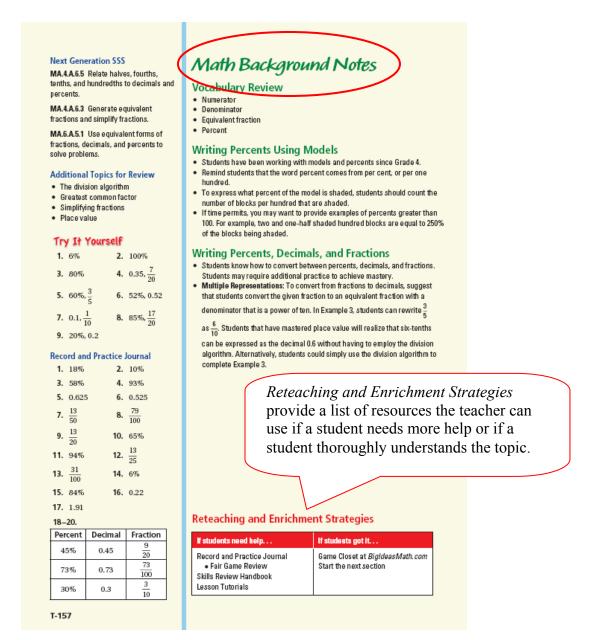
Big Ideas Math Teaching Edition

Professional development begins with the Big Ideas Math Teaching Edition. On the right hand page, opposite the Chapter Opener is a *Strands Development* chart that enables teachers to see at a glance the development of the ideas leading up to the chapter. Also included on this page are the *Pacing Guide*, the resources available for the chapter, and a short *Math in History* feature.



When you turn the page, the left hand side is the Teaching Edition page and provides the *Math Background Notes*, including vocabulary review for the *What You Learned Before* page in the pupil edition. This review page reinforces the topics covered in the *Strands Development* chart. The background information discusses specific strategies for reviewing what students already know by referencing what was learned in earlier grades (based on standards).

This page layout design continues throughout the entire teaching edition. Any page you turn to will have a full-size student edition page on one side and a full-size teaching support page on the other. All teaching support pages are beige.



Laurie's Notes, written by master teacher Laurie Boswell, are opposite the lesson plans. This feature provides insight into her professional training and years of experience to share best practices in teaching and modeling to help teachers guide students to better understanding. Laurie's Notes provides a daily mentor to any educator, especially novice teachers. Below, Laurie shares her thoughts about this feature.



Laurie Boswell

I have always loved math—even when I was young. And yet, early in my career, I became frustrated with many of the instructional programs for teaching mathematics. In 1992, that frustration led me to accept an offer from Ron Larson to join him and Lee Stiff in writing a high school geometry program for D.C. Heath.

When Ron asked me to join him in implementing the NCTM Focal Points in a new middle school program, I jumped at the opportunity to make changes in the way middle school mathematics is taught and learned.

In Laurie's Notes in the three Teaching Editions, I describe my "hands on" philosophy for teaching mathematics. Foremost in this philosophy is my

belief that students can *enjoy* and *understand* mathematics. The secret is to begin each new concept with engaging, visual, tactile activities that ask simple, but deep questions.

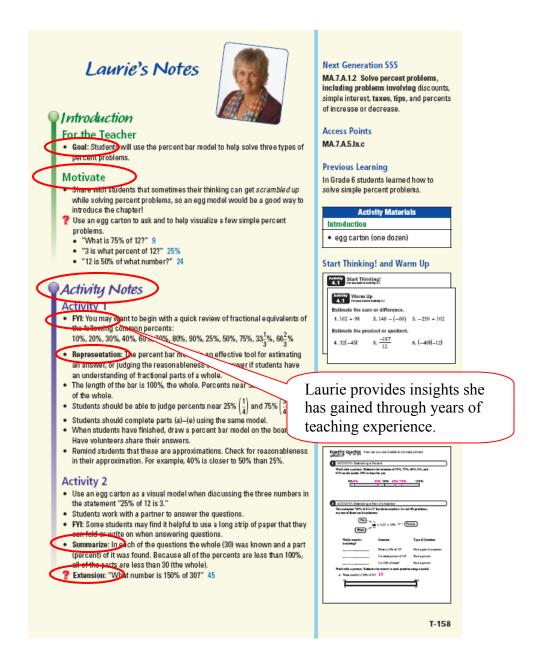
During the time I wrote *Laurie's Notes*, I was not just imagining what might help middle school students. I was actually teaching middle school students—one class each of grades 6, 7, and 8. In other words, the suggestions I put in the notes are not theoretical suggestions from a math education professor. They represent things that I actually use in class.

