

Edgenuity UpSmart®



**The Ultimate Teaching  
and Learning Companion**

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# Adaptive Learning Helps Students Succeed

Middle-school students need to master grade-level skills so they can continue building on their learning foundation and be successful in high school and beyond. Personalizing instruction can help ensure students are mastering grade-level skills, but finding the time to personalize learning for dozens of students can be a challenge for educators.

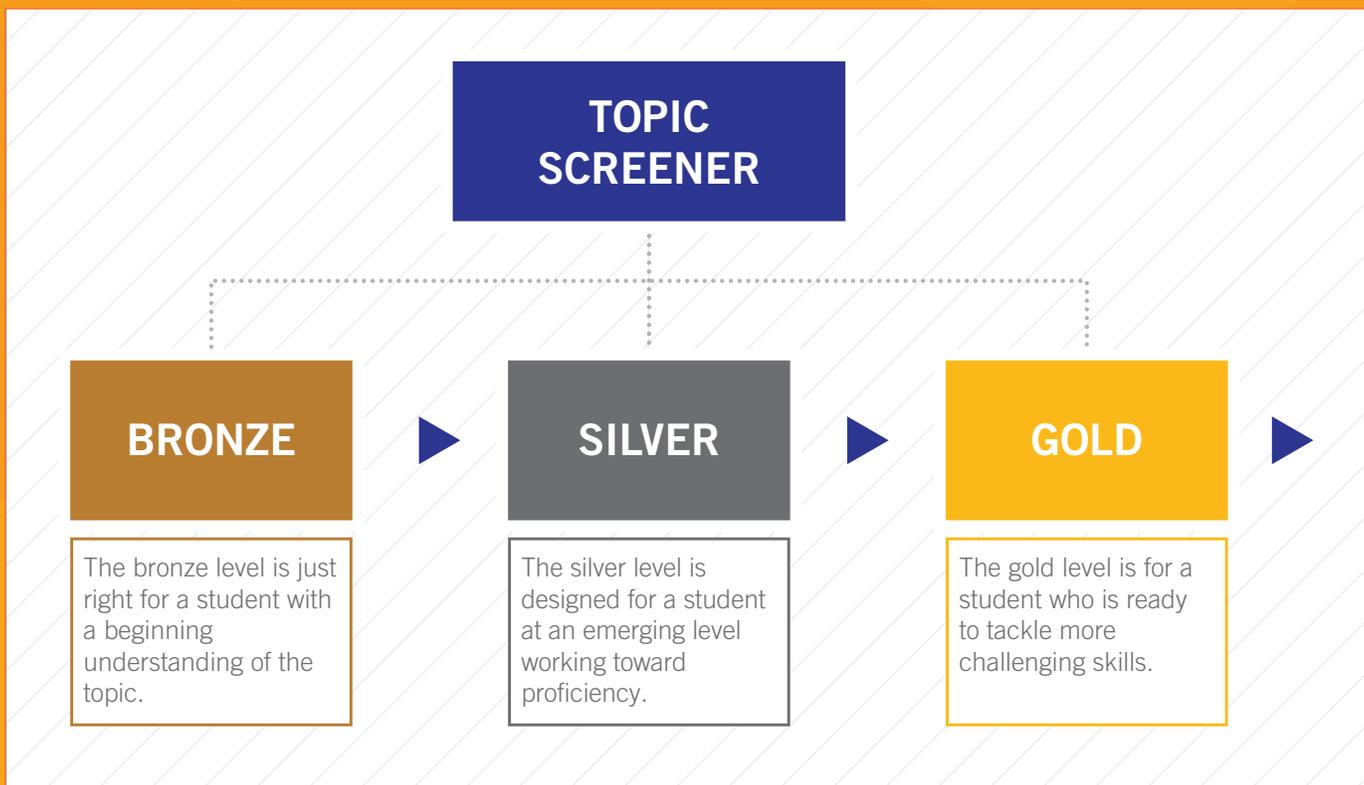
That's why Edgenuity® developed UpSmart. UpSmart's adaptive learning engine personalizes learning for every student, beginning with a screener for each topic, and continuing with just-in-time instruction and support while students practice at their level of readiness. And UpSmart collects detailed, easy-to-understand data with every student action, giving teachers a clear picture of student growth and success.



