

Tennessee's State English Language Arts Standards

Grade 1

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College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

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Key Ideas and Details

1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

Craft and Structure

4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.
5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.
6. Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.*
8. Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.
9. Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

10. Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

*Please see “Research to Build and Present Knowledge” in Writing and “Comprehension and Collaboration” in Speaking and Listening for additional standards relevant to gathering, assessing, and applying information from print and digital sources.

Note on range and content of student reading

To build a foundation for college and career readiness, students must read widely and deeply from among a broad range of high-quality, increasingly challenging literary and informational texts. Through extensive reading of stories, dramas, poems, and myths from diverse cultures and different time periods, students gain literary and cultural knowledge as well as familiarity with various text structures and elements. By reading texts in history/social studies, science, and other disciplines, students build a foundation of knowledge in these fields that will also give them the background to be better readers in all content areas. Students can only gain this foundation when the curriculum is intentionally and coherently structured to develop rich content knowledge within and across grades. Students also acquire the habits of reading independently and closely, which are essential to their future success.

Grade 1 Reading Standards for Literature

Strand	Standard
Literature	<p>Key Ideas and Details</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. 2. Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. 3. Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.
	<p>Craft and Structure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses. 5. Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types. 6. Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text.
	<p>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events. 8. (Not applicable to literature) 9. Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.
	<p>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. With prompting and support, read prose and poetry of appropriate complexity for grade 1.

Grade 1 Reading Standards for Informational Text

Strand	Standard
Informational Text	<p>Key Ideas and Details</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text. 2. Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text. 3. Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.
	<p>Craft and Structure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text. 5. Know and use various text features (e.g., headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text. 6. Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.
	<p>Integration of Knowledge and Ideas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas. 8. Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. 9. Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).
	<p>Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. With prompting and support, read informational texts appropriately complex for grade 1.

Reading Standards: Foundational Skills (K-5)

These standards are directed toward fostering students' understanding and working knowledge of concepts of print, the alphabetic principle, and other basic conventions of the English writing system. These foundational skills are not an end in and of themselves; rather, they are necessary and important components of an effective, comprehensive reading program designed to develop proficient readers with the capacity to comprehend texts across a range of types and disciplines. Instruction should be differentiated: good readers will need much less practice with these concepts than struggling readers will. The point is to teach students what they need to learn and not what they already know – to discern when particular children or activities warrant more or less attention.

Note: In kindergarten, children are expected to demonstrate increasing awareness and competence in the areas that follow.

Grade 1 Reading Standards for Foundational Skills

Strand	Standard
Foundational Skills	<p>Print Concepts</p> <p>1. Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).</p>
	<p>Phonological Awareness</p> <p>2. Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).</p>
	<p>Phonics and Word Recognition</p> <p>3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Know final -e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e. Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f. Read words with inflectional endings.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">g. Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.</p>
	<p>Fluency</p> <p>4. Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.</p>

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing

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Text Types and Purposes*

1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
3. Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

Production and Distribution of Writing

4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
6. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Range of Writing

10. 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 tasks, purposes, and audiences.

*These broad types of writing include many subgenres. See Appendix A for definitions or key writing types (http://www.corestandards.org/wp-content/uploads/ELA_Standards.pdf).

Note on range and content of student writing

To build a foundation for college and career readiness, students need to learn to use writing as a way of offering and supporting opinions, demonstrating understanding of the subjects they are studying, and conveying real and imagined experiences and events. They learn to appreciate that a key purpose of writing is to communicate clearly to an external, sometimes unfamiliar audience, and they begin to adapt the form and content of their writing to accomplish a particular task and purpose. They develop the capacity to build knowledge on a subject through research projects and to respond analytically to literary and informational sources. To meet these goals, students must devote significant time and effort to writing, producing numerous pieces over short and extended time frames throughout the year.

Grade 1 Writing Standards

Standard	
Text Types and Purposes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.2. Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.3. Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.
Production and Distribution of Writing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. (Begins in grade 3)5. With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.6. With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.
Research to Build and Present Knowledge	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).8. With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.9. (Begins in grade 4)
Range of Writing	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. (Begins in grade 3)

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

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Comprehension and Collaboration

1. Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
3. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.

Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

4. Present information, findings, and supporting evidence such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
5. Make strategic use of digital media and visual displays of data to express information and enhance understanding of presentations.
6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and communicative tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

Note on range and content of student speaking and listening

To build a foundation for college and career readiness, students must have ample opportunities to take part in a variety of rich, structured conversations—as part of a whole class, in small groups, and with a partner. Being productive members of these conversations requires that students contribute accurate, relevant information; respond to and develop what others have said; make comparisons and contrasts; and analyze and synthesize a multitude of ideas in various domains.

New technologies have broadened and expanded the role that speaking and listening play in acquiring and sharing knowledge and have tightened their link to other forms of communication. Digital texts confront students with the potential for continually updated content and dynamically changing combinations of words, graphics, images, hyperlinks, and embedded video and audio.

Grade 1 Speaking and Listening Standards

Standard	
Comprehension and Collaboration	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about <i>grade 1 topics and texts</i> with peers and adults in small and larger groups.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).b. Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges.c. Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.2. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.3. Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.
Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.5. Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.6. Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 1 Language standards 1 and 3 on page 16 for specific expectations.)

College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language

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Conventions of Standard English

1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Knowledge of Language

3. Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases by using context clues, analyzing meaningful word parts, and consulting general and specialized reference materials, as appropriate.
5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
6. Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when encountering an unknown term important to comprehension or expression.

Note on range and content of student language use

To build a foundation for college and career readiness in language, students must gain control over many conventions of standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics as well as learn other ways to use language to convey meaning effectively. They must also be able to determine or clarify the meaning of grade-appropriate words encountered through listening, reading, and media use; come to appreciate that words have

nonliteral meanings, shadings of meaning, and relationships to other words; and expand their vocabulary in the course of studying content. The inclusion of Language standards in their own strand should not be taken as an indication that skills related to conventions, effective language use, and vocabulary are unimportant to reading, writing, speaking, and listening; indeed, they are inseparable from such contexts.

Grade 1 Language Standards

Standard	
Conventions of Standard English	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Print all upper- and lowercase letters.b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., <i>He hops; We hop</i>).d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., <i>I, me, my; they, them, their; anyone, everything</i>).e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., <i>Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home</i>).f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., <i>and, but, or, so, because</i>).h. Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., <i>during, beyond, toward</i>).j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Capitalize dates and names of people.b. Use end punctuation for sentences.c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.d. Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.e. Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.
Knowledge of Language	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. (Begins in grade 2)

**Vocabulary
Acquisition and
Use**

4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 1 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.
 - a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
 - b. Use frequently occurring affixes as a clue to the meaning of a word.
 - c. Identify frequently occurring root words (e.g., *look*) and their inflectional forms (e.g., *looks, looked, looking*).
5. With guidance and support from adults, demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
 - a. Sort words into categories (e.g., colors, clothing) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.
 - b. Define words by category and by one or more key attributes (e.g., *a duck is a bird that swims; a tiger is a large cat with stripes*).
 - c. Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at home that are *cozy*).
 - d. Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in manner (e.g., *look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl*) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., *large, gigantic*) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.
6. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using frequently occurring conjunctions to signal simple relationships (e.g., *because*).