I love working with other teachers. One of my favorite things to do is to conduct workshops. If you are interested in setting up a workshop with me or with one of the math consultants at Big Ideas Learning, drop us a note. We will be delighted to customize a session that is tailored to your needs.

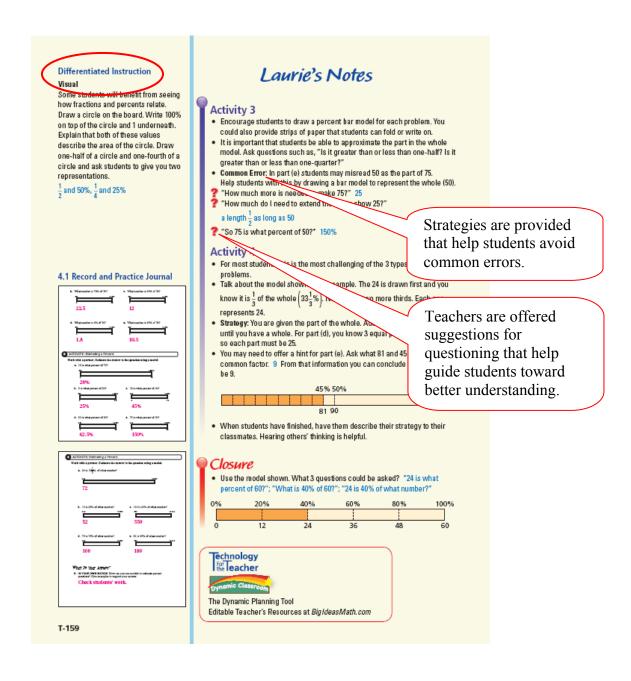
Biography —

Laurie Boswell is a mathematics teacher at the Riverside School in Lyndonville, Vermont. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. Laurie has taught math to students at all levels, elementary through college. In addition, Laurie was a Tandy Technology Scholar, and served on the NCTM Board of Directors from 2002 to 2005. She currently serves on the board of NCSM, and is a popular national speaker. Along with Dr. Ron Larson, Laurie has co-authored numerous math programs including the Big Ideas Math series.

Laurie's Notes identifies the goal of the Activity and offers motivating ideas to show mathematical relevance. Comprehensive Activity Notes, such as FYI, Representation, Summarize, and Extension, are provided on a teacher-to-teacher basis to help guide the activities and discovery process.



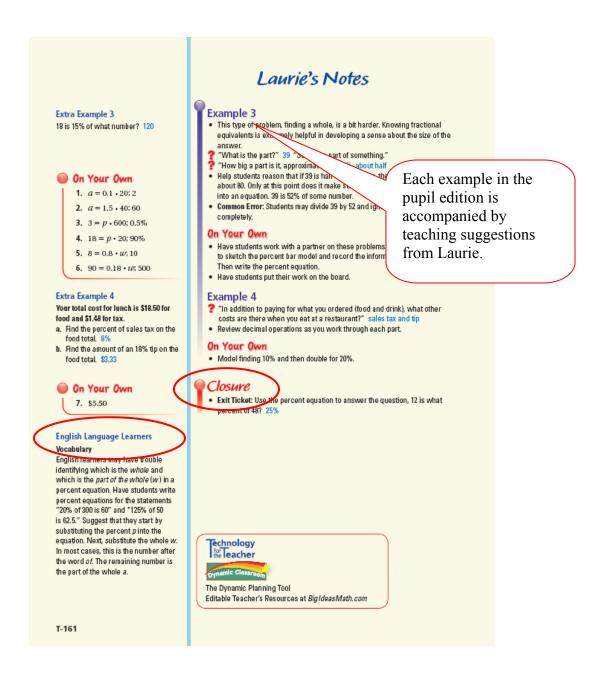
Various ideas for *Differentiated Instruction* are also provided to address the visual, kinesthetic, and auditory learners, as well as the below-level and advanced learners.



