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## Teacher's Guide

## 3rd Grade

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## LANGUAGE ARTS 300 TEACHER NOTES

The following letter and letter combinations are introduced in Language Arts 100 and continue through LA 300. The LIFEPAC is noted where the rule is specifically addressed.
b c d f g h j k I m m n p q r s t v w x y z
th wh sh ch, ng nk, ck mb lk gn kn gh
ar er ir or ur, ai ay, au aw, ei ey, ea ee, ie
oa, oo, ew, ou, ow, oi, oy
gh ph, igh

1. short vowels - a (bat) e (bet) i (bit) o (cot) u (but)
2. long vowels - a (bait) e (beat) $i$ (bite) o (coat) $u$ (use)
3. consonants - bdfhjkImnprstvwxz
4. c and g - hard sound before a, o, u
5. q (qu) - always has the sound of kw
6. y - as y (yard)

- as e (baby)
- as i (cry)

7. consonant digraphs - th, wh, sh, ch
8. special blends - ng (sing) nk (sank)
9. silent consonants - ck (lock)

- mb (lamb) Ik (talk) gn (sign)
- kn (know) gh (though) t (often)

10. r-controlled vowels - ar (car) or (for)

- er (her) ir (sir) ur (fur)

11. vowel digraphs - ai, ay as long a (pail) (pay)

- au, aw (Paul) (paw)
- ei, ey as long a (veil) (they)
- ea, ee as long e (beat) (feet)
- ie as long e (piece) as long i (pie)
- oa as long o (boat)
- oo long sound (boot) short sound (book)
- ew as long u (few)
- ou as long u (soup)
- as "ow" (cloud)*
- ow as long o (slow)
as "ow" (clown)*
- oi, oy (boil) (boy)*

12. letter groups - gh, ph as f (laugh) (phone)

- igh as long i (sigh)
*sometimes referred to as diphthongs


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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR LANGUAGE ARTS

The LIFEPAC curriculum from grades two through twelve is structured so that the daily instructional material is written directly into the LIFEPACs. The student is encouraged to read and follow this instructional material in order to develop independent study habits. The teacher should introduce the LIFEPAC to the student, set a required completion schedule, complete teacher checks, be available for questions regarding both content and procedures, administer and grade tests, and develop additional learning activities as desired. Teachers working with several students may schedule their time so that students are assigned to a quiet work activity when it is necessary to spend instructional time with one particular student.
Language arts includes those subjects that develop students' communication skills. The LIFEPAC approach to combining reading, spelling, penmanship, composition, grammar, speech, and literature in a single unit allows the teacher to integrate the study of these various language arts subject areas. The variety and scope of the curriculum may make it difficult for students to complete the required material within the suggested daily scheduled time of forty-five minutes. Spelling, book reports, and various forms of composition may need to be completed during the afternoon enrichment period.
Cursive handwriting is introduced in the sec-ond-grade LIFEPAC 208, with regular practice
following in subsequent LIFEPACs. Diacritical markings are defined in the third-grade LIFEPAC 304. A pronunciation key including diacritical markings is provided after the vocabulary word lists in all subjects beginning with LIFEPAC 305.

This section of the language arts Teacher's Guide includes the following teacher aids for each unit: Suggested and Required Material (supplies), Additional Learning Activities, Answer Keys, Alternate LIFEPAC Tests, and LIFEPAC Spelling Tests.

Spelling tests contained in the Teacher's Guide are final spelling tests and should be administered with each Language Arts LIFEPAC test. Many words such as "piece" and "peace" are dependent on meaning for correct spelling. By placing the spelling words in sentences, the spelling tests simplify the teacher's work of properly presenting the correct words from the LIFEPAC spelling lists. The practice spelling tests in each section of each LIFEPAC should be designed by the teacher and are not included in this Guide.

The materials section refers only to LIFEPAC materials and does not include materials which may be needed for the additional learning activities. Additional learning activities provide a change from the daily school routine, encourage the student's interest in learning and may be used as a reward for good study habits.

