



2016 - 2017 Curriculum Catalog
Language Arts 400

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Language Arts 400 Course Overview

Language Arts 400 focuses on the sequential development and integration of communication skills in four major areas—reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It most specifically focuses on deepening and furthering students' understanding in the following ways:

- **Reading**—introduces students to basic reading skills, including the identification of main ideas, supporting details, sequence, and facts and opinions; shows students how to identify parts of speech in sentences; develops students capacity for identifying basic elements of narrative prose; introduces students to types of nonfiction, including biographies, autobiographies, and short essays; helps students develop basic literary comprehension skills through the reading of short stories, nonfiction pieces, and poetry.
- **Writing**—develops student's understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with subject-verb agreement and parts of speech; emphasizes parts of speech and their roles, including adjectives, nouns, and verbs; familiarizes students with roots and affixes, and basic word relationships, including homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms; develops students' vocabulary and spelling skills; gives students the opportunity to develop their abilities in writing paragraphs, four-line poetry, and short stories; guides students through planning, organizing, writing, and revising a report.
- **Listening**—teaches effective listening comprehension skills, weaving these throughout the lessons.
- **Special Topics**—teaches basic research skills, including dictionary, encyclopedia, and safe Internet usage.

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Reading Comprehension Skills

- Determining Cause and Effect
- Determining Author's Purpose—Reading for Entertainment and Reading for Information
- Identifying Facts and Opinions
- Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Predicting Outcomes
- Reading Poetry
- Determining Reading Rates
- Reading Short Stories
- Reading for Sequence

Composition

- Book Report—Summary
- Paragraph Elements and Structure
- Paraphrasing Parables
- Writing Four Line Poetry
- Writing Friendly Letters and Invitations
- Writing Haiku
- Writing a Report—Outlining, Writing, and Revising
- Writing Short Stories—Narratives, Tall Tales, and Fables

Grammar and Usage

- Adjectives—Making Comparisons, Using Articles, and Changing Nouns to Adjectives
- Kinds of Sentences—Statement, Question, Command, and Surprise/Excitement
- Nouns—Singular and Plural, Possessive, Subjects, and Common and Proper Nouns
- Punctuation—Commas, Exclamation Points, Periods, Question Marks, Quotation Marks, and Apostrophes
- Sentence Structure—Subject-Verb Agreement
- Verbs—Being Verbs, Tense, and Contractions

Literature Studies

- Fiction
 - Definition—Short Story
 - Elements—Structure, Character, Plot, and Setting
 - Genre/Type—Allegory, Parable, Fable, and Tall Tale
- Nonfiction
 - Definition
 - Genre/Type—Autobiography, Biography, and Essay
 - Literary Device—Figures of Speech
- Poetry
 - Definition
 - Elements—Structure, Rhyme, Meter, Diction, and Mood
 - Haiku
 - Literary Device—Alliteration

Speaking and Listening

- Listening Skills—Following Directions

Spelling

- Abbreviations
- Compound Words
- Contractions
- Days of the Week
- Names of Months
- Homonyms, Synonyms and Antonyms
- Hyphenated Words
- Possessives
- Roots and Affixes
- Vowel Combinations
- Word Endings
- Words with Silent First Letters
- Words with Silent and Irregular Vowels

Vocabulary Building

- Dictionary Skills
- Word Relationships—Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homographs
- Word Structure—Roots and Affixes

Special Topics

- The Bible as Literature
- Origin/Development of Language
- Research Skills—Reference Materials, Library Skills, and the Internet
- Study Skills—Note Taking

Unit 1: Reading and Writing	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	14. Quiz 3
2. Joey and the Sad Tree (Part One)	15. Spelling Quiz Three
3. Sources of English Words	16. Writing a Report
4. Spelling Lesson 1	17. Essay: Outline and Report
5. Quiz 1	18. Spelling Lesson 4: Vowel Combinations
6. Spelling Quiz One	19. Quiz 4
7. Joey and the Sad Tree (Part Two)	20. Spelling Quiz Four
8. Reading Fluency	21. Special Project*
9. Spelling Lesson 2: R-controlled Vowels	22. Review Game
10. Quiz 2	23. Test
11. Spelling Quiz Two	24. Alternate Test*
12. Study Skills	25. Reference
13. Spelling Lesson 3: The Vowel O	