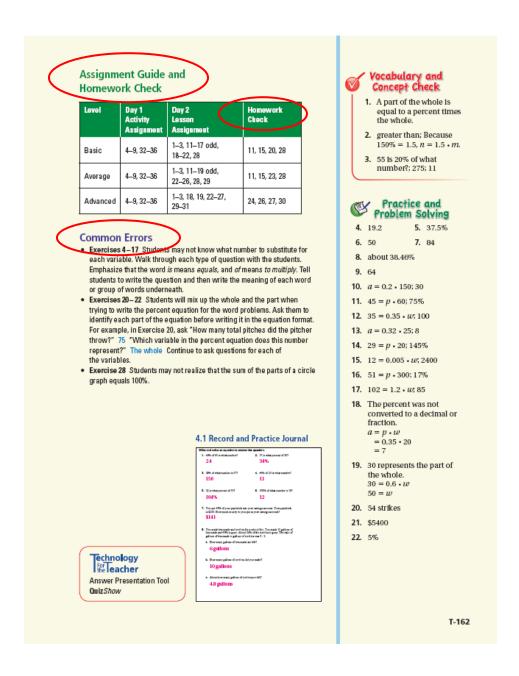
Ideas for connecting the lesson with the activity are included in *Connect*. Key Ideas are also connected to material learned in previous grades. Comprehensive *Lesson Notes*, such as **Connection**, **FYI**, **Estimate**, and **Common Error**, are provided on a teacher-to-teacher basis to help guide the lesson and discussion about the examples.



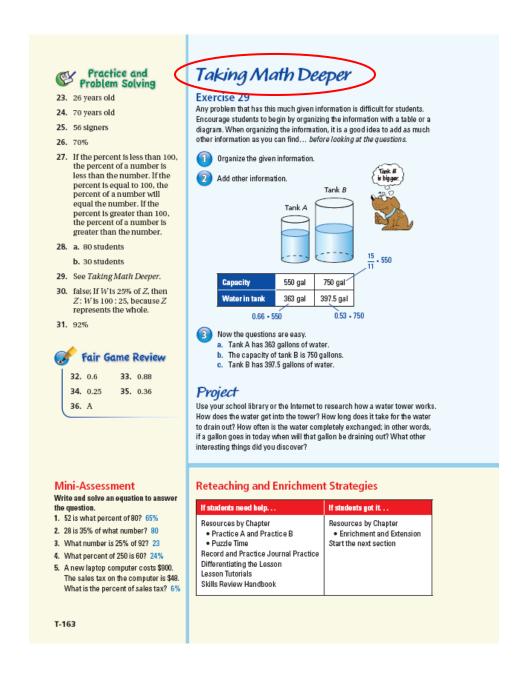
The *English Language Learners* (ELL) feature provides a brief description of how a teacher can assist an ELL. This feature will focus on defining vocabulary or explaining a concept in more detail, with simplified terminology. Laurie uses the *Closure* feature to wrap up an activity or lesson. This feature is used as a general concept check for the students.



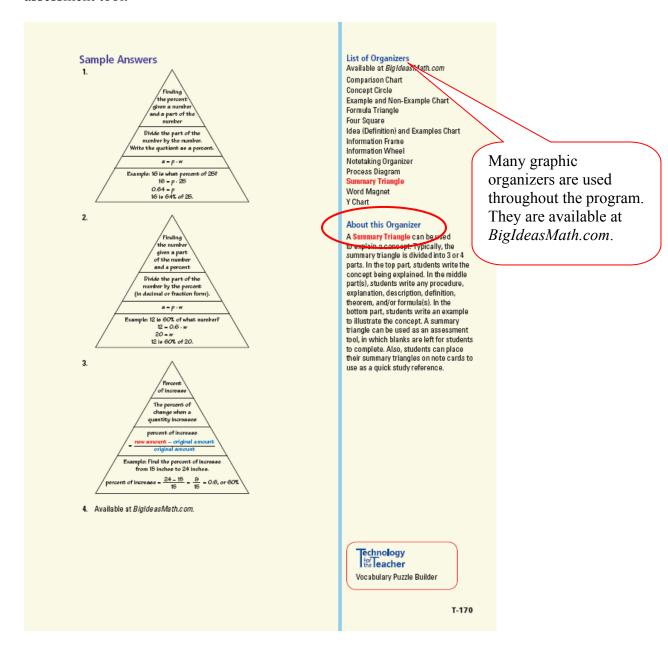
The Assignment Guide and Homework Check provides suggested exercises to use for homework. Three assignment levels are given for each day: basic, average, and advanced. The Homework Check is a list of exercises that the teacher can use as a quick check to determine if students understand the key concepts of the lesson. It also provides teachers with a small list of exercises to discuss or go over in order to review the homework, rather than the entire assignment. The Common Errors feature is included at least once per exercise set. This feature identifies exercises where students may be more likely to make a mistake or perform a common error. Proven strategies of what to look for and how to address and/or fix them are provided.