## Targeted Assessment

UpSmart continually seeks to determine what each student is ready to learn and then provides the right level of instruction and practice for each topic. Students begin each topic with a very short, targeted assessment designed to place students into the right level for that topic.

**The power of UpSmart lies in its ability to place each student into the right level for each topic and then to continually adjust the level of instruction, support, and practice each student receives.**



# Adaptive Practice and Instruction

Each level features a highly adaptive set of tasks that assesses students' mastery of skills and triggers appropriate scaffolds and instruction. A variety of technology-enhanced items ensures exposure to the types of questions that appear on high-stakes assessments: students drag-and-drop numbers and words to construct equations and sentences, graph points and lines, create data displays, identify text and images in "hot spot" tasks, and write constructed responses.

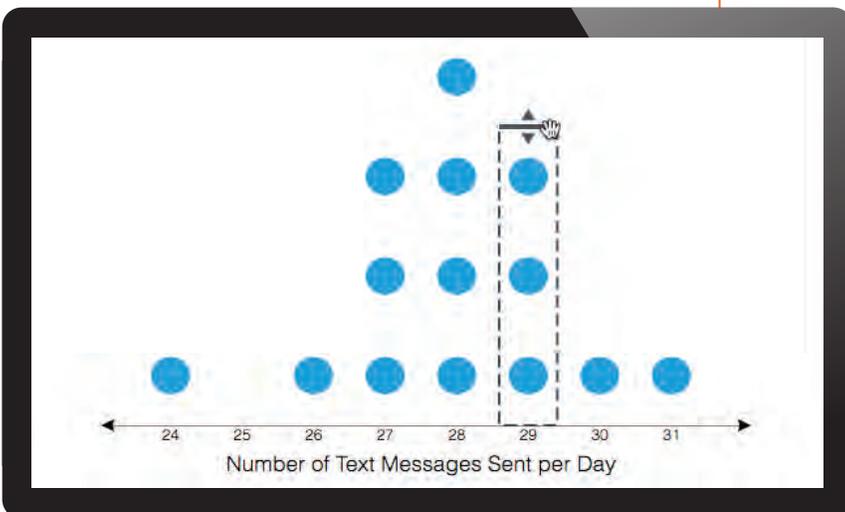
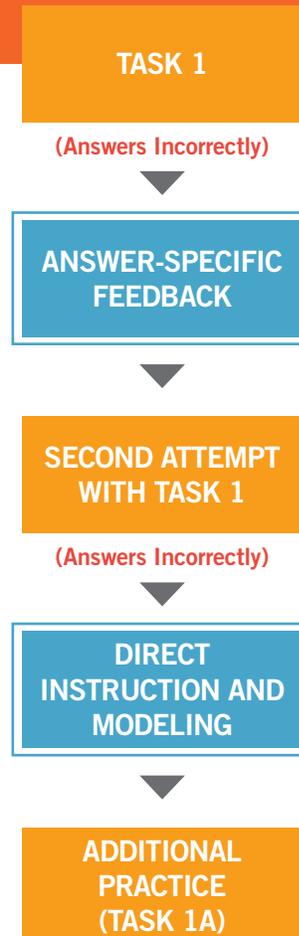
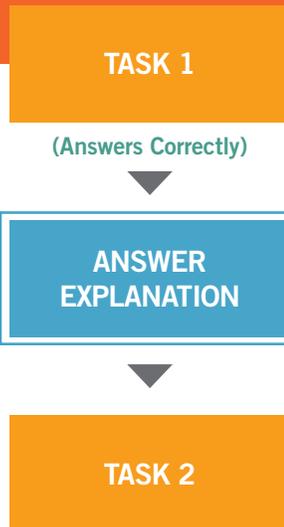
UpSmart continuously accumulates data about each student's understanding and adapts the difficulty of tasks and instruction, as well as the amount of practice, accordingly.



