



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

Language Arts 300

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Language Arts 300 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; helps students develop basic literary comprehension skills through the reading of short stories, a short play, and haiku poetry.
- **Writing**—develops students' understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with complete sentences and parts of speech; introduces students to roots and affixes, and basic word relationships, including homographs, synonyms, and antonyms; develops students' vocabulary and spelling skills; gives students the opportunity to develop their abilities in writing paragraphs, haiku poetry, short stories, and friendly letters.
- **Special Topics**—introduces basic research skills, including the use of atlases, dictionaries, encyclopedias, newspaper and magazine articles, and textbooks.

Curriculum Contents

Reading Comprehension Skills

- Cause and Effect
- Context Clues
- Determining Author's Purpose—Reading for Entertainment and Reading for Information
- Following Written Directions
- Identifying Facts and Opinions
- Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Predicting Outcomes
- Reading Haiku
- Reading a Short Play
- Reading Short Stories
- Sequence

Composition

- Writing a Friendly and Thank You Letter
- Writing Haiku
- Writing Short Stories

Grammar and Usage

- Adjectives—Making Comparisons
- Nouns—Singular and Plural
- Parts of Speech—Identification
- Punctuation—Commas, Exclamation Points, Periods, and Question Marks
- Sentence Structure—Complete Sentences

Literature Studies

- Drama
 - Definition
 - Elements—Structure, Character, and Setting
- Fiction—Definition
- Nonfiction—Definition
- Poetry
 - Definition
 - Elements—Structure, Rhyme, and Meter
 - Haiku

Spelling

- Compound Words
- Confusing Spellings
- Irregular Vowels
- Short and Long Vowels
- Silent Letters
- R-controlled and W-controlled Words
- Roots and Affixes
- Word Endings
- Words with “ie,” “ei” and “ar”
- Words with Irregular Vowels

Vocabulary Building

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

Special Topics

- Reference Materials—Atlases, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias

UNIT 1: VOWELS, MAIN IDEA, CAPITALIZATION		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Course Overview	13. Quiz 3
	2. Language Arts Symbols	14. Grammar: Punctuation
	3. Spelling with Short Vowels	15. Spelling with Silent Letters
	4. Quiz 1	16. Quiz 4
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	17. Spelling Quiz 3
	6. Reading to Find the Main Idea	18. Unit 1 Special Project*
	7. Project: Book Report*	19. Review Game
	8. Project: Learning a New Language*	20. Test
	9. Spelling with Short Vowels	21. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2	22. Reference
	11. Spelling Quiz 2	
12. Grammar: Complete Sentences; Capitalization		

UNIT 2: SENTENCES, CAPITALIZATION, ABC ORDER		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Grammar: Sentence Sense; Capital Letters (1)	13. Quiz 3
	2. Project: Book Report–Poetry*	14. Spelling Quiz 3
	3. Spelling with Long Vowels	15. Spelling with Vowel Pairs
	4. Quiz 1	16. Writing a Story
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	17. Quiz 4
	6. Grammar: Capital Letters (2)	18. Spelling Quiz 4
	7. Reading Comprehension	19. Unit 2 Special Project*
	8. Spelling Words That Sound or Look Alike	20. Review Game
	9. Quiz 2	21. Test
	10. Spelling Quiz 2	22. Alternate Test*
	11. Grammar: Alphabetical Order	23. Reference
12. Spelling with Silent E		

UNIT 3: DICTIONARY SKILLS, WORD PARTS, VOCABULARY		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Grammar: Using the Dictionary	15. Spelling Antonym Pairs
	2. Project L303A--Making Your Own Dictionary*	16. Quiz 3
	3. Grammar: Capital Letters (1)	17. Spelling Quiz 3
	4. Spelling with r-Controlled Vowels	18. Grammar: Capital Letters (2)
	5. Quiz 1	19. Grammar: Synonyms
	6. Spelling Quiz 1	20. Project: Writing a Story about Pets*
	7. Grammar: Word Parts (1)	21. Spelling with or
	8. Grammar: Word Parts (2)	22. Quiz 4
	9. Spelling with ar	23. Spelling Quiz Four
	10. Quiz 2	24. Unit 3 Special Project*
	11. Spelling Quiz 2	25. Review Game
	12. Grammar: Antonyms	26. Test
	13. Reading: Vocabulary	27. Alternate Test*
14. Project: Book Report--Folk Tales*	28. Reference	

