

English Language Arts Benchmarks for Grade 5

Reading Standards for Literature
Strand: Key Ideas and Details (KID)
1. Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
Determine the meaning of a text by using quotes from a story, drama, or poem
Locate quotes that reflect explicit details in a story, drama, or poem
2. Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.
Infer a theme based on key details in the text of a story, drama, or poem
Analyze the relationship between a character in a story and drama, and his/her response to challenges
Determine the author's point of view about a topic in a poem
Create a summary of a story, drama, or poem
3. Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).
Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story by providing specific details
Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a drama by providing specific details
Strand: Craft and Structure (CAS)
4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
Locate figurative language in a story, drama, or poem
Determine the meaning of words and phrases that are used figuratively in a story, drama, or poem
Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text of a story, drama, or poem
5. Explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.
Describe the overall structure of a story based on a series of chapters
Describe the overall structure of drama based on a series of scenes

Describe the overall structure of a poem based on a series of stanzas
6. Describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described.
Relate the narrator's point of view to his/her description of events in a story, drama or poem
Strand: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (IKI)
7. Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem).
Analyze the contribution of visual and multimedia elements to the meaning of a text
Analyze the contribution of visual and multimedia elements to the tone of a text
Analyze the contribution of visual and multimedia elements to the beauty of a text
9. Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.
Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes in stories of the same genre
Foundational Skills
Strand: Phonics and Word Recognition (PWR)
3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
Integrate knowledge of letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology to comprehend unfamiliar multisyllabic words in the context of a text
Integrate knowledge of letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology to comprehend unfamiliar multisyllabic words outside of the context of a text
Strand: Fluency (FLU)
4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
Read on-level text fluently with purpose and understanding
Read aloud grade-level prose and poems with increasing rate on successive readings
Read aloud grade-level prose and poems with increasing accuracy on successive readings

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Read aloud grade-level prose and poems with increasing expression on successive readings
Use context to determine the meaning of words in a text
Use context to self-correct words by rereading words that were misread
Use context to recognize words in a text
Use context to self-correct words by rereading words that were not recognized
Reading Standards for Informational Text
Strand: Key Ideas and Details (KID)
1. Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
Determine the meaning of a text by accurately using quotes from a multiparagraph informational text
Locate quotes that reflect explicit details in a multiparagraph informational text
2. Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.
Develop two or more main ideas in a multiparagraph informational text that are supported by key details
Locate key details that support two or more main ideas of a multiparagraph informational text
Create a summary of an informational text
3. Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.
Analyze the interactions between two or more individuals, events, or concepts in a historical text by using specific information from the text
Analyze the interactions between two or more individuals, events, or concepts in a scientific text by using specific information from the text
Analyze the interactions between two or more individuals, events, or concepts in a technical text by using specific information from the text
Strand: Craft and Structure (CAS)
4. Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
Determine the meaning of academic words and phrases from an informational text
Determine the meaning of domain specific words and phrases from an informational text

5. Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.
Compare and contrast the structure of the events that occur in two or more informational texts
Compare and contrast the structure of ideas and concepts as presented in two or more informational texts
Compare and contrast the structure of information as presented in two or more informational texts
6. Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.
Determine an author's point of view of an event or topic in an informational text
Compare and contrast two or more authors' points of view of the same event or topic in informational texts
Strand: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (IKI)
7. Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently.
Determine answers to questions using information from multiple print or digital informational texts
Locate information from multiple print or digital informational texts to solve a problem
8. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).
Cite specific reasons and evidence that support particular points in an informational text
Analyze how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in an informational text
9. Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
Integrate information from several informational texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about its meaning

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Writing Standards
Strand: Text Types and Purposes (TTP)
1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
Introduce a topic or text clearly when writing an opinion piece
State an opinion when writing an opinion piece
Create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the purpose when writing an opinion piece
Support logically ordered reasons with facts and details when writing an opinion piece
Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses when writing an opinion piece
Write a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented when writing an opinion piece
2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
Introduce a topic clearly by making a general observation and establishing a focus when writing an informative/explanatory text
Group related information logically when writing an informative/explanatory text
Use a variety of methods to aid comprehension when writing an informative/explanatory text
Develop a topic with relevant information and examples when writing an informative/explanatory text
Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses when writing an informative/explanatory text
Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to explain a topic when writing an informative/explanatory text
Write a concluding statement or section related to the information presented when writing an informative/explanatory text
3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
Introduce a narrator and/or characters when writing a narrative
Organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally when writing a narrative
Orient the reader by establishing a situation when writing a narrative