A student who completes tasks successfully and asks for no help will receive questions of increasing difficulty and move through the level quickly.



A student who struggles with tasks or repeatedly asks for hints will receive additional scaffolds and targeted reteaching, as well as additional practice tasks.



# Just-in-Time Instruction

When a student struggles with a topic, UpSmart provides scaffolds and supports to help students complete the task and develop a deeper understanding of the skill being assessed.

## TOPIC INTRODUCTION VIDEO

Each topic begins with direct instruction to help students overcome the most common stumbling blocks for the skill being taught. This video is required for students in the bronze level and is available for those in the silver level as needed.

## HINTS

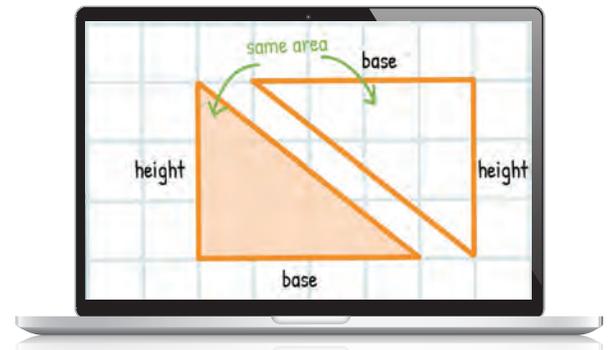
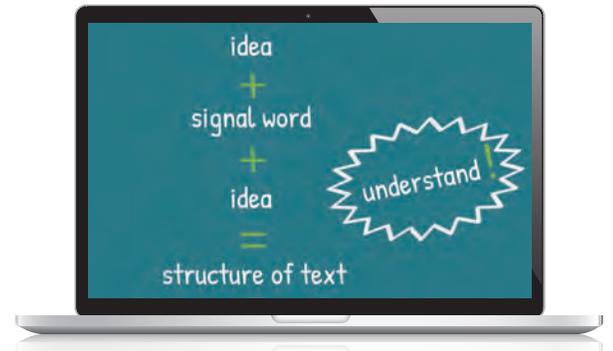
The first hint students receive is designed to help them understand what the question is asking. Sometimes, that's all a student needs, but additional hints are available for students who need more. For every hint requested, UpSmart records that the student did not know how to do this problem on his or her own.

## ANSWER-SPECIFIC FEEDBACK

For each task, students receive feedback that is specific to their response. For example, a student whose response shows a common misconception would receive feedback that will help him or her overcome this error in thinking.

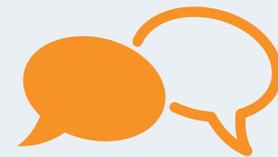
## DIRECT INSTRUCTION AND MODELING

If a student continues to answer incorrectly, a Show Me video will guide him or her through the question—introducing appropriate strategies, modeling expert thinking, and teaching them how to approach similar tasks in the future.



## Support for English Language Learners

With the translation tools available in UpSmart, students can receive support in their home language. On-screen text can be translated into more than 60 languages, and can be read aloud in 7 different languages.



## Motivating and Rewarding Students

The student dashboard, as well as UpSmart's badges, encourage students to monitor their progress and celebrate their achievements.





**UpSmart** can be used in various ways throughout the school year to provide students with an opportunity to practice and master state standards:

- Companion to the core curriculum
- Test-readiness program
- Study skills class
- Summer school
- Before/after school
- Saturday academy

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UpSmart was a 2018 BESSIE Award winner, 2018 SIIA CODiE Award winner, and 2018 *EdTech Digest* Cool Tool Award finalist.



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