

English 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: READING LITERATURE, PART 1

LESSON 1: PLOT AND CONFLICT

Read: "Seventh Grade" by Gary Soto

Recognize the elements of plot and how conflict helps to develop stories.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Plot and Conflict

Identify elements of engaging stories and accounts.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Plot and Conflict

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Plot and Conflict

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Plot and Conflict

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: CHARACTERS AND POINT OF VIEW

Study: Characters and Point of View

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 and Point of View

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Characters and Point of View

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: INFERENCE AND THEME

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: Inference and Theme

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Inference and Theme

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: READING LITERATURE, PART 1

Review: Reading Literature, Part 1

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Reading Literature, Part 1

Demonstrate understanding of key concepts from the unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

UNIT 2: READING LITERATURE, PART 2

LESSON 1: GENRE AND MEDIUM

Read: A Text Story and an Audio Story

Read and listen to two stories.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Genre and Medium

Identify and differentiate between genres and media.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Genre and Medium

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Genre and Medium

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Genre and Medium

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 2: POETRY, PART 1

Read: A Selection of Poems

Read and comprehend a selection of poems.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Study: Poetry, Part 1

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

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Poetry, Part 1

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Poetry, Part 1

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Discuss: Poetry

Participate in a discussion.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 30 points

LESSON 3: POETRY, PART 2

Study: Poetry, Part 2

Recognize the structure and forms of poetry.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Poetry, Part 2

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Poetry, Part 2

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Write a Poem

Write a poem using poetic devices and forms.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: READING LITERATURE, PART 2

Review: Reading Literature, Part 2

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Reading Literature, Part 2

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: CREATIVE WRITING

LESSON 1: PLANNING A SHORT STORY

Read: From *The Post Office* by Rabindranath Tagore

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: Creative Writing

Understand how authors construct engaging narratives.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Storytelling and Creative Writing

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Storytelling and Creative Writing

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: WRITING A SHORT STORY

Study: Writing as Craft: Conjunctions

Recognize the correct use of 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: Write a Short Story

Write a narrative with characters and a plot.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 3: REVISING A SHORT STORY

Study: Tone, Style, Mood, and Voice

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

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Checkup: Tone, Style, Mood, and Voice

Review important ideas and information from the lesson.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Tone, Style, Mood, and Voice

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Revise a Short Story

Revise a short story, focusing on narrative techniques.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 4: WRAP-UP: CREATIVE WRITING

Review: Creative Writing

Review key terms and objectives from this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Test (CS): Creative 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 semester.

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 a chapter of a book by Booker T. Washington.

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

Study: Graphics

Analyze the use of graphics to support understanding.

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 30 mins Scoring: 20 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 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 George Washington's early life.

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: A Student Editorial

Read and comprehend a sample student essay about school uniforms.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Analyze Rhetoric

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 school uniforms.

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: Pronouns

Identify types of pronouns and avoid common errors related to pronouns.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Study: Writing as Craft: Verbs and Adjectives

Identify types of verbs, adjectives, and other parts of speech, and avoid related errors.

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 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 a Wiki

Work with a group of peers to create a wiki.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 45 points

LESSON 2: GIVING SPEECHES

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 Evaluation

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.

Duration: 1 hr 15 mins Scoring: 50 points