UNIT 4: PARTS OF SPEECH, IRREGULAR VOWELS, COMPREHENSION		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Grammar: Nouns	14. Quiz 3
	2. Grammar: Adjectives	15. Grammar: Reviewing Words and Word Parts
	3. Spelling Words with Irregular Vowel Sounds	16. Reading: A Big Surprise
	4. Quiz 1	17. Project: Gideon Today
	5. Spelling Quiz 1	18. Project: Book Report: Biography*
	6. Grammar: Verbs	19. Spelling with y as a Vowel
	7. Grammar: Adverbs	20. Quiz 4
	8. Spelling with w-controlled Vowels	21. Spelling Quiz 3
	9. Quiz 2	22. Unit 4 Special Project*
	10. Spelling Quiz 2	23. Review Game
	11. Grammar: Punctuation Marks	24. Test
	12. Grammar: Using Capital Letters	25. Alternate Test*
13. Grammar: Using the Dictionary	26. Reference	

UNIT 5: READING TO UNDERSTAND, COMMAS, SILENT LETTERS		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Reading (1)	12. Spelling Quiz 2
	2. Grammar: Review	13. Grammar: Reviewing Capital Letters
	3. Project: Vowels*	14. Grammar: Punctuation Marks
	4. Spelling with Different Vowel Sounds	15. Spelling with Suffixes
	5. Quiz 1	16. Quiz 3
	6. Spelling Quiz 1	17. Spelling Quiz 3
	7. Reading: Comprehension	18. Unit 5 Special Project*
	8. Reading: Story Elements	19. Review Game
	9. Project: Book Report--Animal Stories*	20. Test
	10. Spelling with Silent gh	21. Alternate Test*
11. Quiz 2	22. Reference	

UNIT 6: CAUSE AND EFFECT, HOMOGRAPHS, HAIKU POETRY		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Character/Main Idea/Details in a Parable	12. Spelling Quiz 3
	2. Spelling with -eer and -ion	13. Reading: Haiku Poetry, Homographs
	3. Quiz 1	14. Project: Book Report--Haiku Poetry*
	4. Spelling Quiz 1	15. Project: Haiku Poetry
	5. Grammar: Capitalizing Titles; Using Commas	16. Spelling with -ei and -ie
	6. Spelling with the Letter G	17. Quiz 4
	7. Quiz 2	18. Spelling Quiz 4
	8. Spelling Quiz 2	19. Unit 6 Special Project*
	9. Sequence/Cause and Effect/Responding to a Parable	20. Review Game
	10. Spelling Plurals or Words with -air	21. Test
11. Quiz 3	22. Alternate Test*	
	23. Reference	

UNIT 7: FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS, SUFFIXES, PRONOUNS, FRIENDLY LETTERS		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1. Reading for Main Idea	15. Grammar: Suffixes -er, -est
	2. Grammar: Noun Review	16. Spelling with Suffixes (2)
	3. Grammar: Singular and Plural Nouns (1)	17. Quiz 3
	4. Grammar: Singular and Plural Nouns (2)	18. Spelling Quiz 3
	5. Extra Practice: Singular and Plural Nouns*	19. Composition: Friendly Letters
	6. Spelling Compound Words	20. Essay: Writing a Friendly Letter
	7. Quiz 1	21. Spelling General Words
	8. Spelling Quiz 1	22. Quiz 4
	9. Reading: Follow Directions/ Fact or Fiction	23. Spelling Quiz Four
	10. Project: Following Directions*	24. Unit 7 Special Project*
	11. Spelling with Suffixes (1)	25. Review Game
	12. Quiz 2	26. Test
	13. Spelling Quiz 2	27. Alternate Test*
14. Grammar: Pronouns	28. Reference	

UNIT 8: READING A PLAY, COMPARING WITH ADJECTIVES, ROOT WORDS		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Reading for Sequence
	2.	Grammar: Adjective Review
	3.	Spelling with -le
	4.	Quiz 1
	5.	Spelling Quiz 1
	6.	Reading for Details
	7.	Grammar: Comparing with Adjectives (1)
	8.	Grammar: Comparing with Adjectives (2)
	9.	Extra Practice: Comparing with Adjectives*
	10.	Spelling Compound Words
	11.	Quiz 2
	12.	Spelling Quiz 2

UNIT 9: CLASSIFYING, REFERENCES, THANK-YOU LETTERS, PREDICTING OUTCOMES		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Reading to Classify
	2.	Grammar: Adverbs
	3.	Spelling with Prefixes
	4.	Quiz 1
	5.	Spelling Quiz 1
	6.	Reading for Information
	7.	Project: Book Report—Nonfiction*
	8.	Composition: Thank-you Letters
	9.	Project: Writing a Thank-you Letter
	10.	Spelling with Suffixes
	11.	Quiz 2

UNIT 10: REVIEW		
LANGUAGE ARTS 300	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Reading: Sequence and Context Clues
	2.	Grammar: Vowels
	3.	Grammar: Using Sentences Correctly
	4.	Quiz 1
	5.	Grammar: Punctuation
	6.	Grammar: Capitalizing Words
	7.	Quiz 2
	8.	Reading: Main Ideas; Cause and Effect
	9.	Grammar: Parts of Speech Review
	10.	Composition: Writing Letters
	11.	Project: Writing Letters

(*) Indicates alternate assignment