

## **GRADE FIVE LANGUAGE ARTS I can**

- I can follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
- I can spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
- I can demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- I can write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
- I can pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.
- I can adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation.
- I can with guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
- I can 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).
- I can 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.
- I can come to discussions prepared having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
- I can consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key and words and phrases.

- I can demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- I can use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works. (All Year)
- I can quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- I can use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
- I can read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- I can use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.
- I can use context (e.g., cause/effect relationships and comparisons in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- I can 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.
- I can 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.
- I can expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.
- I can use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- I can use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).

- I can describe how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described.
- I can 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.
- I can explain how a series of chapters, scenes, or stanzas fits together to provide the overall structure of a particular story, drama, or poem.
- I can use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
- I can quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- I can determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.
- I can 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.
- I can determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.
- I can conduct short research projects that use several sources to build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
- I can use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.
- I can draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- I can 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 can write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. (Camp Experiences)
- I can orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- I can provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.
- I can review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.
- I can include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays in presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.
- I can demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
- I can interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.
- I can recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
- I can use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events.
- I can determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
- I can write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- I can use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence.
- I can use punctuation to separate items in a series.

- I can use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Steve?).
- I can explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.
- I can recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.
- I can use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions.
- I can form and use the perfect (e.g., I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked) verb tenses.
- I can use correlative conjunctions (e.g., either/or, neither/nor).
- I can summarize a written text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- I can 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).
- I can integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.
- I can 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.
- I can 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.
- I can 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).

- I can develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- I can link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast, especially).
- I can use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- I can provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.
- I can 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.
- I can analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.
- I can summarize the points a speaker makes and explain how each claim is supported by reasons and evidence.
- I can read grade-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression.
- I can compare and contrast the varieties of English (e.g., dialects, registers) used in stories, dramas, or poems.
- I can compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.
- I can apply grade 5 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or a drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., how characters interact]").
- I can apply grade 5 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., "Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point[s]").

- I can write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- I can introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose.
- I can provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details.
- I can provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.
- I can explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s). By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, at the high end of the grades 4–5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- I can read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
- I can know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- I can 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 standards 1–3 above.)
- I can by the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, at the high end of the grades 4-5 text complexity band independently and proficiently.
- I can link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).
- I can introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.