

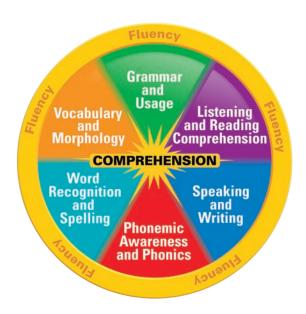
Fourth Edition

Intensive Intervention to ACCELERATE INTERACY GROWTH



LANGUAGE!

The Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum



Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Word Recognition and Spelling

STEP Vocabulary and Morphology

Grammar and Usage

STEP Listening and Reading Comprehension

STEP Speaking and Writing

To Text in every lesson

LANGUAGE!® The Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum weaves all of the necessary strands of literacy into six instructional steps of a daily lesson. With multiple entry points, LANGUAGE! places students according to skill level and is effective with diverse learning styles.

We are excited about the results we are seeing using LANGUAGE! with our students requiring a replacement curriculum. When the teachers are well-trained in the program and fully implement it with fidelity, the results are well beyond our expectations.

—Judith S. Carmona Intervention Instructional Specialist Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, CA

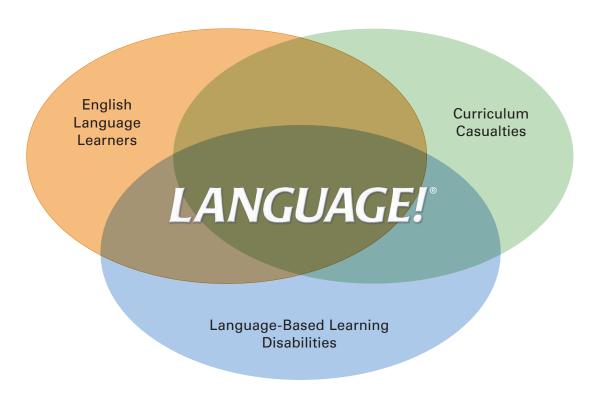
What population of students does LANGUAGE! serve?

What is LANGUAGE!?

LANGUAGE! is a comprehensive literacy curriculum that provides effective, explicit, sequential, linguistically logical, and systematic instruction for struggling readers, writers, speakers, and spellers.

Who needs LANGUAGE!?

LANGUAGE! is for students in grades 4–12 who are scoring below the 40th percentile on group-administered standardized tests and need to acquire knowledge of academic language as well as the structure and function of the English language. These students often represent three populations: English language learners, students with special needs, and "curriculum casualties."



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LANGUAGE!°

The Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum

At-A-Glance

How It Works

LANGUAGE! accelerates literacy growth for struggling students in grades 4–12 who are scoring below the 40th percentile on group-administered standardized tests.

With LANGUAGE! students learn the skills and concepts necessary to progress from reading significantly below grade level to reading at the high school instructional level.



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Professional Development

The Support Services team offers flexible, customized implementation services to help teachers become more effective and efficient, and to help build local capacity at the school and district levels.



SUPPORT SERVICES

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How It Is Taught: Differentiation

Meeting the needs of different students from assessment to implementation with:

- Integrated, comprehensive instruction
- Flexible implementation models
- Ongoing assessment and instructional system
- Scheduling options with differentiation

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Support in the Classroom

LANGUAGE! is cumulative, sequential, and integrated, providing the scaffolding needed to ensure literacy development through each of the six key literacy strands.



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The Curriculum Structure

The LANGUAGE! model weaves all of the necessary strands of literacy into the instructional steps of a daily lesson. Through six sequential, integrated steps, each lesson scaffolds content and instruction.



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Teacher Support

Teaching students how to read and write is a challenging and complex activity that is learned with the help of coaching and experience. Explicit support for teachers, coaches/mentors, and administrators is built in to the LANGUAGE! curriculum.



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Research and Effectiveness

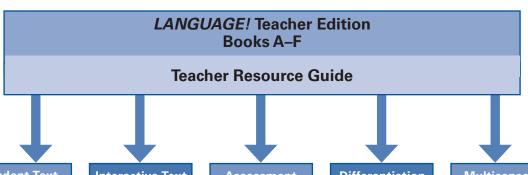
LANGUAGE! implementations throughout the country show positive results spanning elementary, middle, and high school grade levels. LANGUAGE! is the right curriculum for any school or district striving to increase literacy performance.

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Program Success

As a research-based, data-driven curriculum, LANGUAGE! has earned praise from leading literacy scholars and research centers such as the Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR) and an endorsement by the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE).

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Student Text Books A-F

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- Visual Vocabulary

Interactive Text Books A–F

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- Fluencies

Assessment Tools

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- Baseline tests
- Formative tests
- Summative tests
- VPORT

Differentiation Tools

- ELL Picture Cards
- eReader
- Sortegories
- Words for Teachers
- Instructional Planning Tools

Multisensory Tools

- Timer
- Pocket Chart
- Letter Cards
- Morpheme Cards
- Overhead Tiles
- Transparencies



Who benefits from LANGUAGE!?

- Students scoring below the 40th percentile on group-administered standardized tests
- Students failing to keep pace with the expectations of the general classroom
- Students needing to learn the structure and function of the English language
- Students needing to acquire knowledge of academic language

How does LANGUAGE! differentiate instruction?

- The Planning and Pacing Guides tailor lessons for three specific instructional needs: additional activities for English learners, reinforcement for students requiring more or different methods of learning, and targeted activities for review or accelerated pacing.
- An assessment system monitors student performance and guides the need for prescriptive instruction.
- The Student Text provides reading selections at three readability levels: Decodable (Books A and B) or Independent (Books C–F); Instructional (Books A–F); and Challenge (Books A–F).
- Technology tools help teachers customize lesson plans and instructional materials for specific student needs.
- Interactive online components allow students to practice skills independently.



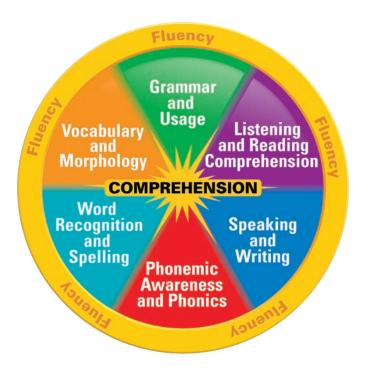
Technology Components

- VocabJourney
- Sortegories
- eReader
- Words for Teachers
- Instructional Planning Tools

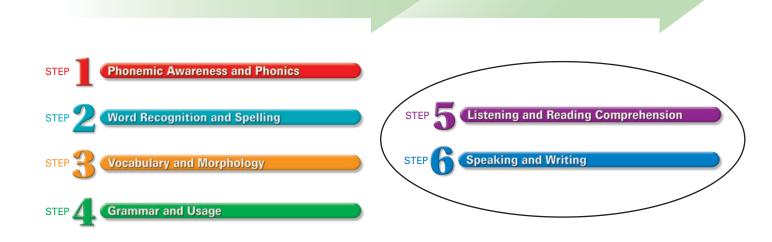
How does LANGUAGE! work?

Skills

Cumulative and sequential multisensory activities engage students while establishing skills in phonemic awareness and phonics, word recognition and spelling, vocabulary and morphology, grammar and usage, listening and reading comprehension, and speaking and writing. The *LANGUAGE!* instructional model weaves all of these necessary strands of literacy into the instructional steps of a daily lesson. Through six sequential, integrated steps, each lesson scaffolds content and instruction.



transfer to



Application

Multiple Entry Points to Meet Specific Student Needs



Instructional content increases in rigor as students progress through the LANGUAGE! curriculum.

Book A

- For students demonstrating a deficiency in basic decoding
- Preprimer to 2.5 readability range
- Lexile 200–950

Book C

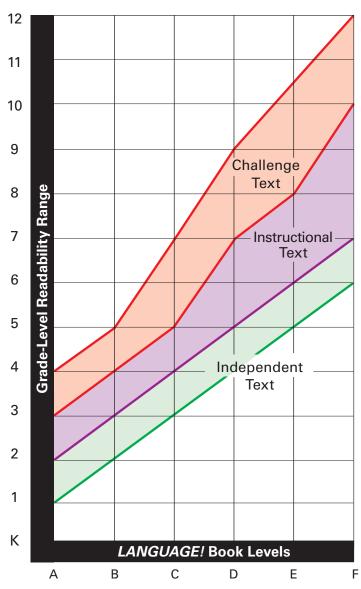
- For students showing proficiency with beginning sound/symbol correspondences but deficiencies at higher levels of word analysis
- < 3.5 readability range
- Lexile 500–1,075

Book E

- For students in grades 7–12 who are showing proficiency with sound/symbol correspondences and higher levels of word analysis
- < 5–6 readability range
- Lexile 750–1,200

LANGUAGE! accelerates reading achievement.

- LANGUAGE! helps students learn the skills and concepts necessary to progress from reading significantly below grade level to reading at a 12th grade level.
- Students can make two years' worth of reading growth in one school year.
- Students build a solid foundation of concepts and skills upon which literacy development thrives.



Upon successful completion of this curriculum, students are able to read text at the high school instructional level.



For more than 30 years, we have been helping struggling learners achieve by supporting educators and administrators in effective implementation.

Ongoing professional development promotes student achievement by providing teachers with the support and instruction they need to implement *LANGUAGE!* successfully in the classroom. Regular follow-up, feedback, and help with problem solving ensure that teachers sustain the program's effectiveness and can fully focus their attention on students.

