



2016 - 2017 Curriculum Catalog
Language Arts 700

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Language Arts 700 Course Overview

Language Arts 700 continues to build 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**—develops students' reading skills, including the identification of main ideas, supporting details, and sequence; teaches students how to reach logical conclusions as well as use appropriate reading rates; shows students how to identify parts of speech in sentences, with emphasis on adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, pronouns, and verb types; helps students develop basic literary comprehension skills through the reading of biographical and autobiographical pieces, poetry, and character analyses.
- **Writing**—develops students' understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with coordination, conjunctions, subject-verb agreement, participles, and phrases; familiarizes students with roots, 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, character analyses, character sketches, short biographies, and summaries; develops students' critical thinking skills through speculative writing on morality.
- **Speaking**—teaches skills that enable students to become effective speakers and communicators, weaving the skills together throughout the course.
- **Listening**—teaches effective listening comprehension skills, weaving these together throughout the lessons; builds upon students' study skills.

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Reading Comprehension Skills

- Analyzing Characters
- Determining Author's Purpose—Reading for Entertainment and Reading for Information
- Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Reaching Logical Conclusions
- Reading Nonfiction

Composition

- Character Analysis
- Character Sketch
- Essay Structure—Five Paragraph Essay
- Paragraph Elements—Topic
- Paragraph Organization—Sequence, Unity, and Format
- Paragraph Structure—Transitional, Inductive, and Deductive
- Speculative Writing
- Summarizing
- Writing a Biography
- Writing and Listening
- Writing on Morality and Feelings
- Writing a Report

Grammar and Usage

- Adjectives
- Kinds of Sentences—Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, and Exclamatory
- Levels of Language Use—Standard, Nonstandard, Formal, and Informal
- Nouns—Common Nouns, Proper Nouns, and Direct Objects
- Pronouns—Nominative, Objective, Possessive, Reflexive, Demonstrative, and Archaic
- Punctuation—Apostrophes, Quotation Marks, Hyphens, and Parentheses
- Sentence Structure
 - Coordination

- Errors in Construction—Fragments, Comma Splices, and Run-ons
- Patterns
- Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases
- Subjects and Predicates
- Verbs—Tense, Irregular, and Auxiliary

Literature Studies

- Nonfiction
 - Definition
 - Elements—Setting, Characterization, and Purpose
 - Genre/Type—Autobiography and Biography
 - Literary Device—Flashback and Foreshadowing

Speaking and Listening

- Listening Strategies
- Speaking Strategies
- Types of Listening—Passive, Purposeful, Critical, Appreciative, and Conversational
- Voice—Pitch, Accent, Pause, and Intonation

Spelling

- Contractions
- Homonyms
- Words with “ei,” “ie,” “y,” and “ou”
- Confused and Mispronounced Words
- Hyphenated Words
- Roots and Affixes
- Word Endings

Vocabulary Building

- Etymology
- Word Relationships—Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms
- Word Structure—Roots and Affixes
- Word Study—Feeling Words and Signal Words

Special Topics

- English Variations—Dialects
- Reference Materials—Encyclopedia and Internet
- Research Skills
- Study Skills—Note-Taking and Summarizing

Unit 1: Nouns, Pronouns, Affixes, and Using Words Correctly		
Assignments		
Language Arts 700	1. Course Overview	13. Quiz 2: Using Pronouns
	2. Documentation	14. Spelling Quiz 2
	3. Nouns As Labels; Related Nouns; Categories	15. Using the Right Prefix
	4. Common and Proper Nouns	16. Suffixes Change Spelling/Part of Speech
	5. Report: The Meaning of Names	17. Using Mnemonic Devices for Homonyms
	6. Spelling Lesson 1: Content Words; ei and ie	18. Spelling Lesson 3: Common Homonyms
	7. Quiz 1: Using Nouns	19. Quiz 3: Cumulative
	8. Spelling Quiz 1	20. Spelling Quiz 3
	9. Personal Pronoun Case	21. Unit 1 Special Project*
	10. Reflexive Pronouns; Archaic Pronouns	22. Test
	11. Demonstratives; Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement	23. Alternate Test*
	12. Spelling Lesson 2: General/Easily Confused Words	24. Reference