Develop events when writing a narrative
Show the responses of characters to situations when writing a narrative
Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events when writing a narrative
Use language to convey events precisely when writing a narrative
Write a conclusion that follows from the narrated events when writing a narrative
Strand: Production and Distribution of Writing (PDW)
4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in Writing Standards 1–3.)
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5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 5.)
Strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach
6. With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of two pages in a single sitting.
Use technology to produce and publish writing
Use technology to collaborate with others when producing and publishing writing
Display sufficient command of keyboarding skills
Strand: Research to Build and Present Knowledge (RBK)
7. Conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
Find several sources of information that focus an inquiry during a short research project
Use several sources of information to focus an inquiry during a short research project

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8. Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work, and provide a list of sources.
Gather relevant information from print and digital sources to include in a short research project
Paraphrase information in notes and finished work for use in a short research project
Develop a list of sources for use in a short research project
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
Use Reading Standards for Literature to support analysis, reflection, and research for a short research project
Use Reading Standards for Informational Text to support analysis, reflection, and research for a short research project
Speaking and Listening Standards
Strand: Comprehension and Collaboration (CAC)
1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
<i>Prepare for a group discussion by reading or studying required material</i>
Use discussion preparation and other knowledge to articulate ideas during a group discussion
Follow agreed-upon rules for group discussions
Perform assigned roles in a group discussion
Ask specific questions that contribute to a group discussion
Respond to specific questions that contribute to a group discussion
Engage in a conversation by elaborating on the remarks of others in a group discussion
Summarize the key ideas expressed in a group discussion
Develop conclusions based on information provided during a group discussion
2. Summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
Summarize a written text presented orally
Summarize information presented in diverse media and formats

3. Summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.
Summarize the points presented orally by a speaker
Cite reasons and evidence presented orally to support a point
Strand: Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas (PKI)
4. Report on a topic or text or present an opinion, sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
Sequence ideas logically when giving an oral presentation on a topic
Cite appropriate facts and relevant details that support a main idea when giving an oral presentation
Speak clearly at an understandable pace when making an oral presentation
5. Include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
Develop main ideas or themes by including multimedia components in an oral presentation
Develop main ideas or themes by including visual displays in an oral presentation
6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 5 Language standards 1 and 3 for specific expectations.)
Adapt an oral presentation to a variety of contexts and tasks
Use formal English in an oral presentation when it is appropriate to the task and situation

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Strand: <i>Conventions of Standard English (CSE)</i>
1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
Define the general function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections
Use conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections appropriately when writing or speaking
Construct the perfect verb tenses
Use the perfect verb tenses when writing or speaking
Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions when writing or speaking
Edit writing with inappropriate shifts in verb tense
Use correlative conjunctions when writing or speaking
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
Use punctuation to separate items in a series when writing
Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the remainder of the sentence when writing
Use a comma to set off parenthetical expressions when writing
Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works when writing
Spell grade-appropriate words correctly when writing
Strand: <i>Knowledge of Language (KOL)</i>
3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
Revise sentences for meaning when writing or speaking
Revise sentences for reader/listener interest when writing or speaking
Revise sentences for style when writing or speaking
Compare and contrast the varieties of English used in stories, dramas, or poems
Strand: <i>Vocabulary Acquisition and Use (VAU)</i>
4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
Determine the meaning of a word or phrase by using context clues

Determine the meaning of a word by using Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues
Find the pronunciation of key words and phrases by consulting reference materials
Clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases by consulting reference materials
5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
Interpret figurative language in context
Explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs
Relate particular words to one another in order to better understand each of the words
6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal contrast, addition, and other logical relationships (e.g., however, although, nevertheless, similarly, moreover, in addition).
Use general academic words and phrases accurately
Use domain-specific words and phrases accurately