

English 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: FICTION AND FACT

LESSON 1: STORIES VERSUS ACCOUNTS

Read: A Story and an Account

Read a story and an account about the Siege of Paris.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Stories versus Accounts

Identify elements of engaging stories and accounts.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Stories versus Accounts

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Stories versus Accounts

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Stories versus Accounts

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: CHARACTERS VERSUS PEOPLE

Study: Characters versus People

Understand how a character's response to conflict and the point of view in a story affects a narrative.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Characters versus People

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Characters versus People

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Independent Reading

Choose a novel to read independently.

Duration: 4 hrs Scoring: 0 points

Discuss: Connecting to a Novel

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: THEMES VERSUS IDEAS

Study: Inference

Draw inferences from explicit and implicit details.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Theme

Identify themes in stories.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Themes versus Ideas

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Themes versus Ideas

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Write a Summary

Write objective and subjective summaries.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: FICTION AND FACT

Review: Fiction and Fact

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Fiction and Fact

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 2: FORM AND CONTENT

LESSON 1: CATEGORIZING STORIES

Read: "Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry

Read and listen to two stories.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Categorizing Stories

Identify and differentiate between genres and media.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Categorizing Stories

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Categorizing Stories

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Write a Review

Write a review that compares two versions of a story.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 2: THE CONTENT OF POETRY

Read: A Selection of Poems

Read and comprehend a selection of poems.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: The Content of Poetry

Analyze types of figurative language and stylistic techniques used in poetry.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Content of Poetry

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Content of Poetry

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: The Content of Poetry

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: THE FORM OF POETRY

Study: The Form of Poetry

Recognize the structure and forms of poetry.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Form of Poetry

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Form of Poetry

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: The Form of Poetry

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: FORM AND CONTENT

Review: Form and Content

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Form and Content

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 3: INFORMATIONAL WRITING

LESSON 1: READING AN INFORMATIONAL ESSAY

Study: Word Meaning, Part 1

Use context clues and analogies to determine the meaning of words.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Word Meaning, Part 1

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Word Meaning, Part 1

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: An Example Informational Essay

Read and comprehend an essay.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

LESSON 2: PLANNING AN INFORMATIONAL ESSAY

Study: Parts of an Essay

Recognize the parts of an informational essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Parts of an Essay

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Parts of an Essay

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Plan an Informational Essay

Plan and outline an informational essay.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 3: WRITING AN INFORMATIONAL ESSAY

Study: Writing as Craft: Punctuation

Recognize how punctuation is used.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Writing as Craft: Capitalization and Spelling

Use correct capitalization and spelling.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Writing as Craft

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Writing as Craft

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Write an Informational Essay

Write and revise an informational essay and participate in peer review.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: INFORMATIONAL WRITING

Review: Informational Writing

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Informational Writing

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 4: NARRATIVE WRITING

LESSON 1: PLANNING A PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Read: From *Alice in Wonderland* by Alice Gerstenberg

Read and comprehend an excerpt from a play.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Storytelling

Recognize literary techniques used in drama and short stories.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Narrative Writing

Understand how authors construct engaging narratives.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Storytelling and Narrative Writing

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Storytelling and Narrative Writing

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: WRITING A PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Study: Writing as Craft: Phrases and Conjunctions

Recognize the correct use of phrases and conjunctions.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Writing as Craft: Sentence Variety

Analyze how different sentence types add variety to writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Writing as Craft

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Writing as Craft

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

Practice: Writing a Personal Narrative

Write a narrative with characters and a plot.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 3: REVISING A PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Study: The Language of Narratives

Explore how tone, style, mood, and voice work in a story.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: The Language of Narratives

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: The Language of Narratives

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Revise a Personal Narrative

Revise a narrative based on specific criteria.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: NARRATIVE WRITING

Review: Narrative Writing

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Narrative Writing

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 5: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Review: Semester Review

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Semester Exam

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the semester.

Duration: 1 hr 15 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 6: NONFICTION

LESSON 1: LITERARY NONFICTION

Read: A Work of Literary Nonfiction

Read and comprehend an excerpt from a work of literary nonfiction by Helen Keller.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Literary Nonfiction

Understand how to find the purpose, perspective, and message in a work of literary nonfiction.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Literary Nonfiction

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Literary Nonfiction

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Literary Nonfiction

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

Read: Three Informational Texts

Read and comprehend three visually-organized documents.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Informational Texts

Identify the characteristics of visually-organized documents.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Informational Texts

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Informational Texts

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Write a Summary

Write objective and subjective summaries of texts.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 3: CORRESPONDENCE

Study: Word Meaning, Part 2

Use strategies to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Word Meaning, Part 2

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Word Meaning, Part 2

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Write a Cover Letter

Write a letter using domain-specific vocabulary.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: NONFICTION

Review: Nonfiction

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Nonfiction

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 7: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

LESSON 1: CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS

Read: Conflicting Accounts

Read and comprehend three accounts of the Battle of Little Bighorn.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Conflicting Accounts

Identify how authors' perspectives and biases are revealed in texts.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Conflicting Accounts

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Conflicting Accounts

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Conflicting Accounts

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: RHETORIC

Study: Rhetoric

Understand audience appeals and rhetorical devices.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Rhetoric

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Rhetoric

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Product Advertisements

Read and comprehend three product advertisements that use rhetoric.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Analyze Advertisements

Analyze how texts use rhetoric to persuade readers.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 3: READING ARGUMENTS

Read: Example Argumentative Essay

Read and comprehend a sample student essay about screen time limits.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Reading Arguments

Identify the traits of argumentative writing, including claims, reasons, and evidence.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Reading Arguments

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Reading Arguments

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Reading Arguments

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: PERSUASIVE TEXTS

Review: Persuasive Texts

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Persuasive Texts

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 8: ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING

LESSON 1: RESEARCH, PART 1

Study: Research, Part 1

Understand how to narrow down a research topic and find sources.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Research, Part 1

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Research, Part 1

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: RESEARCH, PART 2

Study: Research, Part 2

Determine whether sources are credible and relevant.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Research, Part 2

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Research, Part 2

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Plan an Argumentative Essay

Plan a researched argumentative essay.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 3: WRITING AS CRAFT

Study: Writing as Craft: Parts of Speech

Confirm understanding of parts of speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Writing as Craft

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Writing as Craft

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Write an Argumentative Essay

Write and revise a researched argumentative essay.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING

Review: Argumentative Writing

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Argumentative Writing

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 9: MULTIMEDIA

LESSON 1: WORKING IN GROUPS

Study: Working in Groups

Understand how to work well in a group of peers.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Working in Groups

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Working in Groups

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Create How-to Guides

Work with a group of peers to create how-to guides.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 2: GIVING SPEECHES

Read: A Speech by Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Read and comprehend a speech by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Giving Speeches

Recognize the techniques for giving an effective speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Giving Speeches

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Giving Speeches

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Prepare a Speech

Prepare a five-minute speech on an important topic.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

Discuss: Peer Evaluations

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: MEDIA**Study: Media**

Understand how media can be used to enhance a speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Media

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Media

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Adapt a Speech

Adapt a speech to a different audience and situation.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: MULTIMEDIA**Review: Multimedia**

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Multimedia

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 10: SEMESTER WRAP-UP**LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP****Review: Semester Review**

Review key terms and objectives from this semester.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Exam: Semester Exam

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the semester.