Unit 2: Usage; Speaking and Listening; Verb Tenses		
Assignments		
Language Arts 700	1. Speaking Expressively	13. Verbs: Present Tense
	2. Retelling a Story: Alfred the Great	14. Past Tense: Regular and Irregular Verbs
	3. Project: Story-telling	15. Auxiliary Verbs/Future Tense
	4. Report: Alfred the Great	16. Verbs: Perfect Tenses and Conjugation
	5. Spelling Lesson 1: Multisyllable Words	17. Spelling Lesson 3: General Words
	6. Quiz 1: Speaking Expressively	18. Quiz 3: Speaking/Listening; Verb Tenses
	7. Spelling Quiz 1	19. Spelling Quiz 3
	8. Adjusting Listening to Purpose	20. Book Report: Novel*
	9. Essay: Listening	21. Unit 2 Special Project*
	10. Spelling Lesson 2: Frequently Misspelled Words	22. Test
	11. Quiz 2: Speaking and Listening	23. Alternate Test*
	12. Spelling Quiz 2	24. Reference

Unit 3: Biographies and Grammar (Affixes)		
Assignments		
Language Arts 700	1. Biography: William Tyndale	12. Suffixes: Finding
	2. Sequence of Events	13. Meaning of Suffixes/Parts of Speech
	3. Essay: Special Day*	14. Prefixes and Suffixes
	4. Flashback and Inferences in Biography	15. Spelling Lesson 2: Words with Affixes
	5. Project: Biography	16. Quiz 2: Affixes, Biography, Sequence
	6. Book Report: Biography*	17. Spelling Quiz 2
	7. Spelling Lesson 1: General/ -le and -el	18. Unit 3 Special Project*
	8. Quiz 1: Biographies/Sequence of Events	19. Test
	9. Spelling Quiz 1	20. Alternate Test*
	10. Prefixes: Finding	21. Reference
	11. Prefixes: Meanings	

Unit 4: Structure of Written and Spoken Language**Assignments**

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| 1. Structure: Subject and Predicate | 12. Quiz 2: Sentence Structure and Variety |
| 2. Patterns: Inverted, Compound Parts, S/V/DO | 13. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 3. Patterns: S/LV/PN, S/LV/PA, S/V/IO/DO | 14. Pitch/Accent/Pause |
| 4. Essay: Using Sentence Patterns | 15. Punctuating Pauses |
| 5. Spelling Lesson 1: Content Area Words | 16. Spelling Lesson 3: General |
| 6. Quiz 1: Sentence Structure and Patterns | 17. Quiz 3: Cumulative |
| 7. Spelling Quiz 1 | 18. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 8. Writing Complete Sentences | 19. Unit 4 Special Project* |
| 9. Structure; Word Choice; Ambiguity | 20. Test |
| 10. Effective Sentences: Vivid Modifiers | 21. Alternate Test* |
| 11. Spelling Lesson 2: General | 22. Reference |

Unit 5: The English Language**Assignments**

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| 1. Words That Signal Types of Organization | 15. Verb Tense: Past and Present |
| 2. Words That Express Feelings | 16. Direct Object |
| 3. Essay: Words for Feelings | 17. Verbs Often Confused: Lie/Lay |
| 4. Spelling Lesson 1: Using y and ou | 18. Verbs Often Confused: Sit/Set |
| 5. Quiz 1: Signal Words and Words for Feelings | 19. Verbs Often Confused: Rise/Raise |
| 6. Spelling Quiz 1 | 20. Verbs Often Confused: Review |
| 7. Formal, Informal, Nonstandard English | 21. Pronouns Often Confused |
| 8. Smooth and Clear Expression | 22. Spelling Lesson 3: Past Tense Verbs |
| 9. Essay: Informal/Formal English | 23. Quiz 3: Cumulative |
| 10. Spelling Lesson 2: Homonyms | 24. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 11. Quiz 2 Cumulative | 25. Unit 5 Special Project* |
| 12. Spelling Quiz 2 | 26. Test |
| 13. Subject-Verb Agreement in Number | 27. Alternate Test* |
| 14. Form of Action Verbs | 28. Reference |

Unit 6: Mechanics and Structure of English**Assignments**

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| 1. Capital Letters 1 | 15. Subjects and Predicates |
| 2. Capital Letters 2 | 16. Complements |
| 3. Spelling Lesson 1: Adjectives and Adverbs | 17. Adjectives |
| 4. Quiz 1: Capitalization | 18. Adverbs |
| 5. Spelling Quiz 1 | 19. Prepositional Phrases as Modifiers |
| 6. Apostrophe | 20. Quiz 3: Structure and Mechanics |
| 7. Quotation Marks | 21. Coordination |
| 8. Parentheses/Hyphen | 22. Spelling Lesson 3: General Words |
| 9. Comma | 23. Quiz 4: Cumulative |
| 10. Punctuation Review | 24. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 11. Essay: Importance of Language Mechanics | 25. Unit 6 Special Project* |
| 12. Spelling Lesson 2: Special Types of Words | 26. Test |
| 13. Quiz 2: Capitals and Punctuation | 27. Alternate Test* |
| 14. Spelling Quiz 2 | 28. Reference |

