



**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Language Arts**



## READING LITERARY

RL

### Key Ideas and Details

ELAGSE4RL1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

ELAGSE4RL2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

ELAGSE4RL3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., *a character's thoughts, words, or actions*).

### Craft and Structure

ELAGSE4RL4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., *Herculean*).

ELAGSE4RL5 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., *verse, rhythm, meter*) and drama (e.g., *casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions*) when writing or speaking about a text.

ELAGSE4RL6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.

### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

ELAGSE4RL7 Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text identifying similarities and differences.

ELAGSE4RL8 (Not applicable to literature).

ELAGSE4RL9 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., *opposition of good and evil*) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

ELAGSE4RL10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.



## READING INFORMATIONAL

RI

### Key Ideas and Details

ELAGSE4RI1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

ELAGSE4RI2 Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

ELAGSE4RI3 Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

### Craft and Structure

ELAGSE4RI4 Determine the meaning of general academic language and domain specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.

ELAGSE4RI5 Describe the overall structure (e.g., *chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution*) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.

ELAGSE4RI6 Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.

### Integration of Knowledge and ideas

ELAGSE4RI7 Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., *in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages*) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.

ELAGSE4RI8 Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.

ELAGSE4RI9 Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.

### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

ELAGSE4RI10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.



## READING FOUNDATIONAL

RF

### Print Concepts

Kindergarten and 1st grade only.

### Phonological Awareness

Kindergarten and 1st grade only.

### Phonics and Word Recognition

**ELAGSE4RF3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.**

- a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., *roots and affixes*) to read accurately unfamiliar multi-syllabic words in context and out of context.

### Fluency

**ELAGSE4RF4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.**

- a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.
- b. Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
- c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.



## WRITING

W

### Text Types and Purpose

**ELAGSE4W1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.**

- a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.
- b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.
- c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., *for instance, in order to, in addition*).
- d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.

**ELAGSE4W2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.**

Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

- a. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- b. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., *another, for example, also, because*).
- c. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.

**ELAGSE4W3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.**

- a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- b. Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- c. Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.
- d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.
- e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

### Production and Distribution of Writing

**ELAGSE4W4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Gradespecific expectations for writing types are defined in Standards 1–3 above.)**

**ELAGSE4W5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 4.)**

**ELAGSE4W6 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting.**



## WRITING (continued)

W

### Research to Build and Present Knowledge

**ELAGSE4W7** Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.

**ELAGSE4W8** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.

**ELAGSE4W9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

- a. *Apply grade 4 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., “Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions]”).
- b. *Apply grade 4 Reading standards* to informational texts (e.g., “Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text”).

### Range of Writing

**ELAGSE4W10** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

## SPEAKING AND LISTENING

SL

### Comprehension and Collaboration

**ELAGSE4SL1** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 4 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.*

- a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
- b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
- c. Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.
- d. Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

**ELAGSE4SL2** Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

**ELAGSE4SL3** Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.



## **SPEAKING AND LISTENING (continued)**

### **Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

**ELAGSE4SL4** Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.

**ELAGSE4SL5** Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes.

**ELAGSE4SL6** Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., *presenting ideas*) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., *small-group discussion*); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 4 Language Standard 1 for specific expectations.)

## **LANGUAGE**

**L**

### **Conventions of Standard English**

**ELAGSE4L1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- a. Use relative pronouns (*who, whose, whom, which, that*) and relative adverbs (*where, when, why*).
- b. Form and use the progressive (e.g., *I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking*) verb aspects.
- c. Use helping/linking verbs to convey various conditions.
- d. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., *a small red bag* rather than *a red small bag*).
- e. Form and use prepositional phrases.\*
- f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting rhetorically poor fragments and run-ons.\*
- g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., *to, too, two; there, their*).\*
- h. Write legibly in cursive, leaving spaces between letters in a word and between words in a sentence.

**ELAGSE4L2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

- a. Use correct capitalization.
- b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
- c. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
- d. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.



## LANGUAGE (continued)

L

### Knowledge of Language

**ELAGSE4L3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.**

- a. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.\*
- b. Choose punctuation for effect.\*
- c. Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).

### Vocabulary Acquisition and Use

**ELAGSE4L4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on *grade 4 reading and content*, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.**

- a. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., *telegraph*, *photograph*, *autograph*).
- c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.

**ELAGSE4L5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.**

- a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., *as pretty as a picture*) in context.
- b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
- c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).

**ELAGSE4L6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific vocabulary, including words and phrases that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., *quizzed*, *whined*, *stammered*) and words and phrases basic to a particular topic (e.g., *wildlife*, *conservation*, and *endangered* when discussing animal preservation).**