Unit 2: Reading for Meaning	
Assignments	
1. Kippy the Kiwi	13. Haiku Poems
2. Essay: Envying Others	14. Haiku Poetry Composition
3. Sound Study	15. Project: Book Report--Haiku Poetry*
4. Following Instructions	16. Spelling Lesson 3: Suffixes
5. Spelling Lesson 1: Suffixes	17. Quiz 3
6. Quiz 1	18. Spelling Quiz Three
7. Spelling Quiz One	19. Special Project*
8. Greedy, Selfish, and Honor	20. Review Game
9. Dictionary Skills	21. Test
10. Spelling Lesson 2	22. Alternate Test*
11. Quiz 2	23. Reference
12. Spelling Quiz Two	

Unit 3: Word Play	
Assignments	
1. Why William Was Thankful	14. Spelling Lesson 3: Synonyms
2. Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes (1)	15. Quiz 3
3. Root Words, Prefixes and Suffixes (2)	16. Spelling Quiz Three
4. Spelling Lesson 1	17. More About Poetry
5. Quiz 1	18. Project: Book Report—Poetry*
6. Spelling Quiz One	19. Spelling Lesson 4: Antonyms
7. Candy Bars	20. Quiz 4
8. Homonyms	21. Spelling Quiz Four
9. Spelling Lesson 2: Homonyms	22. Special Project*
10. Quiz 2	23. Review Game
11. Spelling Quiz Two	24. Test
12. Poetic Expressions	25. Alternate Test*
13. Synonyms and Antonyms	26. Reference

Unit 4: Words in Season	
Assignments	
1. Heidi	16. Adverbs
2. Nouns and Verbs	17. Spelling Lesson 3: Adverbs
3. Adjectives	18. Quiz 3
4. Adjectives That Compare	19. Spelling Quiz Three
5. Possessive Words	20. Writing Study Notes
6. Spelling Lesson 1: Possessive Pronouns	21. Subject-Verb Agreement; Verb Tense
7. Quiz 1	22. Spelling Lesson 4
8. Spelling Quiz One	23. Quiz 4
9. Fiction and Nonfiction	24. Spelling Quiz Four
10. Project: Book Report—Fiction*	25. Special Project*
11. Kinds of Sentences	26. Review Game
12. Spelling Lesson 2: Suffixes	27. Test
13. Quiz 2	28. Alternate Test*
14. Spelling Quiz Two	29. Reference
15. Following Directions; Writing Invitations	

Unit 5: Reading and Writing Stories	
Assignments	
1. Reading Skills (1)	15. Quiz 3
2. Paragraphs	16. Spelling Quiz Three
3. Essay: Writing Paragraphs	17. Writing Stories
4. Spelling Lesson 1: Prefixes	18. Essay: Writing a Story
5. Quiz 1	19. Spelling Lesson 4: Silent Letters and Unusual Vowels
6. Spelling Quiz One	20. Quiz 4
7. Reading Skills (2)	21. Spelling Quiz Four
8. Capital Letters	22. Special Project*
9. Spelling Lesson 2: Contractions	23. Review Game
10. Quiz 2	24. Test
11. Spelling Quiz Two	25. Alternate Test*
12. The Hobby of Stamp Collecting	26. Reference
13. Punctuation Marks	
14. Spelling Lesson 3: Prefixes	