## LANGUAGE ARTS 301

Unit 1: Old and New Skills

## TEACHING NOTES

| MATERIALS NEEDED FOR LIFEPAC |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Required | Suggested |
| (None) | - drawing paper <br> - pictures of Mexico and Mexican people <br> - old magazines <br> - sandpaper <br> - index cards |

## ADDITIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

## Section 1: Symbols

1. Discuss these questions with your class.
a. What do we mean by cursive writing?
b. What are vowels?
c. What are consonants?
d. What is grammar?
e. What do we mean by punctuation marks?
f. What are some of the punctuation marks?
g. What is word study?
2. Ask students to write a lowercase letter $i$ in the air. Make it "Jolly Green Giant" size. Do the same with the other letters in Section 1.
3. Ask students to volunteer to say the vowels and then the consonants.
4. Give each student a page from an old magazine. See how many vowels he can find in a certain length of time. Let him underline them on the page.
5. See how many words that student can find beginning with $i, t, s, r, u, w$, and $e$ from any source. Make a list.
6. Have each student write the letters of the alphabet in cursive writing. Look at each letter and see what kind of a picture can be made from that letter. Choose five and make a picture of each.
7. Have the student draw letters on sandpaper. Cut them out. Use them later as practice by tracing the sandpaper letter with the fingers (sometimes with eyes closed).

## Section 2: Reading a Story

1. Discuss these questions with your class.
a. Why did Pedro have to stay inside?
b. Why were Pedro and the boys having trouble talking?
c. What was Pedro's problem?
d. How did Pedro learn to speak his first English words?
2. Display pictures and discuss language differences. Talk about how you might learn some Spanish words if you went to Mexico.
3. Practice writing $l, b, f, h$, and $k$ in cursive writing in the air in "Jolly Green Giant" size.
4. Ask students to give the short vowel sound they hear when teacher says these words: bath, hut, hot, drum, heaven, hit, sit, sat, top, and seven.
5. Tell students to draw a picture of Pedro as he waits for the boy riding the bicycle. Be sure to show how he feels by the way you draw his face.
6. Tell students to draw a picture of Pedro riding the bicycle.
7. Ask students to make up sentences using their ten spelling words.

## Section 3: Writing Good Sentences

1. Discuss these questions with your class.
a. What is a sentence?
b. How can you tell the difference between a sentence and phrase?
c. What parts must you have to make a complete sentence?
d. How do we begin a sentence?
e. Where do we use capital letters in a sentence?
2. Have students write three sentences on their own remembering where to use capital letters. Discuss sentences with volunteers.
3. Practice writing $a, d, o, c, j, g, p, y, q, z$, and $f$ in the air. Make them large size.
4. Have a spelling bee. When a child misspells a word ask him to go to the end of the line so that he can have another turn. There will be no "winner." Use Spelling Words-1 and -2.
5. Place on the chalkboard designs for the children to use (triangles, circles, flowers, a brick wall). After adapting a design to their liking on their paper, let each child fill in the blanks with a properly written letter. He may color in the closed places to create a pretty picture.
6. Make up a puzzle using Spelling Words-2. Save it to share with the class at another time.
7. Have students think of a word that would begin with each of the handwriting letters. Make a list of these words.

## Section 4: Punctuating the End of a Sentence

1. Discuss these questions with your class.
a. What does it mean when we have silent letters in words?
b. What two kinds of sentences are there?
c. What do you put at the end of a sentence that tells something?
d. What do we put at the end of a sentence that asks something?
2. Have students cut an index card in half, put a period (.) on one card and a question mark on the other punctuation card. Read or tell sentences to them, and ask them to hold up the correct punctuation card.

Example sentences:
a. Where are you?
b. He is tall.
c. This is our room.
d. What color is your dress?
e. Let's play together at recess.
f. My mom is coming to school.
g. My grandma is visiting us.
h. What time is it?
i. How did you get here?
j. Why is he crying?
3. Have sentences written on the board, some punctuated correctly and some not. Ask students to number a paper accordingly. Write yes on the line if the sentence is correct and no if it is not. Let them copy the sentence correctly in cursive handwriting.

Examples:
a. I am tall?
a. no
b. Today is Friday.
b. yes
c. Are we going to the store?
c. yes
4. Practice the handwriting in the air again.
5. Ask students to write five sentences that tell something and five sentences that ask something. (Check also for capitalization.)
6. Ask students to practice all the handwriting letters in LIFEPAC 301. They may use the whiteboard or lined paper.

