. light c. water
 b. food d. air
1.015 God

Self Test 2

2.01 plant (seed)

2.02 rock

Any order:

- 2.03 a. light c. air
 b. water d. food
2.04 God
2.05 God

2.06 yes

2.07 no

2.08 yes

2.09 yes

2.010 no

Self Test 3

3.01 God

3.02 man

3.03 grow

3.04 wood, plastic

3.05 glass

3.06 metal, glass, plastic, wood

3.07 paper, plastic

3.08 plastic, metal, wood

3.09 – 3.016 Answers will vary

Any Order:

3.017 light

3.018 food

3.019 air

3.020 water

3.021 c

3.022 d

3.023 a

3.024 e

3.025 b

**Science 201
LIFEPAC Test**

1. nonliving
2. nonliving
3. nonliving
4. living
5. nonliving
6. living
7. living
8. nonliving
9. nonliving
10. nonliving
11. air
12. light
13. water
14. food
15. It does not grow.
16. man
17. moon
18. sea
19. star
20. sun
21. pen
22. car
23. desk
24. book
25. toy
26. metal
27. glass
28. wood, metal, or plastic
29. wood
30. plastic, metal, or wood

**Science 201
Alternate LIFEPAK Test**

1. – 5. Examples; any order:

1. desk
2. pencil
3. crayon
4. paper
5. book

6. – 10. Examples; any order:

6. dog
7. cat
8. tomato plant
9. tree
10. boy
11. circle day
12. X on desk
13. circle sky
14. circle man

15. X on paper

16. circle tree

17. X on book

18. circle star

19. X on pen

20. X on chair

21. X on rug

22. circle night

23. circle sea

24. circle water

25. – 28. Any order:

25. light

26. water

27. food

28. air