Unit 6: Rhymes and Reports	
Assignments	
1. Fact and Opinion	14. Characteristics of Poetry
2. Book Reports	15. Analyzing Poetry
3. Essay: Writing a Summary	16. Essay: Four Line Poem
4. Project: Book Report: Nonfiction*	17. Spelling Lesson 3: Days of the Week; Hyphenated Words
5. Spelling Lesson 1: Months and Abbreviations	18. Quiz 3
6. Quiz 1	19. Spelling Quiz Three
7. Spelling Quiz One	20. Special Project*
8. Following Directions in Parables and Fables	21. Review Game
9. Essay: Paraphrasing Parables	22. Test
10. Spelling Lesson 2: Suffixes	23. Alternate Test*
11. Quiz 2	24. Reference
12. Spelling Quiz Two	
13. Poetry Review	

Unit 7: Forms of Literature	
Assignments	
1. Biography	14. Tall Tales
2. Project: Book Report--Biography*	15. Essay: Tall Tale
3. Exploring Nouns	16. Project: Book Report: Folk Tales*
4. Exploring Singular and Plural Nouns	17. Exploring Verbs (2)
5. Spelling Lesson 1: Two-Syllable Words	18. Spelling Lesson 3: More Words With Two Syllables
6. Quiz 1	19. Quiz 3
7. Spelling Quiz One	20. Spelling Quiz Three
8. Fables	21. Special Project*
9. Essay: Writing a Fable	22. Review Game
10. Exploring Verbs	23. Test
11. Spelling Lesson 2: Words with Open Syllables	24. Alternate Test*
12. Quiz 2	25. Reference
13. Spelling Quiz Two	

Unit 8: Language in Literature	
Assignments	
1. Reading (1)--On the Farm	14. Figurative Language
2. Adjectives	15. Paragraph Writing
3. Spelling Lesson 1: CVR/VC Words	16. Essay: Narrative Writing
4. Quiz 1	17. Essay: Descriptive Paragraph*
5. Spelling Quiz One	18. Spelling Lesson 3: Silent Letters; Compound Words with Suffixes
6. Reading: The Power of God's Word	19. Quiz 3
7. Adjectives That Compare	20. Spelling Quiz Three
8. Adverbs	21. Special Project*
9. Spelling Lesson 2: Words with Digraphs	22. Review Game
10. Quiz 2	23. Test
11. Spelling Quiz Two	24. Alternate Test*
12. Reading: The Early Olympic Games	25. Reference
13. Essay: The Olympic Games*	

Unit 9: Reading and Researching	
Assignments	
1. Reasons for Reading	15. Finding Information
2. Reading Skills (1)	16. Taking Notes and Making an Outline
3. Project: The Navajo*	17. Project: Report Part One
4. Spelling Lesson 1: Words that End with -le	18. Writing a Report
5. Quiz 1	19. Project: Report Part Two
6. Spelling Quiz One	20. Project: Report Part Three
7. A Little Salt, Please	21. Spelling Lesson 3: Prefixes and Suffixes
8. Reading Skills (2)	22. Quiz 3
9. Project: Salt in the Bible*	23. Spelling Quiz Three
10. Project: Book Report--Historical Fiction*	24. Special Project*
11. Spelling Lesson 2: Two Syllable Words	25. Review Game
12. Quiz 2	26. Test
13. Spelling Quiz Two	27. Alternate Test*
14. Planning a Report	28. Reference

Unit 10: Review	
Assignments	
Language Arts 400	1. Lost (Parts One and Two)
	2. Thinking About What You Read
	3. Quiz 1
	4. Using a Dictionary
	5. Working With Nouns, Adjectives, and Adverbs
	6. Verbs of Action or Being
	7. Word Parts and Word Play
	8. Punctuating Correctly
	9. Quiz 2
	10. Study Skills and Note Taking
	11. Recognizing Literary Forms
	12. Quiz 3
	13. Essay: Narrative or Descriptive Writing Review
	14. Essay: Writing a Letter Review*
	15. Report: Book Report*
	16. Report: Writing a Report Review*
	17. Special Project*
	18. Review Game
	19. Test
	20. Alternate Test*
	21. Reference

(*) Indicates alternative assignment