Voyager Sopris Learning's professional training, delivered by certified professionals, extends far beyond initial implementation training. Our Support Services offerings include:

- Ongoing coaching and support
- Regional follow-ups
- Classroom site visits to demonstrate model teaching
- Guidelines and consultation to realize long-term success
- Consultation to assist districts with online data management and using data to drive instruction
- Online courses for college credit and/or continuing education units for professional development

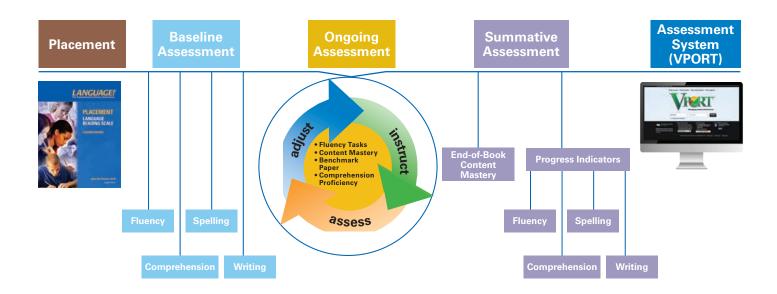
We can help all your teachers become more effective and efficient, and help your district build local capacity for continued growth. Professional development offerings, in-person and online, include:

- Initial Training
- Refresher Training
- Training of Trainers (TOT)
- Advanced Training
- Transition Training
- Ongoing Support Days
- Online Courses and Webinars

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How The *LANGUAGE!* Assessment System Works



Placement

Data from the LANGUAGE! Reading Scale Placement Test indicate which of the three LANGUAGE! entry points is appropriate for each student.

Baseline Assessment

Administered only once after a student's placement in Book A, C, or E and prior to entering the *LANGUAGE!* curriculum, scores on baseline tests constitute the starting point for measuring a student's progress through the curriculum.

Ongoing Assessment

Regular testing of student mastery of the content, concepts, and skills taught in the curriculum ensures that teachers have current information about each student in order to adjust pacing or provide instructional support activities for individual students.

Summative Assessment

Given at the end of each book, the Summative Assessments assess the critical skills of literacy through both norm-referenced and curriculum-based measures.

Assessment System (VPORT)

This easy-to-use database allows teachers and administrators to record, track, and report student test results. Teachers and administrators can monitor student growth through reports that can be generated at the individual, class, building, and district levels.

VPORT Data-Management System

This system is designed to provide data to drive instructional decision making and differentiate instruction according to student needs.



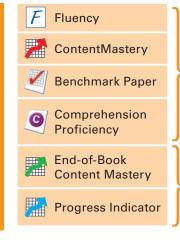
Levels of Engagement

- Multisensory techniques: LANGUAGE!
 uses multisensory techniques to increase
 student involvement. Interactive instruction
 allows teachers to monitor the level of
 student learning.
- Scaffolded instruction: The lessons in LANGUAGE! follow the gradual-release model of instruction. Lessons are designed to transfer responsibility from the teacher to the students. As students' skills increase, they work more independently. A system of icons cues teachers for the level of scaffolding.

Model (5)	Teacher demonstrates or explains while students watch and listen.
Guide (5)	Students work along with the teacher.
Pair/Share	Students work with other students in pairs or small groups while the teacher monitors for understanding.
On Their Own	Students apply the skill or strategy independently.



Performance Monitoring



- Ongoing assessment tools allow teachers to monitor content and skill acquisition within a unit every two to three weeks.
- Summative assessment tools monitor student performance at the end of each book, or approximately every 12 to 18 weeks.



VPORT streamlines the recording and interpreting of test results.



Differentiation of Instruction

- Performance data drive differentiation.
- **Prescriptive teaching boxes** guide teachers to reinforce or reteach based on student performance.

lf	Then
Students score below 80%	Reinforce: • More About Adverbs in Lesson 4, Step 4. • Choose It and Use It in Lesson 7, Step 4. • Tense Timeline in Lesson 9, Step 4.
Students score at or below 60%	Reteach: • Verbs—Use Code It: Verbs in Lesson 1, Step 4. • Review—Predicate Expansion in Lesson 3, Step 4. • Masterpiece Sentences—Stage 3 in Lesson 5, Step 4.

 Content Mastery retests allow teachers to check that mastery is achieved after reinforcing or reteaching content and skills.

• Planning and Pacing Guides use icons—

☆, ※, and ✓—to identify activities that accommodate specific learner needs.

• **Technology tools** help teachers develop materials to meet specific student instructional needs.

• Interactive technology allows students to practice skills and content.

• **Homework Options** provide practice beyond the *LANGUAGE!* classroom.



Flexible Implementation Models

Significant literacy delays require intensive instruction to accelerate learning. LANGUAGE! adjusts to fit different schedules. In each schedule below, time is distributed strategically according to the number of minutes in the schedule. In the same number of days, the number of lessons completed will vary depending on the number of minutes of instruction per day.

Minutes per Day 90 Step 1 10 Step 2 10 Step 3 15 Step 4 15 Step 5 20 Step 6 20

90 Minutes

In a 90-minute lesson, time is distributed strategically across The Six Steps From Sound To Text.

	Days																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Less	sons	1–5			D			Le	ssor	ıs 6-	-10		D		Less	sons	1–5	
	1.5 Units Complete																		





stands for "Differentiation"



Minutes per Day

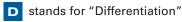
45 Minutes

When less time is available, instruction can be distributed across several days.





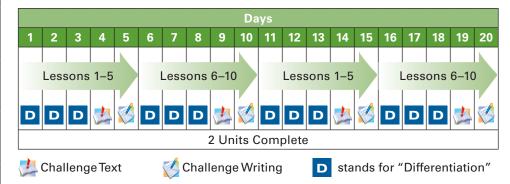




	Williates per bay					
	180					
	Days 1–3	Day 4	Day 5			
Step 1	15	15	15			
Step 2	15	15	15			
Step 3	20	20	20			
Step 4	20	20	20			
Step 5	30	30	30			
Step 6	30	30	30			
Independent Reading	20	20	20			
Differentiation	30					
Challenge Text		30				
Writing Using the Challenge Text			30			

180 Minutes

When more time is available, additional options are possible. The potential to accelerate learning increases.



LANGUAGE! transitions students from preprimer to 12th grade reading at the end of Book F.

Research has consistently shown that struggling adolescent literacy learners need interventions focusing on both the word level and comprehension skills. *LANGUAGE!* addresses these two areas through a cumulative, integrated six-step lesson structure that provides decoding/encoding, fluency, and comprehension instruction according to assessed student needs.



Book A, Student Text

Well-known authors include:

- Isaac Asimov
- Edgar Allan Poe
- Robert Frost
- Emily Dickinson
- Maya Angelou
- Sandra Cisneros
- Langston Hughes

Begins with basic decoding and fluency skills





Book B, Student Text





Book C, Student Text

With LANGUAGE! students build decoding and comprehension skills and increase fluency to not only access but also fully understand sophisticated, challenging text.

Text selections encompass:

- Poetry and Drama
- Expository/Informational Text
- Mystery and Adventure
- Science Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- Classic Literature
- Fiction/Nonfiction

Culminates with sophisticated grade-level text



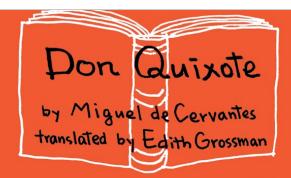


Book D, Student Text





Book E, Student Text



In 1605, Miguel de Cervantes published his novel, El ingenioso hidalgo don Quijote. The story of the elderly, idealistic knight, Don Quixote, riding around Spain on his old horse, Rocinante, with his pot-bellied squire, Sancho

- 5 Panza, riding behind him on a donkey, was immediately popular. Today, it is often called the first modern novel and one of the greatest books written in the Spanish language. The novel consists of two parts: the first published in
- 1605 and the sequel published in 1615. Červantes tells a
 10 comic story of a man so taken with chivalric romances that
 he starts to believe they are true. Don Quixote is, on one
 hand, to be laughed at for his silly pretensions of trying to be
 a knight. On the other hand, he is to be admired for trying
 to live a noble and heroic life. Sancho Panza knows that his
 15 master is a little crazy, but stays with Don Quixote to get the
 island and other riches Don Quixote promises him.

As the story progresses, Don Quixote and Sancho
Panza both evolve as characters to understand each other's
point of view. At the end of the second book, Quixote on his
deathbed admits he was mad. Sancho begs Don Quixote
to remember that the "one vanquished today [can] be the
victor tomorrow." Four hundred years later, readers are
still enchanted by the story of this brave, eccentric knight
and his loyal servant.

vanquished beaten; defeated

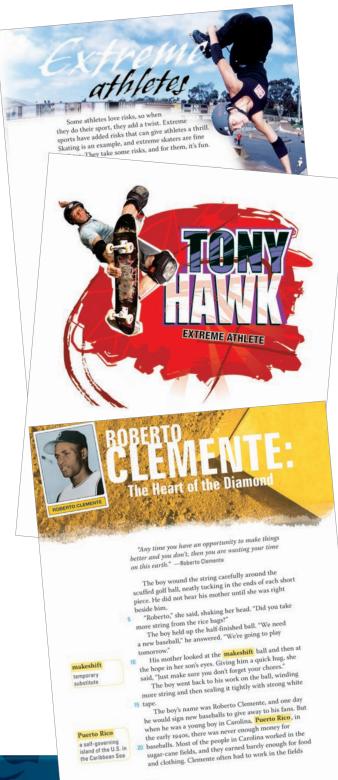
Don Quixote-Excerpt 1 235



Book F, Student Text



Three Lexiled Levels of Text in Every Unit— Cross Content and Target Word Connection



Independent Reading—Decodable Text:

- Phonics skills application
- Builds fluency and practices decoding
- Preteaches vocabulary and content

Shared/Guided Reading—Instructional Text:

- Vocabulary and comprehension
- Text structures
- Reading skills that transfer to content areas
- Basis for writing in Step 6

Read Aloud—Challenge Text:

- Expands knowledge, vocabulary, and comprehension
- Exposure to literary genres
- Higher-order thinking skills

The readability level for each text selection, based on the Lexile readability scale, increases incrementally within and across book levels.

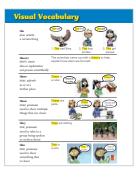
LANGUAGE! Readability Levels for Text Selections

	Lexile® Text Measure Ranges and Corresponding Grade Ranges									
Book	Decodable	Instructional	Challenge							
Α	200–400 (1–2)	300–700 (2–3)	650–950 (4–5)							
В	300–700 (2–3)	500-850 (3-4)	750–1050 (5–6)							
С	500-850 (3-4)	650-950 (4-5)	850–1075 (6–7)							
	Independent	Instructional	Challenge							
D	650–950 (4–5)	750–1075 (5–7)	950–1150 (7–9)							
Е	750–1050 (5–6)	850–1100 (6–8)	1000–1200 (8–10)							
F	850–1075 (6–7)	950–1200 (7–10)	1100–1300 (10–12)							

The Student Text provides two built-in reference tools.

