

Grade 1 English Annual Learning Plan

Every unit, and every lesson inside it, for the whole school year. Nothing here is a summary: this is the list the material is built from.

10

UNITS

80

LESSONS

50

DOCUMENTS

666

PRINTED PAGES

What this course is

For a child who knows some letters and is not yet reading, and for the parent who has to sit beside them while they learn.

Grade 1 is the year reading either clicks or quietly does not. Every unit here starts with the sounds printed large, moves to words built from them, and only then asks the child to read a story, so nothing is ever guessed at.

How it is arranged

Ten units, in the order they are meant to be taught. Every unit contains the same set of documents: Reading File, Study Book, Workbook, a skills document and a Unit Test. A unit is roughly a month of work at two classes a week, so the ten units are a school year.

It is written to be province-neutral. It follows what a Canadian student is expected to know in Grade 1 English, without being tied to the wording of one province.

What is not in it

There are no answers printed anywhere in this course. A child who can see the answer stops working out the question, and the working is the point. Marking guides exist and they stay with the tutor.

The year, unit by unit

Ten units, 80 lessons. The lesson names below are the real headings inside the Study Books.

WHEN	UNIT	THE LESSONS INSIDE IT
Month 1	Letters and Sounds	Letters Make Sounds, s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, Pushing Sounds Together, Big and Small Letters, Words We Just Know, Reading a Whole Line
Month 2	Blending Short Words	e and u, r, h, b, f and l, Double Letters, ck at the End, Three Sounds in One Go, Six More Words We Just Know, Reading Two Lines
Month 3	Sight Words and Reading Aloud	j and v, w, y and z, Eight More Words We Just Know, When Somebody Talks, Reading It Again, Reading With Your Voice, How Fast Is Just Right, Reading to Somebody
Month 4	Reading a Short Story	x and qu, Eight More Words We Just Know, Who Is It About?, Where Does It Happen?, What Happened?, Telling It Back, The Beginning, the Middle and the End, Talking About a Story
Month 5	Digraphs and Blends	sh and ch, th, ng and nk, Blends: st and sp, Blends: bl and cr, One Sound or Two?, Six More Words We Just Know, Longer Words, Reading a Longer Text
Month 6	Long Vowels and Magic e	The e on the End, a_e: cake and make, i_e: kite and bike, o_e and u_e, Same Letters, Two Words, Six More Words We Just Know, Magic e in a Story, Writing With Magic e
Month 7	Sentences	ai: rain and wait, ee: see and green, A Big Letter at the Front, A Dot at the End, A Finger Space, Six More Words We Just Know, Is It a Sentence?, Writing Two Sentences
Month 8	Naming, Doing and Describing Words	igh: light and night, oa: goat and road, Naming Words, Doing Words, Describing Words, Six More Words We Just Know, Three Kinds in One Line, Writing With Describing Words
Month 9	Telling and Writing About Myself	oo as in book, oo as in moon, ar: car and park, or: fork and short, My Name and My Age, Six More Words We Just Know, Telling Somebody About Me, Writing Four Sentences About Me
Month 10	Review of the Year	The Whole Year, in Order, Short Sounds Again, Long Vowels Again, Vowel Teams Again, Vowels With an r Beside Them, The Words We Just Know, Reading a Word You Have Never Seen, Getting Ready for the Assessment

Tests, and what you can see

Assessment plan

WHAT	WHEN	COVERS
Unit test	End of each unit	The nine lessons of that unit, nothing from outside it.
Term 1	After Unit 3	Units 1 to 3 together.
Term 2	After Unit 6	Units 4 to 6, with Units 1 to 3 assumed.
Term 3	After Unit 9	Units 7 to 9, with everything before it assumed.
Final	End of Unit 10	The whole year, in one assessment.

How to use the year

Take one unit at a time and keep the order. Read the Study Book lesson first, because it teaches: one idea, a picture, a worked example, and the words to say. Then your child does the Workbook page that follows it. Keep the unit test for the end of the unit rather than partway through, so it measures the unit and not the lesson.

Print one unit at a time. Everything is built for ordinary letter paper, 8.5 by 11 inches.

What comes with the pack

- ✓ 50 printable documents, 666 pages
- ✓ Ten unit tests and one annual assessment
- ✓ This plan, so you always know where you are
- ✓ Unit 1 free, before you decide anything

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