

Language Arts 6 delivers instruction, practice, and review designed to build students' communication and reading comprehension skills. Reading comprehension lessons strengthen students' critical analysis skills as they study how nonfiction and literature can be used to share ideas. Writing lessons combine free-response exercises with drafting strategies and exemplars to help students communicate clearly and credibly in narrative, argumentative, and explanatory styles. To develop skills specific to public discourse, speaking and listening lessons guide students as they evaluate clips and readings from speeches and discussions. In language lessons, students build foundational grammar skills they need to articulate their ideas and understand challenging words.

The two-semester course is arranged in themed units, each with three to six lessons. Each lesson includes a variety of activities such as direct instruction, application of skills, performance tasks, and formative and summative assessments. Students engage with the subject matter in an interactive, feedback-rich environment as they progress through standards-aligned content and demonstrate their learning through computer- and teacher-scored assignments.

Length: Two semesters

UNIT 1: ELEMENTS OF LITERATURE

- Lesson 1: Characterization
- Lesson 2: Plot
- Lesson 3: Point of View
- Lesson 4: Theme
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Elements of Literature

UNIT 2: ANALYZING LITERATURE

- Lesson 1: Poetry
- Lesson 2: Figurative Language
- Lesson 3: Connotation and Denotation
- Lesson 4: Literary Context
- Lesson 5: Comparing Narratives
- Lesson 6: Wrap-Up: Analyzing Literature

UNIT 3: READING STRATEGIES, PART 1

- Lesson 1: Author's Purpose
- Lesson 2: Central Idea and Summary
- Lesson 3: Making Inferences
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Reading Strategies, Part 1

UNIT 4: READING STRATEGIES, PART 2

- Lesson 1: Text Structures
- Lesson 2: Using Graphics
- Lesson 3: Making an Argument
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Reading Strategies, Part 2

UNIT 5: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up

UNIT 6: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

- Lesson 1: Sentence Types

- Lesson 2: Pronouns
- Lesson 3: Punctuation
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Sentence Structure

UNIT 7: USAGE

- Lesson 1: Using Contextual Clues
- Lesson 2: Commonly Confused Words
- Lesson 3: Using Reference Materials
- Lesson 4: Word Roots
- Lesson 5: Word Relationships
- Lesson 6: Wrap-Up: Usage

UNIT 8: WRITING

- Lesson 1: Planning and Organizing an Essay
- Lesson 2: Revising and Editing an Essay
- Lesson 3: Establishing a Formal Style
- Lesson 4: Introductions
- Lesson 5: Conclusions
- Lesson 6: Transitions
- Lesson 7: Wrap-Up: Writing

UNIT 9: TYPES OF WRITING

- Lesson 1: Argumentative Essays
- Lesson 2: Expository Essays
- Lesson 3: Short Narratives
- Lesson 4: Narrative Techniques
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Types of Writing

UNIT 10: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up