## ANSWER KEYS

## SECTION 1

1.1-1.7 Teacher check
1.8 a, e, i, o, u
1.9 a, e, i, o, u
1.10 bcdfghjkImnpqrstvwxyz
1.11 bcdfghjkImnpqrstvwxyz
1.12 no
big dog is black
yes
1.13 $\checkmark$ How to write the cursive $u$ $\checkmark$ How to write the cursive w $\square$ What rain is
$\checkmark$ Which letters are called consonantsAll about dogs
$\checkmark$ We will learn about reading
$\checkmark$ Which letters are vowels
$\checkmark$ How to write i and s in cursive
$\checkmark$ Words can be building blocks
$\checkmark$ Words make sense by themselves

## SELF TEST 1

1.01-1.07 Teacher check
1.08 a, e, i, o, u
1.09 Reading is fun.
1.10 The dogs are inside.
1.11 Mary went to school today.

## SECTION 2

2.1 $\checkmark$ Pedro did not know the language of the other children.
2.2 Examples: mother, father, house, play, bicycle, boy, school, book, write
2.3 Answers will vary.
2.4 Examples:

Location and size of Mexico
Foods of Mexico
Climate of Mexico
Schools of Mexico
2.5 Teacher check
2.6 Teacher check
2.7 a, e, i, o, u
2.8 yes no
yes yes
$2.9 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$
2.10 bcdfghjklmnpqrstvwxyz
2.11 open
2.12 hold
2.13 fence
2.14 key
2.15 Teacher check
2.1610
2.17 no
2.18 Teacher check
2.19 Teacher check

## SELF TEST 2

2.01-2.03 Teacher check
2.04 b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z
2.05 a, e, i, o, u
2.06 God loves me.
2.07 I love to read.
2.08 We love to read about God.
2.09 Jane gave the blessing at dinner.
2.10 hold in
2.11 short
2.12 sentences.
2.13 Yes
2.14 to finger space.
2.15 lŏp pĭng be pĕg

## SECTION 3

$3.1 \quad \square$ Big friends.
$\checkmark$ Friends play.
$\checkmark$ God loves us.
$\square$ Pretty yellow flowers.
$\checkmark$ We love Jesus.
3.2 does not make a sentence.
3.3 do not always make a sentence.
3.4 do
3.5 Capital letters are not at the beginning of the sentences.
3.6 Today is a nice day.
3.7 Yesterday was a rainy day.
3.8 I like sunny days best.
3.9 Look at the book.
3.10 My friend is John Smith.
3.11 Will you help me, Kathy?
3.12 Christmas is Jesus' birthday.
3.13 We love God and Jesus.
3.14 begin
3.15 people's names
3.16 always
3.17 Sam was a boy. He loved to go to school. Sam learned about God. Sam learned how God loved him. Sam loved God.
3.18 Teacher check
3.19-3.29 Teacher check
3.30 Across Down

1. cost
2. shell
3. belt
4. things
5. hum
6. chin
7. ill
8. caps
9. bend

## SELF TEST 3

3.01 no
3.02 no
3.03 yes
3.04 yes
3.05-3.07 Teacher check
3.08 God teaches us how to love.
3.09 Jip is Sam's pet.
3.010 The Bible teaches us to love and obey God.
3.011 short vowel long vowel
bend $X$
bat $X$
belt X
coat $X$
cost X
ring $\quad X$
shell X
3.012 a, e, i, o, u
3.013 consonant

## SECTION 4

## 4.1 gh

4.2 k
4.3 w
4.4 t
4.5 Teacher check
4.6 light
4.7 patch
4.8 knee
4.9 fight
4.10 right
4.11 match
4.12 write
4.13 Teacher check
4.14 do not
4.15 gh
4.16 k
4.17 t
4.18 Teacher check
4.19 Teacher check
4.20
4.21 ?
4.22 Walking home is fun.
4.23 Do you know Jesus?
4.24 Who is Moses?
4.25 Boys like to run.
4.26 mark
4.27 ?
4.28
4.28 .

## SELF TEST 4

### 4.01 yes

4.02 catch, right, knee, light, know
4.03 Teacher check
4.04 Teacher check
4.05 Joseph was a brother.
4.06 How many brothers did Joseph have?
4.07 Joseph prayed to God.
4.08 X Sue ran to school.
$\square$ The big school.
$\square$ All the girls.
X God loves everyone.
4.09 lives next door to me.
$4.010 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$
4.011 God gave us his Son, Jesus.
4.012 Will you help Pete with his spelling test?
4.013 a, e, i, o, u
4.014 consonants
4.015 building

## LIFEPAC TEST

1.-11. Teacher check
12. a, e, i, o, u
13. happening
14. fence in
15. unlock
16. God loves all people.
17. catch thing, fhum on shed
18. he, no
19. the, tom, no
20. yes
21. we, god's, no
22. they, no
23. ?
24.
25.
26. ?
27. Once Pedro learned the language, he could learn about God.