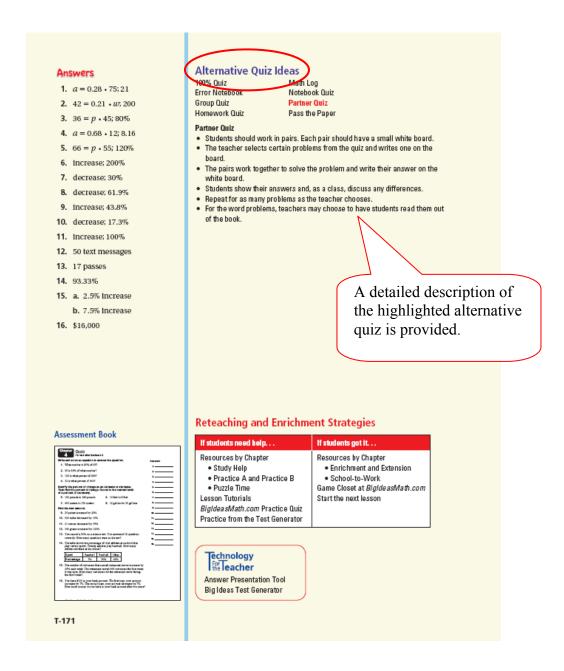
In each section, Ron Larson has written a complete solution for one of the problemsolving exercises. *Taking Math Deeper* gives detailed suggestions for taking the mathematics deeper.



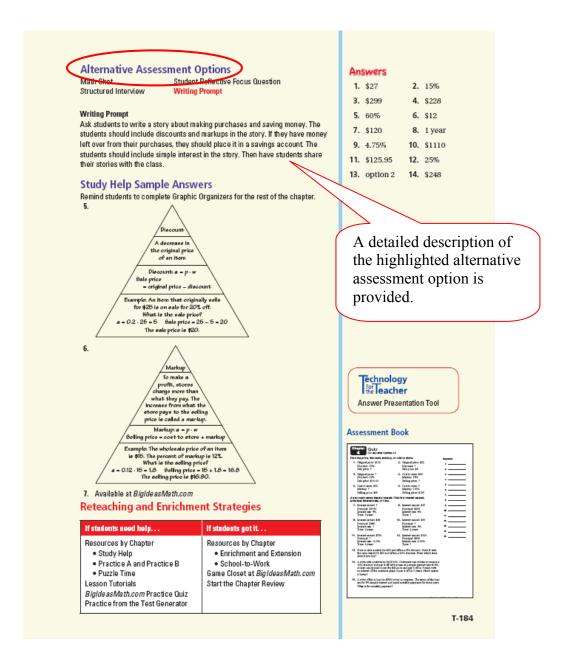
A strategy for how teachers may want to use graphic organizers is provided in each chapter. For example, some organizers may be great to introduce vocabulary, others may be nice summary tools, others may be nice to look at numerous cases in one place, and others may be good for students to complete in pairs or could be used as an assessment tool.



Alternative Quiz Ideas are provided for teachers who want to try something other than the traditional quiz given in the pupil edition.



Alternative Assessment Options are provided for teachers who want to try something other than the traditional quiz given at the end of a chapter in the pupil edition.



The technology package offered by Big Ideas Math provides *Additional Review Options* that make chapter review and studying fun! Check out Quiz*Show*, the Game Closet, or Puzzle Builder.

For the Teacher

Additional Review Options

- QuizShow
- Big Ideas Test Generator
- Game Closet at BigldeasMath.com
- · Vocabulary Puzzle Builder
- Resources by Chapter Puzzle Time Study Help

Answers

- a = 0.24 25; 6
- 9 = p 20; 45%
- 3. 10.2 = 0.85 · w; 12
- a = 0.83 20; 16.6
- 5. 120 parking spaces

Next Generation Sunshine State Standards

Section	Key Standard
4.1	MA.7.A.1.2 Solve percent problems, including problems involving discounts, simple interest, taxes, tips and percents of increase or decrease.
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NGSSS that were covered and their corresponding section.

