

K–5 Instructional Overview

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Key: ● Foundational Skills ■ Building Comprehension and Knowledge ▲ Writing/Extended Writing

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Grade K	● Letter Recognition ■ Realistic Fiction, Sequence; Realistic Fiction: Compare and Contrast; Fantasy, Sequence ▲ Draw a Picture to Tell an Idea	● Short Vowel <i>a</i> and Consonants ■ Informational Text, Description; Realistic Fiction, Description; Fantasy, Problem and Solution ▲ Draw and Label to Tell an Idea	● Short Vowel <i>i</i> and Consonants ■ Informational Text, Description; Informational Text, Compare and Contrast ▲ Draw and Label to Tell an Idea
Grade 1	● Short Vowels: <i>a, i, o</i> ■ Realistic Fiction, Sequence; Realistic Fiction, Description ▲ Identify Correct Word Order in Sentences; Stretch Sounds to Write Words	● Short Vowels: <i>u, e</i>, Short Vowel Review ■ Realistic Fiction, Sequence; Fantasy, Sequence ▲ Write a Simple Sentence; Spacing Between Words	● Consonant Blends ■ Informational Text, Compare and Contrast; Fantasy, Sequence ▲ Write a Question and Command; Write on the Lines
Grade 2	● Short Vowels, /z/ Spelled s, Consonant Blends, Digraphs, Trigraph -tch ■ Realistic Fiction, Sequence, Poetry ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs	● Silent e Long Vowels, Variant Vowels /ü/ and /û/ Spelled oo ■ Narrative Nonfiction, Sequence ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Opinion	● Long o, Long e, Long <i>a</i> ■ Informational Text, Description; Informational Text, Problem and Solution ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative
Grade 3	● Open and Closed Syllables, Silent e Long Vowel Syllables, Inflectional Endings ■ Realistic Fiction, Cause and Effect; Narrative Poetry, Poetic Elements ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative	● Variant Vowels /ü/ and /û/, Long o, Long e, Long <i>a</i> ■ Realistic Fiction, Problem and Solution; Informational Text, Compare and Contrast ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Opinion Essay	● Long <i>a</i>, Long <i>i</i>, Prefixes ■ Informational Text, Chronological Order; Realistic Fiction, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay
Grade 4	● Closed and Open Syllables, Final Silent e Syllables, Vowel Team Syllables ■ Historical Fiction, Character, Setting, Plot; Poetry, Poetic Elements ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative	● <i>r</i>-Controlled Vowel Syllables, Final Stable Syllables, Inflectional Endings, Recognizing Base Words ■ Biography, Problem and Solution; Narrative Nonfiction, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay	● “Not” Prefixes, Suffixes ■ Narrative Nonfiction, Cause and Effect; Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative
Grade 5	● Open and Closed Syllables, Vowel Team and <i>r</i>-Controlled Vowel Syllables, Final Silent e and Final Stable Syllables, Base Words ■ Realistic Fiction, Cause and Effect; Poetry, Poetic Structure ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative	● Prefixes, Suffixes ■ Informational Text, Problem and Solution; Autobiography, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Persuasive Essay	● Greek Roots ■ Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative



Grades K–1: Each unit is 15 days of instruction; 3 Weekly Checkpoints

Grades 2–5: Each unit is 20 days of instruction; 1 Mid-Unit Assessment; 1 End-of-Unit Assessment

Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
● Short Vowel <i>o</i> and Consonants ■ Folktale, Compare and Contrast; Fable, Compare and Contrast; Fable, Cause and Effect ▲ Draw and Write Words to Tell an Idea	● Short Vowel <i>u</i> and Consonants ■ Realistic Fiction, Compare and Contrast; Informational Text: Biography, Cause and Effect ▲ Write a Simple Sentence	● Short Vowel <i>e</i> and Consonants ■ Folktale, Sequence; Fairy Tale, Compare and Contrast ▲ Write a Simple Sentence; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative
● Digraphs and Trigraphs ■ Fable, Problem and Solution; Oral Tribal History, Cause and Effect; Fairy Tale, Cause and Effect ▲ Expand Simple Sentences; Extended Writing: Opinion	● Silent <i>e</i> Long Vowels ■ Informational Text, Description; Informational Text, Cause and Effect; Informational Text: Biography, Cause and Effect ▲ Expand simple sentences; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative	● Long and Variant Vowels ■ Informational Text, Sequence; Realistic Fiction, Description; Informational Text: Biography, Sequence ▲ Write Two or More Sequenced Events; Extended Writing: Narrative
● Long <i>i</i>, Long <i>e</i>, Long <i>u</i>, Three-Letter Blends ■ Folktale, Problem and Solution; Fairy Tale, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative	● <i>r</i>-Controlled Vowels /ûr/ and /är/ ■ Informational Text, Cause and Effect; Historical Fiction, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative	● Soft <i>c</i> and <i>g</i>, Diphthongs /ou/ and /oi/, Schwa-<i>i</i> ■ Informational Text, Compare and Contrast; Fiction, Description ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative
● Inflectional Endings, Vowels /û/ and /ü/, Suffixes, Variant Vowel /ü/ ■ Drama, Problem and Solution; Fable, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative	● <i>r</i>-Controlled Vowels /ûr/, /är/, Soft <i>c</i> and <i>g</i>, Diphthongs /ou/ and /oi/ ■ Historical Fiction, Problem and Solution; Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay	● Schwa-<i>i</i>, Variant Vowel /ô/ ■ Narrative Nonfiction, Sequence; Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay
● “Break/Build” Roots, Communications Roots, Movement Roots, “Hold, Turn, Carry” Roots ■ Myth, Plot; Folktale, Plot ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Persuasive Essay	● Suffixes, Vowel Alternations, Contractions and Homophones, Latin Roots ■ Oral Tribal History, Cause and Effect; Historical Fiction, Plot ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay	● Adjective Suffixes, Adverb Suffixes, Noun Suffixes ■ Poetry, Poetic Structure; Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Persuasive Essay
● Verb Suffixes, Adjective Suffixes, Noun Suffixes, Suffixes ■ Drama, Problem and Solution; Fiction, Plot ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay	● Suffixes, Vowel Alternations When Adding a Suffix, Consonant Alternations ■ Historical Fiction, Problem and Solution; Informational Text, Compare and Contrast ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Persuasive Essay	● Amount Prefixes, Position Prefixes, Size Prefixes ■ Narrative Nonfiction, Cause and Effect; Argumentative Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative, Poetry

