

English Language Arts and Reading for Grade 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: GENRES

- Lesson 1: Poetic Devices
- Lesson 2: Literary Genres
- Lesson 3: Comparing Fiction and Nonfiction
- Lesson 4: Wrap-Up: Genres

UNIT 3: WRITER'S CRAFT

- Lesson 1: Figurative Language
- Lesson 2: Author's Purpose
- Lesson 3: Personal Narratives
- Lesson 4: Narrative Techniques
- Lesson 5: Writing Short Fiction
- Lesson 6: Wrap-Up: Writer's Craft

UNIT 4: READING STRATEGIES

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

UNIT 5: ARGUMENTATIVE TEXTS

- Lesson 1: Analyzing an Argument
- Lesson 2: Using Evidence

- Lesson 3: Rhetorical Devices and Fallacies
- Lesson 4: Argumentative Essays
- Lesson 5: Argumentative Claims
- Lesson 6: Argumentative Paragraphs
- Lesson 7: Wrap-Up: Argumentative Texts

UNIT 6: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up

UNIT 7: INFORMATIONAL AND EXPOSITORY TEXTS

- Lesson 1: Organizational Patterns
- Lesson 2: Using Graphics
- Lesson 3: Interpreting Media Messages
- Lesson 4: Technical Documents
- Lesson 5: Expository Essays
- Lesson 6: Expository Paragraphs
- Lesson 7: Wrap-Up: Informational and Expository Texts

UNIT 8: WRITING SKILLS

- Lesson 1: Planning and Organizing an Essay
- Lesson 2: Revising and Editing an Essay
- Lesson 3: Using Reference Materials
- Lesson 4: Introductions
- Lesson 5: Conclusions
- Lesson 6: Wrap-Up: Writing Skills

UNIT 9: SENTENCE STRUCTURE

- Lesson 1: Sentence Types
- Lesson 2: Word Relationships
- Lesson 3: Transitions
- Lesson 4: Phrases
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Sentence Structure

UNIT 10: USAGE

- Lesson 1: Verbs
- Lesson 2: Conjunctions
- Lesson 3: Commas
- Lesson 4: Colons and Semicolons
- Lesson 5: Wrap-Up: Usage

UNIT 11: USAGE II

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

UNIT 12: SEMESTER WRAP UP

- Lesson 1: Semester Wrap Up