## ALTERNATE LIFEPAC TEST

1-5. Teacher check
6. Teacher check
7. God made all things.
8. Are you going home?
9. $b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, m, n$
10. names for God
11. beginning of sentence
12. names of people
13. Example:

God is my heavenly Father.
14. did
15. $t h$ e $n$
16. $\mathrm{s} \mid \mathrm{p}$ ( 111

17-21. Teacher check; examples:
17. knot
18. patch
19. belt
20. cap
21. shell

## SPELLING TEST

| 1 | band | The band played my favorite songs. | band |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | beg | Does your dog beg for its food? | beg |
| 3 | bend | He can bend the bar with his hands. | bend |
| 4 | brush | Did you brush your hair this morning? | brush |
| 5 | cloth | We dust the furniture with a cloth. | cloth |
| 6 | thank | Did you thank Mother for the gift? | thank |
| 7 | trick | My dog learned a new trick. | trick |
| 8 | caps | I bought two new baseball caps. | caps |
| 9 | chin | He bumped his chin when he fell. | chin |
| 10 | cost | How much does a candy bar cost? | cost |
| 11 | hum | Can you hum that tune? | hum |
| 12 | ill | Mary stayed home because she was ill. | ill |
| 13 | shell | The turtle pulled back into its shell. | shell |
| 14 | catch | Can you catch the ball? | catch |
| 15 | fight | My dogs often fight over a bone. | fight |
| 16 | knee | She scraped her knee on the sidewalk. | knee |
| 17 | knock | Please knock on the door before you come in. | knock |
| 18 | light | Please turn off the light when you leave the room. | light |
| 19 | patch | Mother sewed a patch on my torn pants. | patch |
| 20 | write | Did you write a letter to your friend? | write |

# LANGUAGE ARTS 301 

Each answer = 1 point
Write each letter in cursive handwriting.

1. $w$ $\qquad$
2. $z$ $\square$
3. $m$ $\qquad$
4. $n$

5. $u$ $\qquad$
Write the small letters of the alphabet in cursive handwriting on the lines below.
6. $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Draw a circle around the group of words that is a sentence.
7. We he they in out.

God made all things.
Things birds cats dogs.

Write the sentence on the line below. Put a. or a? at the end.
8. Are you going home $\qquad$ -
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Circle all the of the consonants.
9. $a b c d e f g h i j k m n o u$

Draw a line to show the reason why there is a capital letter in each sentence.
10. We learn of God every day.
11. This is the end.
12. My friend is John.
names of people names for God
beginning of sentence

On the line below, write a sentence that uses a name for God.
13.


Put a box around each consonant and a circle around each vowel.
14. $d$ i d
15. $t h e n$
16. s pe||

## Write five spelling words that have a short vowel.

17. $\square$
18. $\qquad$
19. 


20. $\qquad$
21. $\qquad$
$\qquad$

## ALTERNATE SPELLING TEST

| 1 | bend | The boat disappeared around the bend in the river. | bend |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | brush | We need a new brush to finish the painting. | brush |
| 3 | chick | We watched the chick hatch from the egg. | chick |
| 4 | cloth | Her dress is made of the best cloth. | cloth |
| 5 | plot | The book had a very interesting plot. | plot |
| 6 | punch | Who will make the punch for our party? | punch |
| 7 | trick | The magician taught us his favorite trick. | trick |
| 8 | belt | The belt goes with that dress. | belt |
| 9 | cost | Those new skates cost too much. | cost |
| 10 | end | He lives at the end of the block. | end |
| 11 | ill | You should stay home when you are ill. | ill |
| 12 | shell | We found a shell on the beach. | shell |
| 13 | things | All our things were stored in the garage. | things |
| 14 | know | Do you know where my sweater is? | know |
| 15 | knot | Tie a knot in the rope. | knot |
| 16 | right | We will stay right here at home tonight. | right |
| 17 | match | The candles were lit with a match. | match |
| 18 | night | I slept very well last night. | night |
| 19 | wrong | We got lost when we took the wrong road. | wrong |
| 20 | wrote | Who wrote that book? | wrote |

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