



Switched-On
SCHOOLHOUSE

Course Catalog

Language Arts 700

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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.

Curriculum Contents

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		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	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		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	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)		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	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		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	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		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Words That Signal Types of Organization
	2.	Words That Express Feelings
	3.	Essay: Words for Feelings
	4.	Spelling Lesson 1: Using y and ou
	5.	Quiz 1: Signal Words and Words for Feelings
	6.	Spelling Quiz 1
	7.	Formal, Informal, Nonstandard English
	8.	Smooth and Clear Expression
	9.	Essay: Informal/Formal English
	10.	Spelling Lesson 2: Homonyms
	11.	Quiz 2 Cumulative
	12.	Spelling Quiz 2
	13.	Subject-Verb Agreement in Number
14.	Form of Action Verbs	
15.	Verb Tense: Past and Present	
16.	Direct Object	
17.	Verbs Often Confused: Lie/Lay	
18.	Verbs Often Confused: Sit/Set	
19.	Verbs Often Confused: Rise/Raise	
20.	Verbs Often Confused: Review	
21.	Pronouns Often Confused	
22.	Spelling Lesson 3: Past Tense Verbs	
23.	Quiz 3: Cumulative	
24.	Spelling Quiz 3	
25.	Unit 5 Special Project*	
26.	Test	
27.	Alternate Test*	
28.	Reference	

UNIT 6: MECHANICS AND STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Capital Letters 1
	2.	Capital Letters 2
	3.	Spelling Lesson 1: Adjectives and Adverbs
	4.	Quiz 1: Capitalization
	5.	Spelling Quiz 1
	6.	Apostrophe
	7.	Quotation Marks
	8.	Parentheses/Hyphen
	9.	Comma
	10.	Punctuation Review
	11.	Essay: Importance of Language Mechanics
	12.	Spelling Lesson 2: Special Types of Words
	13.	Quiz 2: Capitals and Punctuation
14.	Spelling Quiz 2	
15.	Subjects and Predicates	
16.	Complements	
17.	Adjectives	
18.	Adverbs	
19.	Prepositional Phrases as Modifiers	
20.	Quiz 3: Structure and Mechanics	
21.	Coordination	
22.	Spelling Lesson 3: General Words	
23.	Quiz 4: Cumulative	
24.	Spelling Quiz 3	
25.	Unit 6 Special Project*	
26.	Test	
27.	Alternate Test*	
28.	Reference	

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

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

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

UNIT 10: REVIEW		
LANGUAGE ARTS 700	Assignment Titles	
	1.	Verb Tense
	2.	Verb Agreement and Confusion
	3.	Nouns and Pronouns
	4.	Reflexive and Demonstrative Pronouns; Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement
	5.	Adjectives/Adverbs
	6.	Prepositional Phrases
	7.	Sentence Patterns and Types
	8.	Spelling Review Lessons 1 and 2
	9.	Review Quiz 1
10.	Spelling Quiz 1	
11.	Capitalization	
12.	Apostrophe	
13.	Quotation Marks/Parenttheses	
14.	Hyphens/Commas	
15.	Mechanics: Cumulative Practice	
16.	Project: Punctuation Practice	
17.	Spelling Review Lessons 3 and 4	
18.	Review Quiz 2	
19.	Spelling Quiz 2	
20.	Communication: Writing and Reading	
21.	Book Report: Short Story*	
22.	Communication: Speaking and Listening	
23.	Project: Autobiography*	
24.	Spelling Review Lessons 5 and 6	
25.	Review Quiz 3	
26.	Spelling Quiz 3	
27.	Unit 10 Special Project*	
28.	Test	
29.	Alternate Test*	
30.	Reference	

(*) Indicates alternate assignment