Unit 7: The Hiding Place: A Study Guide		
Assignments		
Language Arts 700	1. Chapters 1-3: Flashback/Foreshadowing	15. Quiz 2: The Hiding Place, chapters 6-9
	2. Chapters 4-5: Reading for Details	16. Spelling Quiz 2
	3. Understanding Characters	17. Chapter 10: Sequence
	4. Essay: Occupied	18. Chapters 11-13: Reading for Details
	5. Report: World War II*	19. Chapters 14-15: Understand Characters
	6. Report: Dietrich Bonhoeffer*	20. Author's Purpose/Modes of Writing
	7. Spelling Lesson 1: Noun Suffixes	21. Essay: Character Sketch
	8. Quiz 1: The Hiding Place, chapters 1-5	22. Spelling Lesson 3: Noun Suffixes
	9. Spelling Quiz 1	23. Quiz 3: The Hiding Place, chapters 10-15
	10. Chapters 6-7: Comprehension	24. Spelling Quiz 3
	11. Chapter 8-9: Suspense	25. Unit 7 Special Project*
	12. Interpretation and Communication	26. Test
	13. Essay: Pickwick	27. Alternate Test*
	14. Spelling Lesson 2: Verb Suffixes	28. Reference

Unit 8: Nonfiction and Communication		
Assignments		
Language Arts 700	1. Nonfiction Literature: Helen Keller	11. Spelling Quiz 2
	2. Nonfiction Literature: The Apple Tree Switch	12. Communicating with Gestures
	3. Spelling Lesson 1: General	13. Spelling Lesson 3: General
	4. Quiz 1: Nonfiction	14. Quiz 3: Speaking with Gestures
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	15. Spelling Quiz 3
	6. Learning to Listen Review	16. Unit 8 Special Project*
	7. Note-taking and Summarizing	17. Test
	8. Essay: Summary	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Spelling Lesson 2: General	19. Reference
	10. Quiz 2: Listening, Summarizing, and Nonfiction	

Unit 9: Writing and Pronunciation		
Assignments		
Language Arts 700	1. Sentence Types: Introduction	15. Quiz 2: Writing Paragraphs and Mechanics
	2. Sentence Types: Declarative/Interrogative	16. Spelling Quiz 2
	3. Sentence Types: Imperative/Exclamatory	17. Pronunciation
	4. Sentence Errors: Fragments	18. Regional Differences in Pronunciation
	5. Sentence Errors: Comma Splice/Run-on	19. Words in Reading/Nonsense Words
	6. Spelling Lesson 1: General and Content Area Words	20. Essay: A Nonsense Poet
	7. Quiz 1: Correct Sentences	21. Project: Limericks
	8. Spelling Quiz 1	22. Spelling Lesson 3: Words Often Mispronounced
	9. Paragraph Format/Topic Sentence	23. Quiz 3: Cumulative
	10. Paragraph Unity and Sequence	24. Spelling Quiz 3
	11. Deductive/Inductive/Transitional Paragraphs	25. Unit 9 Special Project*
	12. Essay: Paragraph Practice	26. Test
	13. Project: Paragraph Self Check	27. Alternate Test*
	14. Spelling Lesson 2: Noun and Adjective Suffixes	28. Reference

Unit 10: Review	
Assignments	
1. Verb Tense	16. Project: Punctuation Practice
2. Verb Agreement and Confusion	17. Spelling Review Lessons 3 and 4
3. Nouns and Pronouns	18. Review Quiz 2
4. Reflexive and Demonstrative Pronouns; Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement	19. Spelling Quiz 2
5. Adjectives/Adverbs	20. Communication: Writing and Reading
6. Prepositional Phrases	21. Book Report: Short Story*
7. Sentence Patterns and Types	22. Communication: Speaking and Listening
8. Spelling Review Lessons 1 and 2	23. Project: Autobiography*
9. Review Quiz 1	24. Spelling Review Lessons 5 and 6
10. Spelling Quiz 1	25. Review Quiz 3
11. Capitalization	26. Spelling Quiz 3
12. Apostrophe	27. Unit 10 Special Project*
13. Quotation Marks/Parentheses	28. Test
14. Hyphens/Commas	29. Alternate Test*
	30. Reference

(*) Indicates alternative assignment