Visual Vocabulary—A Vocabulary Reference Tool

- Uses visual images to facilitate English learners' transfer of vocabulary knowledge from their first language
- Supplies student-friendly definitions and context sentences with each vocabulary word, making word meanings accessible to all learners
- Provides visual images for highlighted Instructional Text, Challenge Text, and Essential Words in Books A and B







Student Handbook—A Content Reference Tool

- Uses examples and illustrations to make abstract concepts concrete
- Provides a reference tool for the step-bystep cumulative content in the curriculum
- Used as a content reference during instruction

Reading and writing are reciprocal in LANGUAGE!

Excellent instruction in writing not only emphasizes correctness of forms and conventions, but also instills in writers the command of a wide variety of forms, genres, styles, and tones, and the ability to adapt to different contexts and purposes.

life still hard

—Writing Next: Effective Strategies to Improve Writing of Adolescents in Middle and High Schools (2007)

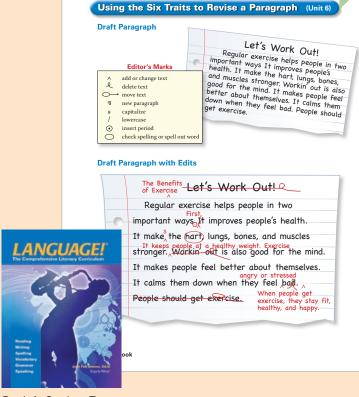
Three ingredients in the jazz recipe are dance music, church music, and the blues. Dance music was one ingredient. It was a combination of African and European music. It was played by slaves at plantation dances. (Another ingredient) was church music. It was a new way of writing and playing old songs. African Americans created it in their churches. A third ingredient was theblues. Slaves were free by the time the blues were first played. But life was still hard. That made people feel sad.

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Book A, Student Text

LANGUAGE! aligns with the criteria for effective adolescent writing instruction, as recommended by Writing Next and the Common Core State Standards. In particular, the curriculum addresses writing for content learning and writing strategies, which involve teaching students to plan, revise, and edit their compositions.

- LANGUAGE! students organize thoughts, write increasingly sophisticated text, and communicate effectively through the writing process. They progress from writing expository paragraphs to literary analyses and reports.
- LANGUAGE! students alternate between writing compositions based on the text that they have read and writing from prompts that elicit their imagination and their personal experiences.

Writing exercises encompass:

- Expository Paragraphs
- Personal Narratives
- Expository Opinion Essays
- Literary Analysis Essays
- Persuasive Essays

Revised Paragraph

The Benefits of Exercise

Regular exercise helps people in two important ways. First, it improves people's health. It makes the heart, lungs, bones, and muscles stronger. It keeps people at a healthy weight. Exercise is also good for the mind. It makes people feel better about themselves. It calms them down when they feel angry or stressed. When people get exercise, they stay fit, healthy, and happy.

Ideas and Content: added another explanation

Organization: added a transition

Voice: used a more formal tone of voice for a school paper

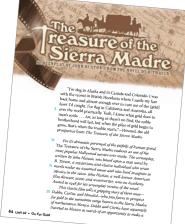
Word Choice: used more specific words

Sentence Fluency: wrote a longer sentence

Conventions: corrected spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors

Handbook H67





"The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" Literary Analysis

I like a good action story that makes me think. "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" by B. Traven is that kind of story. Traven tells the story of three men who dig for gold in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico. Dobbs and Curtin don't know how to prospect for gold. They depend on Howard, a long time gold prospector, to lead them into the mountains and teach them the process of panning and sifting for gold. The men find gold, but then the trouble begins. The author uses the character of Dobbs to show how the greed for gold can change a good man into a bad one. Three scenes—the discussion of dividing the gold, the night in the tent, and the gila monster incident—show how the hunt for gold turns Dobbs from a normal person to a possible murderer.

At the beginning of the story, Dobbs seems to be a normal person. He puts up money for the trip, and he is grateful to Howard for showing him and Curtin how to prospect for gold. "My hat's off to you," he tells Howard. "I'd hate to think what would have happened to Curtin and me if we'd

As the gold starts rolling in, however, Dobbs's ws. He wants to go for seventy-five thousand much more than either of his partners wants. for gold increases, so does Dobbs's distrust in



Book F, Student Text



The Steps from Sound to Text in LANGUAGE!

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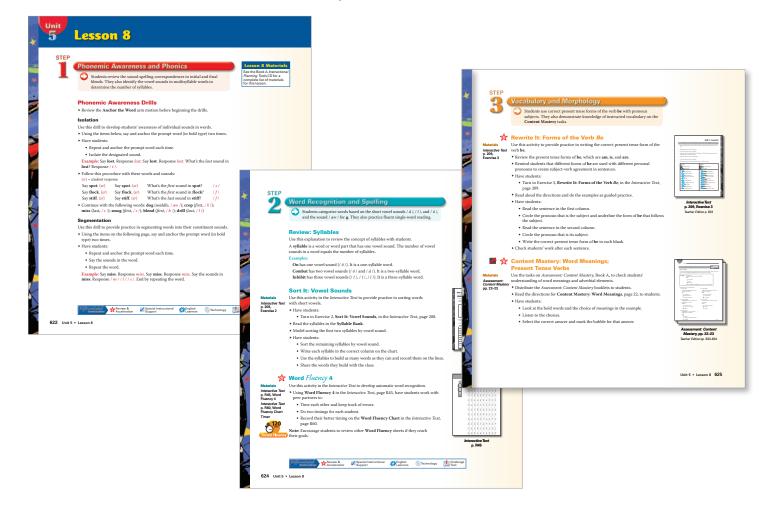
Phonemic Awareness and Phonics STEP 2

Word Recognition and Spelling

STEP

Vocabulary and Morphology

Helps students learn the building blocks of the English language Teaches students how to use the sound-spelling correspondences to fluently read and spell words Develops the meanings of words students can read and spell



Grammar and Usage

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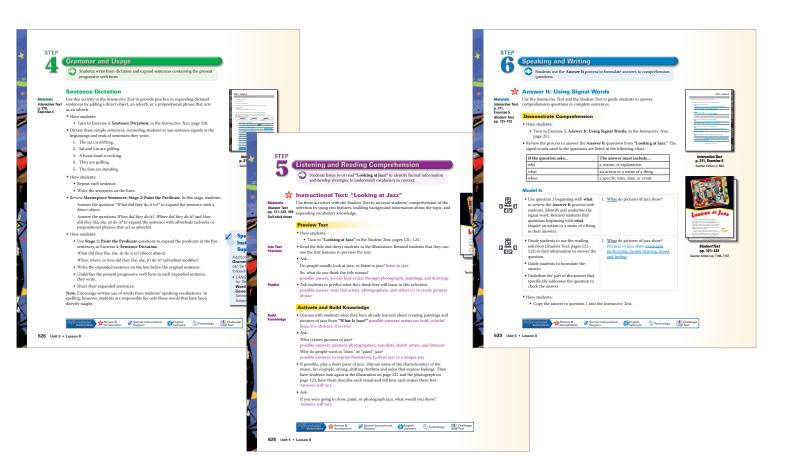
Listening and Reading Comprehension

STEP 6

Speaking and Writing

Increases understanding of sentence parts and patterns

Teaches comprehension using three different levels of text, each with an increasing level of difficulty Develops communication skills through speaking and writing



THE CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

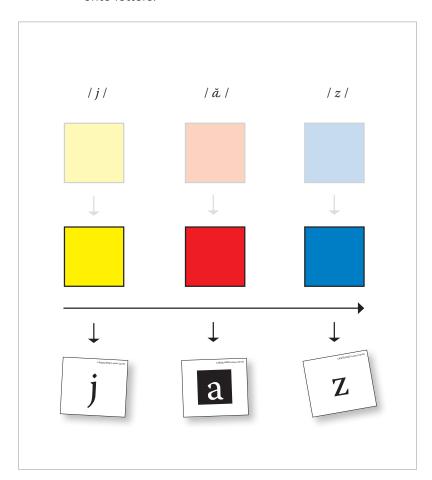
Helps students learn the building blocks of the English language, progressing from basic to more complex across the curriculum:

- Phoneme awareness
- Syllable awareness
- Morpheme awareness
- Sound-spelling correspondence
- Syllable types
- Inflectional endings
- Prefixes and suffixes

STEP

Phonemic Awareness and Phonics

In Step 1, students recognize that words are composed of phonemes, or sounds, and that those sounds map onto letters.





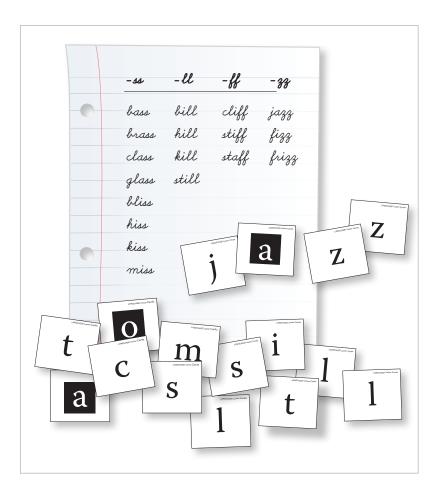
Book A, Teacher Edition

In Unit 5, Lesson 1, students use tile manipulatives to identify the number-sounds in a word. They then use letter cards to represent the sounds.

STEP

Word Recognition and Spelling

In Step 2, students use the sound-to-letter correspondences as the basis to build words to read and spell.





Book A, Teacher Edition

In Unit 5, Lesson 1, students use letter cards to build words, and learn the conditions for doubling final consonants such as zz in jazz.