Review of strategies

avoid common errors.

that help students

Review of Common Errors

Exercises 1-5

- Students may not know what number to substitute for each variable. Wa through each type of question with the students. Emphasize that the wo means "equals," and "of" means "multiplied by."
- Students may mix up the whole and the part when trying to write the pert
 equation for the word problems. Ask students to identify each part of the
 equation before writing it in the equation format

Exercises 6-9

Students may mix up where to place the numbers in the equation to find
percent of change. When students do not put the numbers in the right place
they might find a negative number in the numerator. Emphasize that students
must know if it is increasing or decreasing before they can do anything
else. The numerator should never have a negative answer. If students get a
negative number then they need to switch the order of the numbers in the
problem and then subtract.

Exercises 10 and 11

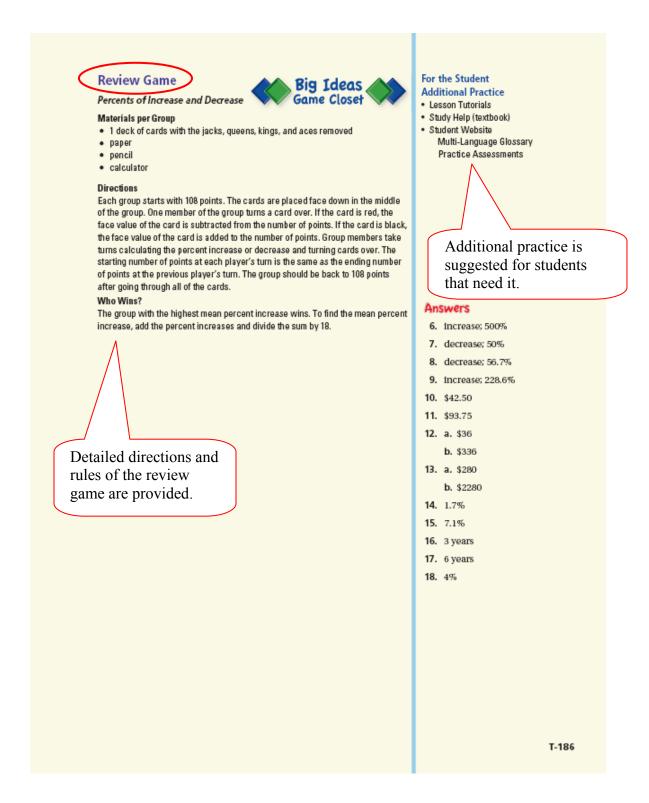
- Students may just find the markup and not the selling price. Remind them that
 they must add the markup onto the cost to store price.
- Remind students that the sale price is not the percent of discount multiplied by the original price.

Exercises 12-18

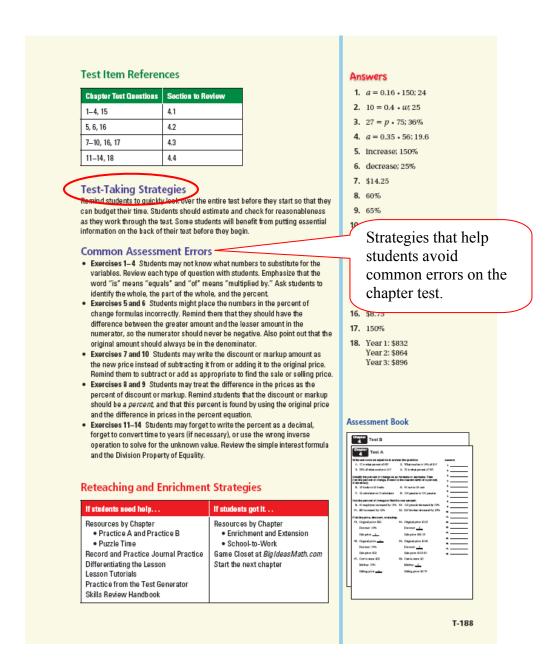
Students may forget to change the percent to a decimal. Remind them that
before they can put the percent into the equation they must change the
percent to a fraction or a decimal.

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A Review Game from the Big Ideas Game Closet is listed at the end of every chapter.



The *Test-Taking Strategies* feature relates to the chapter test. Teachers can encourage their students to use various strategies depending on the kind of test they are taking.



At the end of every chapter there is a Standardized Test Practice. *Item Analysis* is used to examine student's responses to individual questions. Each wrong answer is analyzed and assigned a common error that is most likely.

