

English Language Arts 7 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: Plot
- Lesson 2: Point of View
- Lesson 3: Setting
- Lesson 4: Theme
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Elements of Literature

UNIT 2: LANGUAGE USAGE

- Lesson 1: Poetic Devices
- Lesson 2: Figurative Language
- Lesson 3: Connotation and Denotation
- Lesson 4: Comparing Fiction and Nonfiction
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Language Usage

UNIT 3: READING STRATEGIES

- Lesson 1: Author's Purpose
- Lesson 2: Central Idea
- Lesson 3: Summarizing Information
- Lesson 4: Making Inferences
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Reading Strategies

UNIT 4: ANALYZING NONLITERARY TEXTS

- Lesson 1: Analyzing an Argument
- Lesson 2: Using Evidence
- Lesson 3: Text Structures
- Lesson 4: Using Graphics
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Analyzing Nonliterary Texts

UNIT 5: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up

UNIT 6: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

- Lesson 1: Commas
- Lesson 2: Sentence Types
- Lesson 3: Phrases
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Sentence Structure

UNIT 7: USAGE

- Lesson 1: Using Reference Materials
- Lesson 2: Word Relationships
- Lesson 3: Word Roots
- Lesson 4: Using Contextual Clues
- Lesson 5: Commonly Confused Words
- 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: EXPOSITORY AND NARRATIVE WRITING

- Lesson 1: Expository Essays
- Lesson 2: Expository Paragraphs
- Lesson 3: Personal Narratives
- Lesson 4: Narrative Techniques
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Expository and Narrative Writing

UNIT 10: ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING

- Lesson 1: Argumentative Essays
- Lesson 2: Argumentative Claims
- Lesson 3: Argumentative Paragraphs
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Argumentative Writing

UNIT 11: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up