Teaches students how to fluently read and spell words:

- Sound-spelling correspondences
- Phonograms
- Top 2,000 high-frequency words that account for 85% of the English words in print
- Fluency—word recognition
- Fluency—high-frequency words
- Contractions
- Spelling rules

THE CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

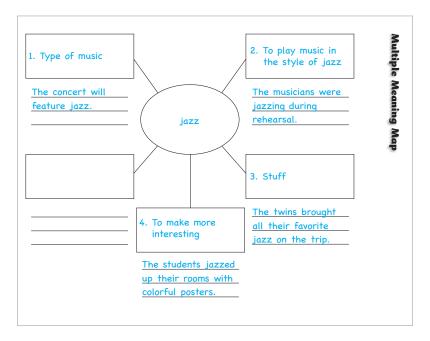
Develops the meanings of words students can read and spell across all steps in the curriculum:

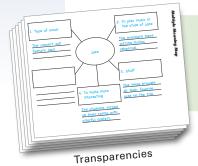
- Word meanings and multiple meanings
- Latin and Greek roots, prefixes, and suffixes that open the window to the meanings of more than 60% of English words
- Word relationships, antonyms, synonyms, and homophones
- Structure for word knowledge; attributes and origins
- Word forms
- Use of words in sentences
- Idioms and common expressions
- Defining words in context
- Bloom's Taxonomy words to facilitate interpreting and answering questions
- Vocabulary in writing
- Transition words
- Use of resources such as a dictionary and thesaurus

STEP

Vocabulary and Morphology

In Step 3, students link meaning to words they can read and spell.



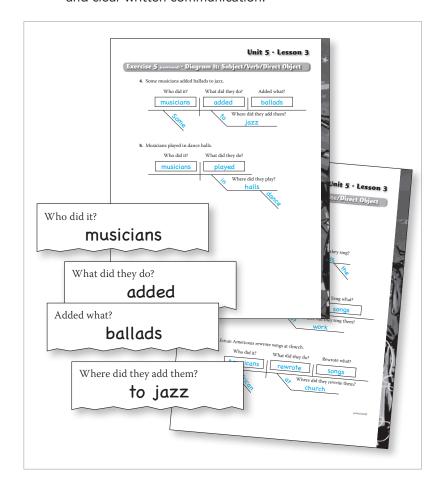


In Unit 5, Lesson 1, students use a graphic organizer to map the multiple meanings of decodable words.

STEP

Grammar and Usage

In Step 4, students learn that word function and arrangement in a sentence create meaning, contributing to comprehension and clear written communication.



Increases understanding of sentence parts and patterns to aid in comprehension and writing:

- Grammatical forms—nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, adjectives, conjunctions, participles
- Grammatical functions subject, predicate, direct object, object of a preposition, verb tense, subject/verb agreement
- Sentence patterns—simple, compound, complex
- Sentence combining
- Sentence parts
- Dependent clauses
- Writing conventions
- Edit/revise written work



Book A, Interactive Text

In Unit 5, Lessons 1 and 3, students explore sentence structure by building and diagramming sentences.

Teaches comprehension using three different levels of text, each with an increasing level of difficulty:

Content-Area Topics

 Science, Social Studies, The Humanities

Genres

- Expository Science fiction
- Fiction
 Historical fiction
- PoetryArticles
- DramaEssays
- Adventure Reviews
- MysteryPlays
- SportsScreenplays

Skills

- Types of text
- Preview text
- Build background
- Text structure
- Short-response questions
- Open-ended questions
- Multiple-choice questions
- Summarizing

SIEP

Listening and Reading Comprehension

In Step 5, students read multiple text selections from different genres to develop fluency, build background, learn vocabulary, and increase comprehension.





Book A, Student Text

In Unit 5, Lessons 1, 2, and 3, students apply knowledge of sound-spelling correspondences to read Decodable Text. Then they read the Instructional Text selection and answer comprehension questions based on that text.

STEP

Speaking and Writing

In Step 6, students use ideas and content from the text selections as the basis for writing.

Identify three "ingredients," or types of music, in the jazz recipe. Tell about them in a paragraph.

Topic: ingredients in jazz								
☆ dance music	—combination of African and European music							
	—played by slaves at plantation dances							
☆ church music	-new way of writing							

☆ the blues

Three ingredients in the jazz recipe are dance music, church music, and the blues. Dance music was one ingredient. It was a combination of African and European music. It was played by slaves at plantation dances. Another ingredient was church music. It was a new way of writing and playing old songs. African Americans created it in their churches. A third ingredient was the blues. Slaves were free by the time the blues were first played. But life was still hard. That made people feel sad. Dance music, church music, and the blues all helped create jazz.



Book A, Interactive Text

In Unit 5, Lessons 4 and 5, students write a paragraph after selecting and organizing information based on the Instructional Text selection in response to a prompt.

Develops communication skills through speaking and writing:

Explicit instruction in-

- Structure of writing
- Simple summaries
- Expanded summaries
- Sentence structure
- Paragraph structure
- Topic sentences
- Concluding sentences
- Paragraph writing
- Report structure
- Introductory paragraphs
- Concluding paragraphs
- Report writing
- Responding to a prompt
- Answering questions
- Personal narratives
- Compare and contrast
- Narrative writing
- Persuasive writing
- The writing process

Assessment based on—

 Six Traits of Effective Writing

Continues to build higherorder comprehension skills:

Develops listening strategies

- Ask questions for clarification and understanding
- Compare what is heard to prior knowledge and experiences
- Identify fact and opinion in visual media
- Create a map or informal outline while listening
- Determine the purpose for listening (e.g., enjoyment, information, persuasion)

Expands vocabulary development

- Gain exposure to written and oral language beyond student's skill level
- Interpret and respond to higher-order thinking skills questions through oral discussion
- Develop listening and speaking comprehension
- Build background with more complex text selections
- Develop literary terminology

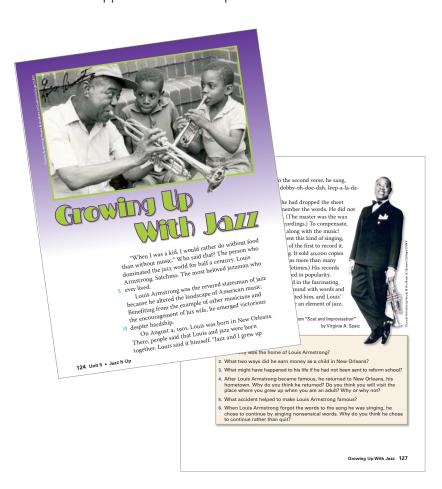
Enriches background knowledge

- High-quality text selections
- Motivational content
- Multicultural perspectives
- Age-appropriate reading selections



Challenge Text for Extended Learning

Challenge Text selections expand vocabulary and critical thinking skills and further the development and application of the Step 5 content and skills.





Book A, Student Text

In Unit 5, Lesson 5, students listen to the more complex Challenge Text selections and answer critical-thinking questions through group discussions.



Writing Using the Challenge Text

Writing Using the Challenge Text provides additional opportunities for applying skills and strategies learned in Step 6 through writing and oral presentations based on the Challenge Text selections.

Pre-write

After listening to an excerpt of a jazz recording, identify three things you like or dislike about the piece of music. Write a paragraph things you like or dislike the music.

Book A Writer's Charlier

Trait	Did I?	Unit
ldeas and Content	□ Focus all sentences on the topic □ Provide supporting details for my topic sentence □ Include examples, evidence, and/or explanations to develop the supporting detail sentences	1 1 5
Organization	Write a topic sentence I ell things in an order that makes sense Use transition words and/or phrases Write a concluding sentence	1 1 4 5
Voice and Audience Awareness	☐ Think about my audience and purpose for writing ☐ Write in a clear and engaging way that makes my audience want to read my work; can my reader "hear" me speaking	6
Word Choice	☐ Try to find my own way to say things☐ Use words that are lively and specific to the content	2 2
Sentence Fluency	☐ Write complete sentences ☐ Expand some of my sentences by painting the subject and/or predicate	1 3, 6
Conventions	Capitalize words correctly: Capitalize the first word of each sentence Capitalize proper nouns, including people's names	1 3
	Punctuate correctly: ☐ Put a period or question mark at the end of each sentence ☐ Put an apostrophe before the <u>s</u> for a singular possessive noun ☐ Use a comma after a long adverb phrase at the beginning of a sentence	1 2 5
	Use grammar correctly: Use the correct verb tense Make sure the verb agrees with the subject in number	4 4
	Spell correctly: ☐ Spell all Essential Words correctly Apply spelling rules ☐ The doubling rule (1-1-1)	1 6



Book A, Interactive Text

In Unit 5, Lesson 5, students write a paragraph in response to a prompt and apply the writing process—pre-write, write, and revise—using the *LANGUAGE!* Writer's Checklist.

Develops communication skills through speaking and writing:

Explicit instruction in-

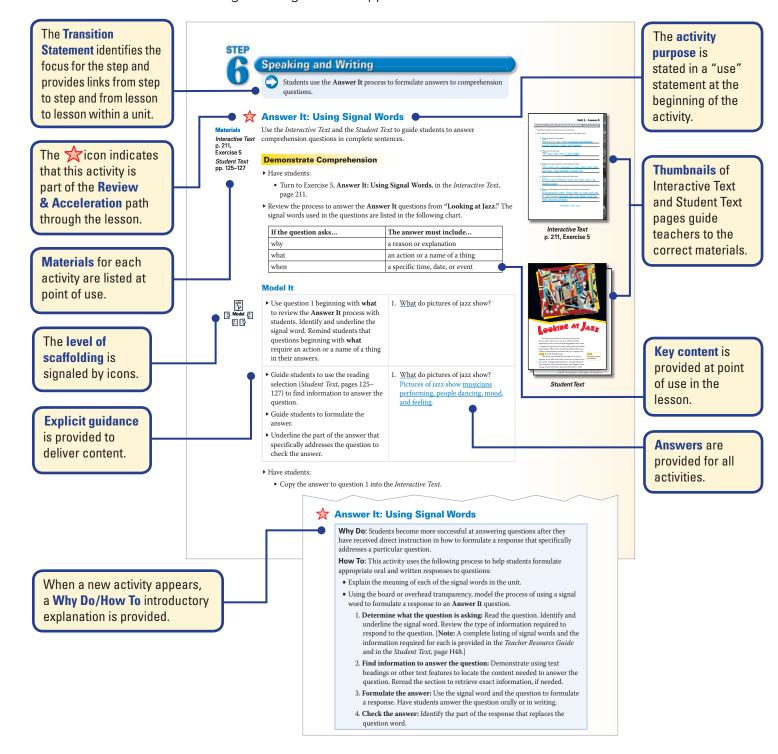
- Oral language priming
- Structure of writing
- Simple summaries
- Expanded summaries
- Sentence structure
- Paragraph structure
- Topic sentences
- Concluding sentences
- Paragraph writing
- Report structure
- Introductory paragraphs
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- Persuasive writing
- The writing process

Assessment based on—

 Six Traits of Effective Writing

How is daily instruction supported?

