

Language Dive Guide: *Gus Is a Tree*

Notes	Refer to the Language Dive in Module 3, Unit 1, Lesson 5, for detailed notes on how the Language Dive format has changed starting in Module 3.
Sentence	The smell of wood and earth that drifts up from the ground strikes him as oddly pleasant. (from page 4 of <i>Gus Is a Tree</i> by Claire Babin)
Rationale	This sentence is compelling and complex because it uses figurative language to describe a unique way the main character enjoys trees. It connects to the guiding question by encouraging students to reflect on a special way to enjoy trees. Invite students to discuss each chunk briefly but encourage extended conversation and practice with the focus structure: <i>strikes him as oddly pleasant</i> . Students practice orally constructing their own sentence about enjoying trees. They apply their understanding of the meaning and structure of the sentence when comparing and contrasting how people enjoy trees throughout the unit.
Time	10 minutes
Throughout the Language Dive	Follow the same routines found in Module 3, Unit 1, Lesson 5.
Deconstruct	Refer to the Chunk Chart for language goals; display the sentence strip chunks . Follow the same routine found in Module 3, Unit 1, Lesson 5, to assist students in deconstructing, reconstructing, and practicing the chosen sentence.
Practice (Focus Structure)	
Reconstruct	
Practice (Sentence)	