

English Language Arts and Reading for Grade 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: LITERARY CHARACTERISTICS

- Lesson 1: Poetry
- Lesson 2: Figurative Language
- Lesson 3: Literary Genres
- Lesson 4: Narrative Techniques
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Literary Characteristics

UNIT 3: ANALYZING LITERATURE

- Lesson 1: Literary Context
- Lesson 2: Comparing Narratives
- Lesson 3: Historical Context and Author's Purpose
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Analyzing Literature

UNIT 4: READING STRATEGIES

- Lesson 1: Main Idea and Summary
- Lesson 2: Synthesizing Information
- Lesson 3: Making Inferences
- Lesson 4: Independent Reading
- Lesson 5: Using Contextual Clues
- Lesson 6: Wrap-Up: Reading Strategies

UNIT 5: ANALYZING INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

- Lesson 1: Text Structures
- Lesson 2: Using Graphics
- Lesson 3: Understanding Media

- Lesson 4: Technical Documents
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Analyzing Informational Texts

UNIT 6: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up

UNIT 7: WRITING SKILLS I

- Lesson 1: Planning and Organizing an Essay
- Lesson 2: Revising and Editing an Essay
- Lesson 3: Supporting an Argument
- Lesson 4: Using Reference Materials
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Writing Skills I

UNIT 8: WRITING SKILLS II

- Lesson 1: Introductions
- Lesson 2: Conclusions
- Lesson 3: Verbs
- Lesson 4: Transitions
- Lesson 5: Phrases
- Lesson 6: Wrap-Up: Writing Skills II

UNIT 9: TYPES OF WRITING

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

UNIT 10: ELEMENTS OF SENTENCES

- Lesson 1: Sentence Types
- Lesson 2: Punctuation
- Lesson 3: Word Relationships
- Lesson 4: Conjunctions
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Elements of Sentences

UNIT 11: USAGE

- Lesson 1: Commonly Confused Words
- Lesson 2: Word Roots
- Lesson 3: Pronouns
- Lesson 4: Commas
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Usage

UNIT 12: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up