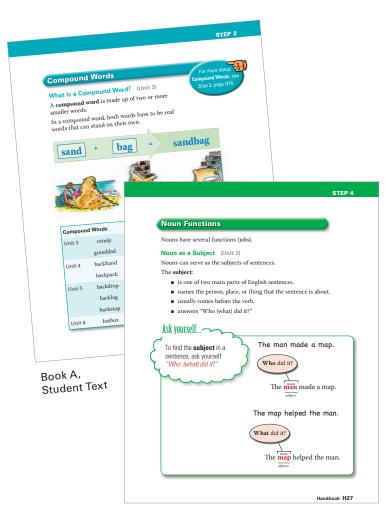
The lesson pages in the LANGUAGE! Teacher Editions bring the objectives, content, activities, and instructional directions together to guide and support teachers.



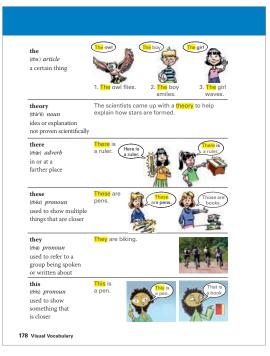
The Student Text provides two built-in reference tools.

Visual Vocabulary — A Vocabulary Reference Tool

- Uses visual images to facilitate English learners' transfer of vocabulary knowledge from their first language
- Supplies student-friendly definitions and context sentences with each vocabulary word, making word meanings accessible to all learners
- Provides visual images for highlighted Instructional Text, Challenge Text, and Essential Words in Books A and B



Book A, Student Text



Book A, Student Text

Student Handbook — A Content Reference Tool

- Uses examples and illustrations to make abstract concepts concrete
- Provides a reference tool for the step-by-step cumulative content in the curriculum
- Used as a content reference during instruction



Focus on Academic Language

The LANGUAGE! Contrastive Analysis Charts assist teachers in understanding the difficulties students may encounter when learning English. These charts highlight major differences in phonology, orthography, morphology, and syntax between a student's first language and Academic English.

Contrastive Analyses: Students' First Languages With English

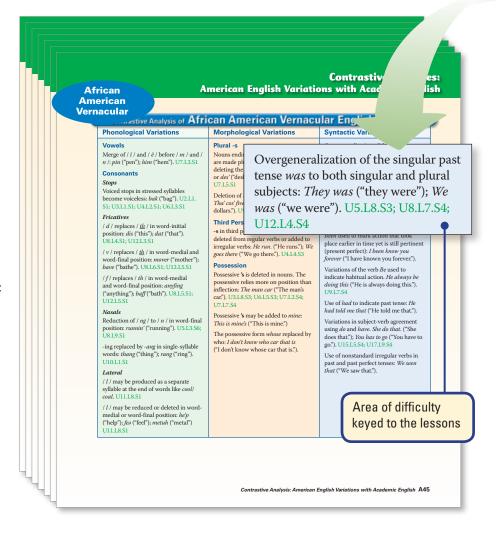
Each chart identifies predictable areas of difficulty for native speakers of a particular language who are learning English:

- Chinese
- Haitian Creole
- Hmong
- Khmer
- Korean
- Pilipino (Tagalog)
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

Contrastive Analyses: American English Variations

These charts examine contrasts between Academic English and:

- African American Vernacular English (AAVE)
- Appalachian English
- Hispanic American English
- Native American English
- Southern American English



Focus on Academic Language lessons are identified on the Planning and Pacing Guide at the beginning of each unit.

Focus on Academic Language lessons provide instruction and practice in areas of potential difficulties identified in the Contrastive Analyses.

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5	
	Step 4: Using a and an with Nouns	-ing in Rapid Connected		Step 1: Phonemic Production of / r / and / / /	Step 4: Using there is and there are in Sentences	
Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8		Lesson 8	Lesson 10	
Step 1: Pronouncing Words Ending in a Consonant Sound	Step 1: Phonemic Production of / z/		: Practice Step 3: Practice Using			

🎉 Focus on Academic Language

Practice Using the Verb Be with Progressive Verbs

Refer to the Contrastive Analysis Charts for:

African American Vernacular English, p. A45; Haitian Creole, p. A30; Portuguese, p. A37.

progressive tense, the verb be may be defeted from the verb phrase. These speakers need explicit instruction and practice using the verb **be** in the present progressive tense.

Why Do: Provides focused practice producing the verb **be** in the present progressive tense.

How To:

▶ Pull the following picture cards from the *Teacher* Resource Kit:

driving singing eating sitting emptying sleeping looking standing talking running

► Create this chart using cards in the pocket chart:

Singular	Plural
I am	We are
You are	You are
He is	They are
She is	
It is	

▶ Explain that sometimes the way we say sente informal conversation is different than the wa the same sentences in Academic English, the E spoken in school.

▶ Explain that in Academic English, it is important to say the appropriate **be** verb before the main verb in the sentence.

ad the phrases displayed in the pocket chart and mind students that **am**, **is**, and **are** are all present nse forms of the same verb, the verb be.

llow the procedure below to give students practice using **be** verbs in sentences.

- ▶ Select one of the picture cards depicting and action, for example: driving.
- ▶ Place the picture card in the pocket chart next to the first phrase, I am.
- ▶ Say the sentence created by the wor I am driving. Have students:
 - · Listen and repeat.

Example: I am driving. Response I

- ▶ Move the picture card down to the r repeat the process.
- ▶ Continue with all forms of **be**.
- ▶ Call on a student to:

sleeping

- · Select an action from the picture car
- Place the card next to a phrase.
- · Say the sentence created by the phras picture card.

all on another student to continue th



reading



emptying

standing



looking



Picture cards

provide visual

word meaning.

support for

running

The Comprehensive Literacy Curriculum

Entry Point Book A

Entry Point Book C

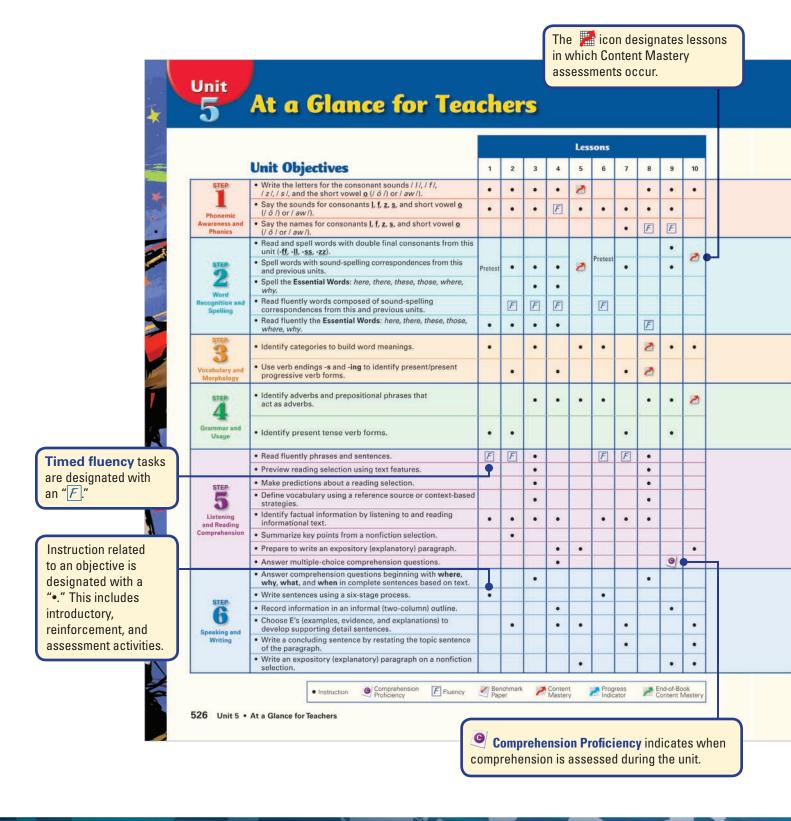
	Step	Book A (Units 1-6)	Book B (Units 7–12)	Book C (Units 13–18)
Phonemic Awareness and Phonics	STEP 1	Phoneme and syllable awareness Sound-spelling conventions for common phoneme/grapheme relationships: Short vowels / ă /, / ĭ /, / ŏ / Stable consonants Closed syllables Fluency: Letter-sound; letter-name	Phoneme and syllable awareness Sound-spelling conventions for common phoneme/grapheme relationships: Short vowels / ĕ /, / ŭ / Long vowels—final silent e pattern Consonant digraphs, blends, clusters Syllable types: closed; final silent e	Phonemes for y, (/ ĕ /, / ĭ /, / i /, based on position in word Syllable awareness in multisyllable words Schwa (con' vict vs. con vict') Syllable types: closed; r_controlled; open; final silent g
Word Recognition and Spelling	STEP	Read/spell: new sound-spelling correspondences Read/spell: 36 new high frequency words Fluency: word recognition Spelling: Doubling Rule Syllabication patterns	Read/spell: words based on new sound-spelling correspondences Read/spell 36 new high frequency words Fluency: word recognition Contractions with not, would, and will Spelling: Drop "e" Rule Syllabication patterns Common abbreviations	Read/spell: words based on new sound-spelling correspondences Read/spell 36 new high frequency words Fluency: word recognition Syllabication process for multisyllable words Contractions with be and have Spelling: Change "y" Rule
Vocabulary and Morphology	STEP	Antonyms, synonyms, and attributes Multiple meanings, multiple uses Definition development using categories and attributes Compound words Inflectional forms: noun endings: number (-s), singular possessions ('s); verb endings: present tense (-s), progressive form (-ing) Idiomatic expressions	Antonyms, synonyms, attributes, and homophones Definition development using categories and attributes Inflectional forms: noun endings: plural (-es); plural possession (s'); verb endings: present (-es); past (-ed) Idiomatic and common expressions	Antonyms, synonyms, attributes, homophones, and analogies Number: plural nouns Prefixes: most common for meaning expansion of base words Adjective endings: comparative (-er) and superlative (-est) Idiomatic and common expressions
Grammar and Usage	STEP 4	Grammatical forms: nouns, pronouns (subject nominative, object), verbs (action, tense, be, present progressive form), adverbs, adjectives, prepositions Grammatical functions: subject; predicate; direct object; object of preposition Noun/verb agreement Sentence pattern: simple Mechanics: capitals and end punctuation; apostrophe	Grammatical forms: pronouns (possessive), conjunctions, verbs (irregular) Verb tense: present; past; future; progressive forms Grammatical functions: complete subject; complete predicate; direct object; compound sentence parts: subject, verb, direct object Sentence patterns: simple, compound (and, but) Subject/verb agreement Mechanics: commas	Grammatical forms: verbs (helping, main), adjectives (comparative/superlative, present and past participles), adverbs (-Iy) Grammatical functions: complete subject; direct object, object of preposition, indirect object, appositive; complete predicate Sentence patterns: compound sentences (or); compound sentence parts: subject, adjectives, adverbs, prepositional phrases, predicates Text-based analysis and application of grammatical forms and functions Mechanics: commas with appositives, in dates, in addresses
Listening and Reading Comprehension	STEP 5	Fluency: sentences Vocabulary: context-based strategies Text features for content preview Fluency: sentences Activate and build knowledge Text structure: main ideas and supporting details in informational text Read (and listen to) varied genre selections Comprehension: interpretation and response questions to open-ended questions: who, what, when, where, why, how; multiple choice questions	Fluency: passages Vocabulary: context-based strategies Text features for content preview Activate and build knowledge Text structure: informational Read (and listen to) varied genre selections Higher-order thinking: retrieve and recall (remember); construct meaning (understand) Summarization of main ideas from text selection	Fluency: passages Vocabulary: context-based strategies Text features for content preview Activate and build knowledge Higher-order thinking: use information (apply); break down information (analyze) Read (and listen to) varied genre selections Literary terms and devices in text Text structure: informational Summarization of main ideas from text selection
Speaking and Writing	STEP 6	Oral and written responses to who, what, when, where, why, and how questions Fluency: sentence development Pre-write: set purpose, content selection; organization using graphic organizers Write: summary paragraph; expository paragraph including topic sentence, supporting details, elaborations Edit and revise skills for coherence and content Oral presentation	Written responses based on higher-order thinking skills: remember; understand Fluency: sentence development Pre-write: set purpose, content selection; graphic organizers for reports, personal narratives, compare/contrast report Write multi-paragraph expository report; personal narrative; compare/contrast report Edit and revise skills for coherence and content Oral presentation	Written responses based on higher-order thinking skills: apply; analyze Pre-write: set purpose, content selection; organization using informal outlines Write: multi-paragraph report; expository (opinion) essay; expository (explanatory) essay; business letter Edit and revise skills for coherence and content Oral presentation