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	Unit 7	Unit 8	Unit 9
Grade K	● Consonants, Double Final Consonants ■ Fantasy, Cause and Effect; Informational Text, Cause and Effect; Informational Text, Description ▲ Write a Question; Extended Writing: Informative	● Plural -s, Inflectional -s ■ Realistic Fiction, Sequence; Realistic Fiction, Problem and Solution; Informational Text: Personal Narrative, Sequence ▲ Write an Exclamatory Sentence; Extended Writing: Opinion	● Blends ■ Informational Text, Compare and Contrast; Realistic Fiction, Sequence; Informational Text, Description ▲ Write a Variety of Sentence Types; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative
Grade 1	● Long Vowels ■ Informational, Compare and Contrast; Realistic Fiction, Problem and Solution; Informational, Compare and Contrast ▲ Write Compound Sentences (Declarative); Extended Writing: Informative	● <i>r</i>-Controlled Vowels ■ Drama, Problem and Solution; Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Write Compound Sentences (Interrogative); Extended Writing: Opinion	● Diphthongs, Soft <i>c</i> and <i>g</i>, Schwa ■ Fantasy, Description; Fantasy, Problem and Solution; Realistic Fiction, Problem and Solution ▲ Expand Compound Sentences (Imperative, Exclamatory); Extended Writing: Narrative
Grade 2	● Alternate Short-Vowel Spellings, Variant Vowels /ü/ and /û/ ■ Realistic Fiction, Sequence; Biography, Sequence ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Personal Narrative	● Variant Vowel /ô/ and Silent Letters ■ Realistic Fiction, Problem and Solution; Informational Text, Problem and Solution ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Opinion	● Units 1–8 Review ■ Realistic Fiction, Description; Informational Text, Description ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative
Grade 3	● Latin and Greek Roots, Prefixes, Suffixes, Silent Letters ■ Realistic Fiction, Cause and Effect; Biography, Problem and Solution ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Poetry, Opinion Letter	● Latin and Greek Roots, Suffixes, Words with /zh/ ■ Fiction, Cause and Effect; Biography, Problem and Solution ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Opinion Essay	● “Person Who” Suffixes, Latin Roots, Words with <i>ous</i> and <i>iou</i>s ■ Science Fiction, Cause and Effect; Graphic Novel, Compare and Contrast ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative
Grade 4	● “Bad or Wrong” and “Against” Prefixes, “Over/Under” Prefixes, Position Prefixes, Suffixes ■ Realistic Fiction, Plot; Drama, Plot ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay	● Frequently Confused Words, Names for the Body, Borrowed Words, Greek Roots ■ Argumentative Text, Compare and Contrast; Realistic Fiction, Plot ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Fictional Narrative, Poetry	● “Look” and “Light” Roots, Greek Roots, Number Prefixes ■ Biography, Problem and Solution; Science Fiction, Plot ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Persuasive Essay
Grade 5	● Homophones, Tricky Words, Homographs, Making Sense of Unusual Spellings/Silent Letters ■ Biography, Cause and Effect; Poetry, Poetic Elements ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Persuasive Essay	● Words Borrowed from French and from Other Languages, Latin Roots ■ Informational Text, Cause and Effect; Informational Text, Problem and Solution ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay	● Suffix <i>-ion</i> Variations, Suffix <i>-ive</i> Variations, Latin and Greek Plural Endings ■ Realistic Fiction, Plot; Informational Text, Cause and Effect ▲ Sentences, Paragraphs; Extended Writing: Informative Essay

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Unit 10	Unit 11	Unit 12
● Long Vowels ■ Description; Informational Text, Compare and Contrast; Informational Text, Description ▲ Write a Variety of Sentence Types; Extended Writing: Informative	● Digraphs ■ Poetry, Rhyme ▲ Expand Sentences by Adding Details; Extended Writing: Opinion	● Review Long and Short Vowels ■ Informational Text, Description; Informational Text, Compare and Contrast ▲ Expand Sentences by Adding Details; Extended Writing: Research and Inquiry
● Variant Vowels ■ Informational Text, Description; Fantasy, Sequence ▲ Write a Simple Paragraph; Extended Writing: Informative	● Silent Letters, Three-Letter Blends ■ Poetry, Description ▲ Write Using Feelings Words, Repetition, and Describing Words; Extended Writing: Narrative Poem	● Review ■ Informational Text, Sequence; Realistic Fiction, Problem and Solution ▲ Write a Question and Facts About a Topic; Organize Sentences into a Paragraph; Extended Writing: Research and Inquiry

