

Language Arts D+E—Scope and Sequence: Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Mechanics Practice	Creative Expression
1	nouns: common/proper; gender of nouns	Friendship Definition Book Commercial (Summarization)
2	homophones, abbreviations	Homophones (Mechanics) Grateful (Communication) Thanks a Million (Description)
3	adjectives and adverbs; definite and indefinite articles	Rhyme Patterns (Rhyming) You May Be a Poet, Don't Ya Know It (Limerick/Poetry) Free as a Bird (Free Verse/Poetry)
4	action verbs, linking verbs, helping verbs; singular/plural	An Outline is Like a Map (Organization) Mystery Girl (Character Analysis) Portrait of a Character (Description)
5	simple verb tenses: past, present, future	The Reverse Outline (Organization) Why Here (Organization) Jamestown (Explanation)
6	implied subject	Research Report—Topic Selection (Brainstorming) Library Visit (Research)
7	types of sentences; declarative imperative, interrogative, exclamation	Note Cards (Organization) Informational Outline (Organization) Working Outline (Writing Process)
8	singular, plural, possessive, and subject pronouns	Write the Rough Draft, Edit, and Finalize (Writing Process)
9	subjects & predicates (complete, compound, simple), varying sentence length	Our Household's Preamble (Introduction/Purpose) To Form a More Perfect Union (Research) The Law of the Land (Explanation)
10	Adverbs of time and place	Similes and Metaphors (Similes and Metaphors) My Favorite Room (Description) Speechwriter (Imaginative/Public Speaking)
11	Person of pronouns: first, second, third	Literary Hooks (Writing Skills) Remember When (Recollection) The Neatest Thing Happened the Other Day (Hooks)
12	run-on and rambling sentences	Silver Linings (Writing) Devour This Book (Brainstorm/Imagination) Back Cover Copy (Summarization)
13	active and passive voice	Personification (Figurative Language) Prepare for a Gold Nugget's Tale (Writing Process) A Gold Nugget's Tale (Short Story/Narration)
14	clauses & conjunctions: independent clause, coordinating conjunction; correlative conjunctions	Five Parts of the Friendly Letter (Structure) Friendly Letter Notes (Organization) Write the Friendly Letter (Communication)

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15	dependent clauses; subordinating conjunctions; relative pronouns	Adjectives (Writing Description) Character Description (Description) Character Jack (Description)
16	apostrophes	The Topic Sentence (Writing Skills) Write a Formal Business Letter (Communication/Organization) Revisions to My Letter (Writing Process)
17	commas	Rules and Commands (Imperative Sentences) A Bill of Rights (Introduction/Explanation) Create Your Own Bill of Rights (Statements)
18	types of pronouns: relative, interrogative, demonstrative; types of adjectives: demonstrative, indefinite	Hyperbole (Figurative Language) A Tall Tale (Writing Process) Write a Tall Tale (Use of Exaggeration)
19	writing numbers	Poetic Metaphors (Figurative Language) Definition Poem (Poetry) Limerick (Poetry)
20	dialects; intensive, reflexive and indefinite pronouns	Transitions (Structure) Write Directions (Comprehension) Follow Directions (Expository Writing)
21	perfect verb tenses: present, past, and future	Poetry (Writing Skills) Narrative Poem (Organization) Poetically Speak (Poetry/Narration)
22	use keywords to combine short sentences	The Outline (Organization) Outline an Experience (Writing Process) Spin Your Tale (Narration)
23	homographs and homonyms	The Venn Diagram (Compare/Contrast) Compare/Contrast (Brainstorming) Compare/Contrast Essay (Expository Writing)
24	phrases: noun phrases, verb phrase; appositives	Advertising Techniques (Critical Thinking) Using Advertising Techniques (Persuasive Writing) The Advertisement (Persuasive Writing)
25	simple and compound sentences; coordinating conjunctions	Colorful Descriptions (Description) Hues (Thematic Analysis) Reflections on Color (Thematic Analysis/Essay)
26	linking verbs, predicate nouns and predicate adjectives	Retell (Recollection) Imagine (Imaginative)
27	prepositions, object of the preposition, and prepositional phrases	Combine Sentences, Part 1 (Sentence Fluency) Family Traditions (Writing Process/Organization) Essay (Expository Writing)
28	writing titles	Combine Sentences, Part 2 (Sentence Fluency) Science Fiction Dialog—Plan (Writing Process) Science Fiction Dialog (Imaginative Writing)
29	subject-verb agreement	The Journal (Personal Response)

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30	similes	Mind/Concept Mapping (Critical Thinking) Create and Write (Scientific Process) Explain and Describe (Scientific and Expository Writing)
31	dashes	Brainstorm the Story (Writing Process/Organization) The Short Story (Imaginative Writing) Edit the Short Story (Writing Process)
32	hyphens; dashes	Retell (Recollection) Writing Prompts (Personal Response)
33	adjective forms: positive, comparative, and superlative	Prewriting for a Puppet Show (Writing Process) Write a Script for a Puppet Show (Imaginative Narrative) Script for a Puppet Show (Imaginative Narrative)
34	capitalization	Design an invitation (Artistic) Preparing the Puppets and Stage (Artistic) Performing the Puppet Show (Public Speaking)
35	transitive verbs; direct objects; intransitive verbs	Prewriting the Book Review (Writing Process) The Book Review (Critical Thinking) Write a detailed story (Description)
36	noun and pronoun agreement	Organize for a Speech/Speech Preparation (Process) Give a Speech (Public Speaking)