The Scope and Sequence for LANGUAGE!

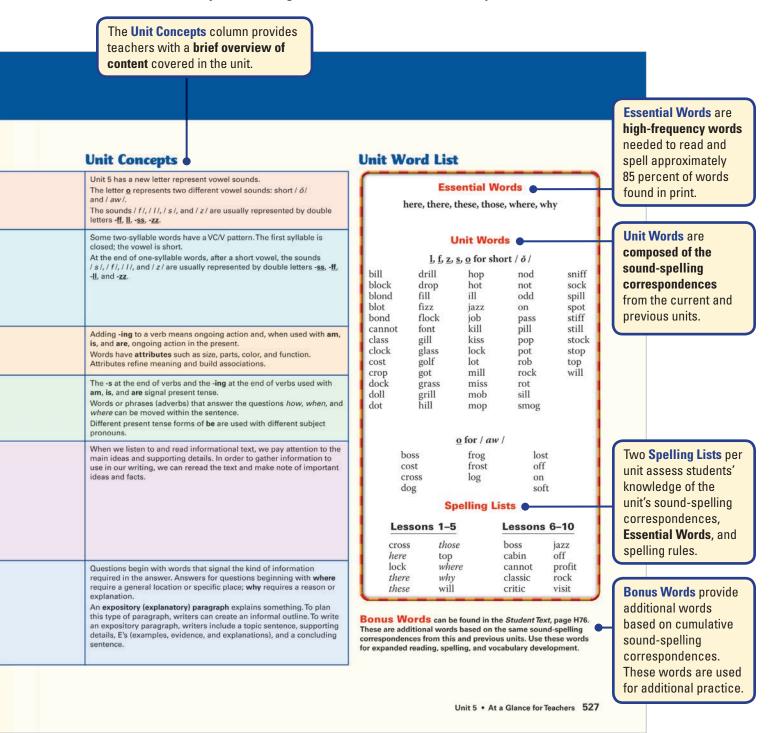
Entry Point Book E

Book D (Units 19–24)	Book E (Units 25–30)	Book F (Units 31–36)
vowel digraph (long and short); consonant + le; diphthong • Conditions for schwa • Syllabication process in multisyllable words	 Sentence patterns for and g Alternate spellings for consonant sounds: /j/= j, g, dge; / f/= ph, gh; / s/= sc; / k/= ch Common phonograms English loan words, Romance languages: i = /ĕ /, a = /ō /, e = /ā /; African; Asian; Native American 	Common phonograms r-controlled vowel sounds Spelling patterns for / air/, / zh/, / shr/, / sh/ Silent letters: mb, kn, wr, mn, gn, lm, rh, ps
Read/spell new high frequency words Fluency: word recognition Spelling: Advanced Doubling Rule	Suffixation: pronunciation; spelling; word function impact Read/spell: words based on new sound-spellings and phonograms Read/spell new high frequency words Fluency: word recognition Spelling: review and apply all rules	Read/spell: words based on new sound-spellings and phonograms Read/spell new high frequency words Fluency: word recognition Spelling: review and apply all rules Latin and Greek number prefixes
and analogies Vocabulary expansion through Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes Prefix assimilation Suffix impact on part of speech Use of dictionary and thesaurus Degrees of word meaning	Antonyms, synonyms, attributes, homophones, and analogies Vocabulary expansion through Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes Suffix impact on part of speech; spelling rules Multiple meanings: using context Use of dictionary and thesaurus Degrees of word meaning Idiomatic and common expressions	Antonyms, synonyms, attributes, homophones, and analogies Vocabulary expansion through Latin roots, prefixes, and suffixes; Greek combining forms Suffix impact on part of speech; spelling rules Multiple meanings: using context Use of dictionary and thesaurus Degrees of word meaning Idiomatic and common expressions
phrasal verbs; participles (present, past); indefinite pronouns Grammatical functions: subject/verb agreement; indirect object; compound indirect objects Sentence patterns: predicate nominative, predicate adjective Text-based analysis and application of grammatical forms and functions Mechanics: commas in series, in dates, in addresses; quotation marks; colons, semicolons	Grammatical forms: relative pronouns; subordinating conjunctions; irregular verbs; past participles; perfect tense Grammatical functions: subject/verb agreement Clauses: independent; adjectival clauses (relative pronouns) and adverbial clauses (subordinating conjunctions) Sentence pattern: complex Sentence types: declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory Usage: confusing word pairs Mechanics: colon	Grammatical forms: irregular verbs; participial phrases Grammatical functions: order of adjectives; pronoun antecedents Sentence patterns: simple; compound; complex; compound/complex Text coherence with transitional words and phrases Usage: confusing word pairs
Vocabulary: content-based strategies Interpet text features (charts, graphics) for information and comprehension Activate and build knowledge Read (and listen to) varied genre selections Higher-order thinking: judge information against criteria (evaluate); put information together in a new way (create) Literary terms and devices in context	Fluency passages Vocabulary: context-based strategies Interpet text features (charts, graphics) for information and comprehension Activate and build knowledge Read (and listen to) varied genre selections Higher-order thinking: application of all levels Literary terms and devices in context Text structure: informational, fiction, persuasive essay Elements of poetry	Fluency: passages Vocabulary: context-based strategies Interpet text features (charts, graphics) for information and comprehension Activate and build knowledge Read (and listen to) varied genre selections Higher-order thinking: application of all levels Literary terms and devices in context Text structure: narrative, report, play Elements of poetry Metacognition and comprehension: sampling, predicting; confirming in challenging text
skills: evaluate; create Pre-write: set purpose, content selection (note-taking) organization using graphic organizers for reasons; persuasion; personal narrative; and outlining Write: expository (explanatory) paragraph, essay: expository (descriptive) paragraph: literary analysis essay, narrative (short story) Edit and revise skills for coherence and content	Written responses based on higher-order thinking skills: all levels Pre-write: set purpose, content selection (note-taking) organization using graphic organizers (comparison-contrast, narrative) and outlining Write: personal narrative; descriptive essay; persuasive essay; autobiographical essay Edit and revise skills for coherence and content Multimedia presentation Poetry recitations, debates	Written responses based on higher-order thinking skills: all levels Pre-write: set purpose, content selection (note-taking), organization using graphic organizers (narrative) and outlining (report); organize information across sources Write: literary analysis essay; informational report; persuasive essay; personal essay Edit and revise skills for coherence and content Multimedia presentation

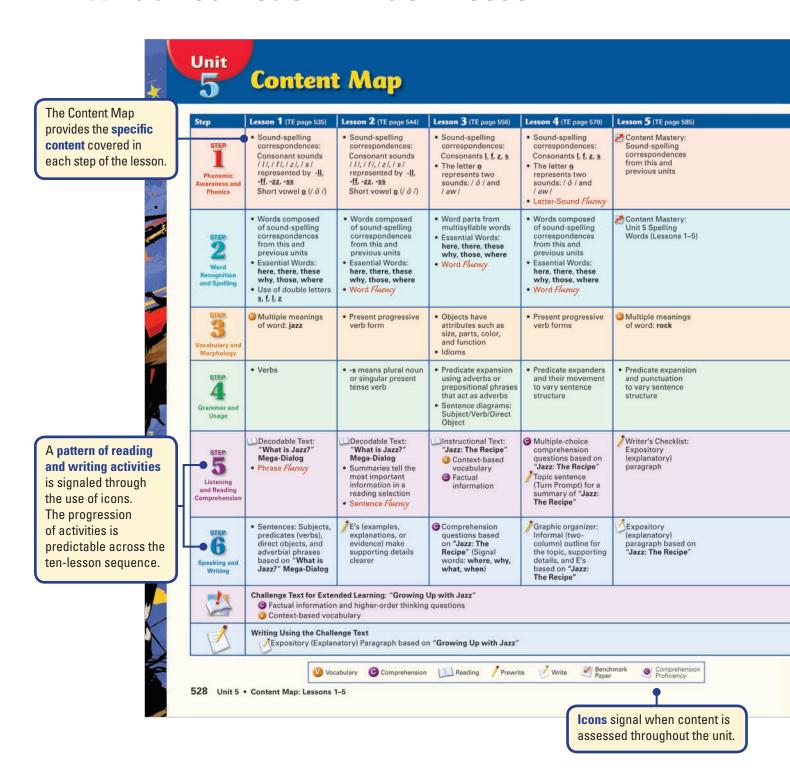
Unit Objectives



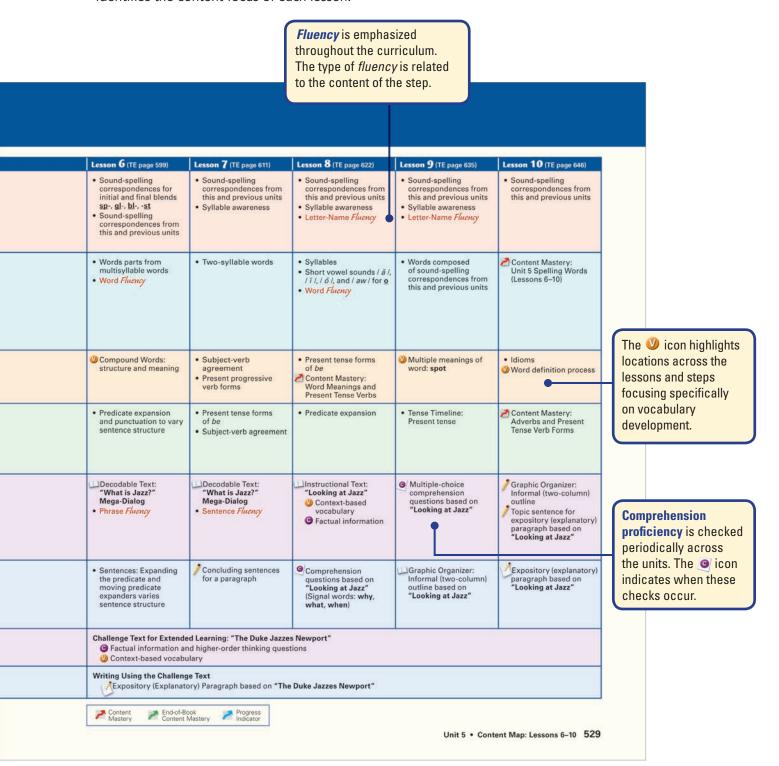
At a Glance for Teachers provides the unit objectives that identify the content and skills covered in the unit. The objectives are closely aligned with areas monitored by assessment and fluency tasks. The grid shows the lesson-by-lesson designation of instruction for each objective.



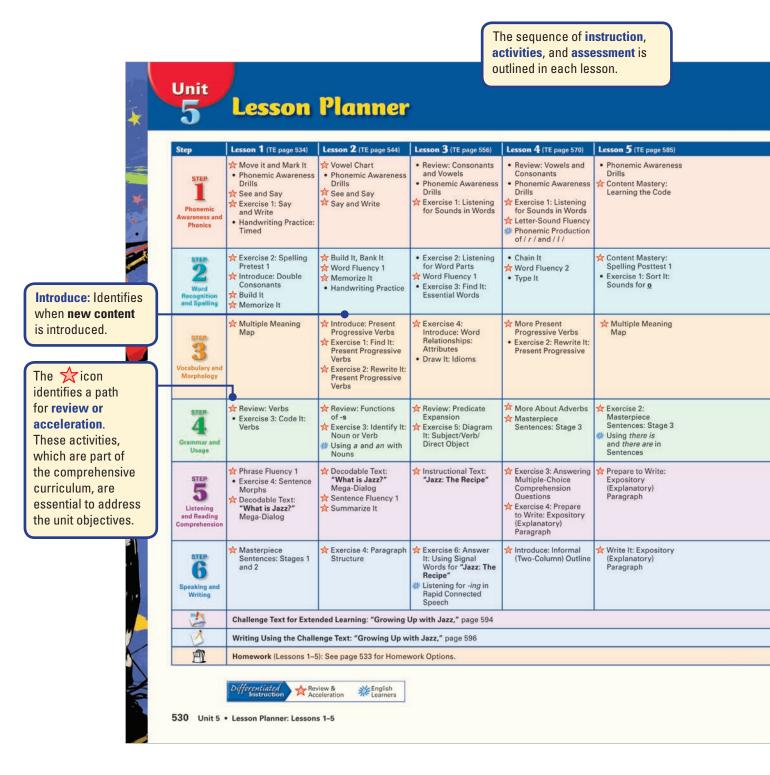
What You Teach in Each Lesson



The **Content Map** provides an overview of the specific content addressed throughout the unit. This map identifies the content focus of each lesson.



How You Teach It



The **Lesson Planner** maps out instruction, activities, and assessment necessary to develop the concepts and skills within and across steps.

The picon identifies where the Focus on Academic Language The **Instructional** activities occur. These activities target content often difficult for **Planning Tools** online English learners and provide additional instruction and practice. make it possible for teachers to tailor and print the Lesson Planner. They allow teachers to Lesson 6 (TE page 599) Lesson 8 (TE page 622) Lesson 10 (TE page 646) Lesson 7 (TE page 611) Lesson 9 (TE page 635) incorporate parts Exercise 1: Listening for Sounds in Words Phonemic Awareness Phonemic Awareness Phonemic Awareness Phonemic Awareness of the Planning and Drills Drills Drills Drills Move It and Mark It See and Name ☆ Letter-Name Fluency ☆ Letter-Name Fluency Pacing Guides into • Exercise 1: Syllable • Exercise 1: Syllable * Pronouncing Words Name and Write their Lesson Planner, Ending in a Consonant Syllable Awareness Awareness Awareness # Phonemic Production according to their of/z/ students' needs. Content Mastery: Spelling Posttest 2 * Exercise 1: Spelling · Build It · Review: Syllables · Chain It . Exercise 2: Sort It: Vowel Exercise 2: Listening for Word Parts Sounds Word Fluency 4 Word Fluency 3 · More About Compound . Exercise 1: Rewrite It: * Exercise 3: Rewrite It: . Draw It: Idioms · Multiple Meaning Map From Plural to Singular Forms of the Verb Be · Define It Exercise 3: Sort It: Meaning Categories · Exercise 2: Find It: Content Mastery: Word Meanings and Present Present Progressive Tense Verbs * Practice Using the Verb Be with Progressive Verbs Assessment Review: Moving the Predicate Painters Content Mastery: Adverbs and Present Introduce: The Verb Be Exercise 4: Sentence Tense Timeline **Materials:** Content Dictation • Exercise 2: Masterpiece Exercise 3: Identify It: Forms of the Verb Be Sentences: Stage 3 Tense Verb Forms Mastery tasks. 🛊 Exercise 4: Masterpiece Sentences: Stage 3 • Exercise 4: Choose It Summative Tests, and and Use It **Progress Indicators** ☆ Decodable Text: "What is Jazz?" Mega-Dialog ☆ Instructional Text: "Looking at Jazz" Exercise 3: Answering Multiple-Choice Prepare to Write: Expository (Explanatory) A Phrase Fluency 2 are distributed . Exercise 5: Sentence Sentence Fluency 2 and Open-Ended Paragraph throughout the units. Morphs Comprehension Decodable Text: "What is Jazz?" Mega-Dialog Questions * Exercise 5: Concluding Masterpiece Sentences: * Exercise 5: Answer It: Prepare to Write: Write It: Expository Using Signal Words from "Looking at Jazz" Expository (Explanatory) Paragraph Challenge Text for Extended Learning: "The Duke Jazzes Newport" page 654 Writing Using the Challenge Text: "The Duke Jazzes Newport" page 656 Homework (Lessons 6-10): See page 533 for Homework Options. Unit 5 • Lesson Planner: Lessons 6-10 531 Review: Indicates when to

review content.

How You Can Differentiate Instruction

Unit

Planning and Pacing Guides Differentiated Instruction

The **x**icon identifies activities for Review & Acceleration in the curriculum. Use of these preselected activities depends on student performance.

The Focus on

Review & Acceleration activities designated with a 🖈 in this Teacher Edition include new concepts, fluency and assessment tasks, and activities related to the Instructional Text in Steps 5 and 6. These activities form the core of this program's comprehensive curriculum. In the following two scenarios, use only the starred activities. Data from the assessment measures will help you determine whether students fit one of these scenarios.

- 1. To address weaknesses in student performance. Students whose performance falls below the cutoff test scores can repeat these activities to practice basic skills that need strengthening.
- 2. To accelerate instruction for students who are demonstrating strong growth. Students demonstrating strong performance can accelerate progress by focusing on the designated activities.



Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
	Step 4: Using a and an with Nouns	Step 6: Listening for -ing in Rapid Connected Speech	Step 1: Phonemic Production of / r / and / / /	Step 4: Using there is and there are in Sentences
Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10
Step 1: Pronouncing Words Ending in a Consonant Sound	Step 1: Phonemic Production of / z/	Step 3: Practice Using the Verb <i>Be</i> with Progressive Verbs		

Academic Language activities are based on the content of the unit. They provide instruction and practice in areas identified in the **Contrastive Analyses** that can be of difficulty when learning Academic English. This chart displays all of the Academic Language lessons in

the unit at a glance.



Special Instructional Support activities customize teaching materials and provide opportunities for individualized instruction.

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Step 1: Sortegories CD: Sound Count Step 2: Words for Teachers CD: Word Card Generator Words for Teachers CD: Word Study Guide	Step 1: Folder Activity: Phoneme Discrimination—Short / a / vs. / o / Step 2: Sortegories CD: Sortegories CD: Words for Teachers CD: Fluency Builder Grid	Step 2: Folder Activity: Alphabetize Essential Words Units 3–5 Sortegories CD: Build It Step 5: LANGUAGE! eReader CD: "Jazz: The Recipe"	Step 2: Folder Activity: Tic-Tac-Toe with Essential Words Step 3: Sortegories CD: Morph It	Step 2: Words for Teachers CD: Word Card Generator—Sort Present and Present Progressive Verb Forms Step 3: Sortegories CD: Categorize It
Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10
Step 2: Words for Teachers CD: Word Unscramble Step 3: Sortegories CD: Relate It Step 4: Sortegories CD: Phrase Building	Step 2: Words for Teachers CD: Word Search Step 4: Sortegories CD: Grammar Sort	Step 4: Words for Teachers CD: Word Card Generator—Build Sentences, Move Adverbial Information Step 5: LANGUAGE! eReader CD: "Looking	Step 3: Sortegories CD: Analogy Building Step 4: Folder Activity: Sentence Unscramble with Adverbs	

The activities for Special Instructional Support feature the use of technology to provide reinforcement. The technology allows students to practice content and skills in a variety of formats, with teacher support or independently.

- VocabJourney
- eReader
- Sortegories
- Words for Teachers





Three Planning and Pacing Guides provide ways to tailor the curriculum to address specific instructional needs.

> Printable homework pages make it possible for teachers to tailor additional reinforcement for students beyond the LANGUAGE! classroom.



Homework Options

At the end of each lesson, select from the following Homework Options and assign to students as homework. The student worksheets, including directions, can be found on the *Instructional Planning* Tools CD and can be printed out for students.

Step 3: Multiple Meaning Map Students think of multiple definitions for the words glass and rap and write sentences to show understanding of each meaning. Step 4: Write It: Noun or Verb Students write sentences using the noun and verb forms of words to show comprehension of the forms' usage. Lesson 3 Step 3: More Word Relationships: Attributes Students write sentences to reinforce Stages 1 and 2 of the Masterpiece Sentences process. Step 6: The E's: Examples, Explanations, and Evidence Students write examples for supporting details to practice providing the E's for a topic. Step 5: Instructional Text: "Jazz: The Recipe" Students write sentences to show recall of "Jazz: The Recipe."
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Progressive To practice writing sentences, students
Students identify whether words are the present or present progressive form. pick a jazz ingredient and write why it interests them.
Lesson 5 Encourage students to continue reading in their independent reading selections.
Lesson 6 Step 4: Masterpiece Sentences: Stage 3 Step 6: Masterpiece Sentences: Stages 1, 2, and 3
Students write sentences to reinforce Stage 3 of the Masterpiece Sentences process. Students write sentences to reinforce Stages 1, 2, and 3 of the Masterpiece Sentences process.
Lesson 7 Step 3: Rewrite It: From Present to Step 6: More Concluding Sentences
Present Progressive Students rewrite sentences in the present progressive form to show understanding of the difference between present tense and present progressive. To practice generating concluding sentences, students write concluding sentences based upon topic sentences.
Lesson 8 Step 3: Write It: Forms of the Verb Be Step 6: Making Connections:
Students complete sentence frames with present progressive verbs to practice Instructional Text: "Looking at Jazz" To build connections with "Looking
correct usage of forms of be .
represent a favorite song or type of music, and write a sentence about their picture.
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Homework Options are designed to provide practice and application of content and skills from the unit lessons.

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LANGUAGE! implementations throughout the country have been shown to close the reading achievement gap for at-risk students from diverse backgrounds, those in special education, and English language learners (ELLs). The positive results span elementary, middle, and high school grade levels, making LANGUAGE! the right curriculum for any school or district striving to increase literacy performance. On the following pages is a sample of two districts' successes.

District 1

At-Risk Students

In an implementation of LANGUAGE! with students in grades 6–8 across three middle schools, students demonstrated statistically and educationally significant grade equivalent increases in word reading fluency, as measured by the Test of Silent Word Reading Fluency (TOSWRF). After eight months of LANGUAGE! instruction, middle school students in grades 6, 7, and 8 showed grade equivalent gains of 1.3, 1.7, and 1.5, respectively, on the TOSWRF, indicating accelerated growth in word reading fluency.

KEY DETAILS

Total Participants: 775 **Grade Levels**: 6–8

Demographics:

- 93% Free/Reduced Lunch (FRL)
- 90% Nonwhite
- 42% English language learner (ELL)

Instructional Period:

- 2006–2007 school year
- 8 months of implementation

English Language Learners and Special Education:

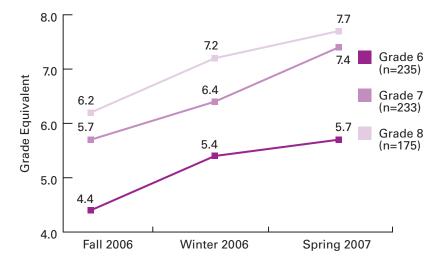
- 59% of sample designated ELLs
- 25% of sample eligible for special education services

Measures:

- California Standards Test for English/Language Arts (CST-ELA)
- Test of Silent Word Reading Fluency

n = number of students

TOSWRF Growth After Eight Months of LANGUAGE! Instruction

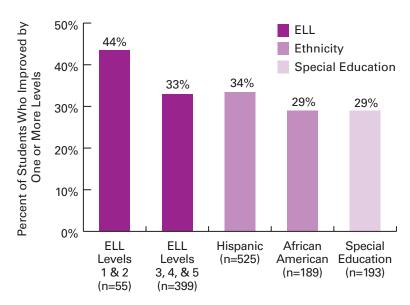


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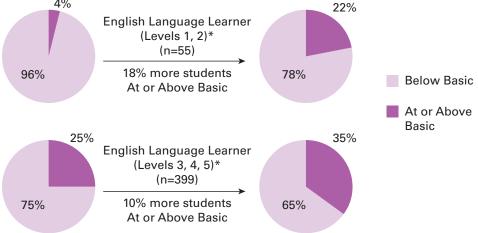
In the same implementation, 44 percent of English language learners (ELLs) at Levels 1 and 2 and 33 percent of ELLs at Levels 3–5* gained one or more achievement levels on the California Standards Test for English/Language Arts (CST-ELA).

The percentage of ELLs in grades 6–8 performing at or above Basic on the CST-ELA increased considerably from spring 2006 (prior to LANGUAGE!) to spring 2007 (after LANGUAGE!). Of these ELLs, 18 percent received special education services. During the same time period, the percentage of ELLs statewide performing at or above Basic increased by only 1 percent.

CST-ELA Achievement Level Gains of *LANGUAGE!*Students by ELL, Ethnic, and Special Education Status Spring 2006–Spring 2007







^{*} These levels refer to the English language learners: Level 1 = non-English speaking; Level 2 = beginning; Level 3 = intermediate; Level 4 = basic; and Level 5 = proficient. Source: California English Language Development Test: Technical Report for the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). (2005). Monterey, CA: CTB/McGraw-Hill.®

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District 2

English Language Learners

In an implementation of LANGUAGE! with students in grades 6–8, annual reading gains on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) were greater for ELLs at all grade levels than gains seen districtwide and statewide.*

* Statewide gains represent all students tested in the state; districtwide gains represent all students tested in the district.

KEY DETAILS

Total Participants: 4,985

Grade Levels: 6-8

Instructional Period:

• 6.5 months of implementation

Instructional Time:

• 45-90 minutes

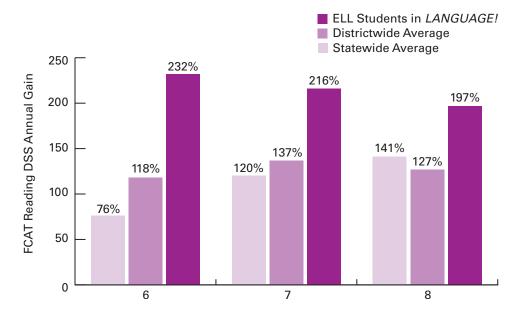
Demographics:

- 62% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 56% Nonwhite
- 29% English language learner
- 24% Special Education

Measure: Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, Reading

n = number of students

FCAT Reading Developmental Scale Score (DSS) Annual Gains for LANGUAGE! ELLs in Grades 6–8



National Recognition

As a research-based, data-driven curriculum, LANGUAGE! has earned praise from leading literacy scholars and research centers such as the Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR), whose reviews are widely followed in the industry because of the high standards the center sets for educational products. LANGUAGE! has also been endorsed by researchers and organizations in the field of special education for its ability to differentiate instruction and empower students with special needs to achieve literacy success.

Endorsed by Special Education Professionals

The Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) is "an international professional educational



organization, which is affiliated with the Council for Exceptional Children, whose members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual in society."

LANGUAGE! received an overall score from CASE of 3.53 on a 4-point scale in the following categories:

- Product Marketability and Feasability
- Company Longevity and Reputation
- Address Member Identified Needs
- Evidence Documentation of Customer Satisfaction
- Enhance Professional Practice
- Field Tested
- Research Base





According to the FCRR Report:

LANGUAGE! is an extremely thorough presentation of numerous reading, writing, and language arts strands, taught systematically in parallel fashion to children of all ages with delays in reading, writing, and/or language.

Cited by Researchers:

We were impressed by the program's success with children in the upper elementary and middle school grades and its comprehensive nature. Reading is taught as part of an enriched total language experience that integrates reading, writing, spelling, grammar, language use, and vocabulary and devotes substantial time to reading aloud as well as to reading independently.

—Sally Shaywitz Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and CompleteScience-Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level (2003)

I cannot say enough positive things about the phonics components of LANGUAGE! within the EL classroom. My students have made great strides with clarity of speech, decoding, and word recognition. I find the pre-writing strategies, especially the Blueprint for Writing, easy to scaffold for the beginners.

—Micaela Dimos, Teacher Sheldon High School Elk Grove Unified School District Sacramento, CA

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