

Grade 2 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

90

LESSONS

50

DOCUMENTS

854

PRINTED PAGES

What this course is

For a child who is reading words and now needs to read smoothly and write a sentence that holds together.

Everything in this pack is built on one idea: a Grade 2 child learns to write by writing one good sentence, not by being told the rules for a paragraph.

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 2 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, 90 lessons. The lesson names below are the real headings inside the Study Books.

WHEN	UNIT	THE LESSONS INSIDE IT
Month 1	Phonics and Spelling Patterns	Sounds and Letters, Vowel Teams, More Vowel Teams, Blends at the Front, Two Letters, One Sound, Endings, Words We Just Know, Breaking a Long Word, Spelling What You Hear
Month 2	Reading Fluency	Reading Smoothly, Where to Stop, Your Voice Goes Up, Your Voice Gets Bigger, Reading the Talking Bits, Which Word to Lean On, Getting Faster Without Rushing, Reading It Again, Reading to Somebody
Month 3	Comprehension	What Happened, in Order, Who, Where, When, Saying It Back, Asking While You Read, Working It Out, Which Words Told You, What the Picture Tells You, What Might Happen Next, Telling Somebody
Month 4	Grammar Basics	What a Sentence Is, Capitals, Full Stops, Question Marks, Naming Words, Doing Words, Describing Words, Is or Are, Was or Were, Checking Your Own
Month 5	Sentence Writing	A Sentence That Works, Adding Who and What Kind, Adding Where, Adding When, Adding How, Joining With And, Joining With But and So, Sentences of Different Lengths, Four Sentences That Belong Together
Month 6	Narrative Writing	What a Story Needs, The Beginning, The Problem, What They Tried, The Ending, Talking in Stories, Describing Words, Planning First, Reading It Out
Month 7	Nonfiction Reading	True Books Are Different, Headings, Labels and Diagrams, Captions, Fact Boxes, Finding One Fact Fast, Steps in Order, True or Not True, Telling Somebody Three Facts
Month 8	Vocabulary Building	Using the Sentence Around It, Looking at the Picture, Words That Mean Nearly the Same, Words That Mean the Opposite, Compound Words, Word Families, One Word, Two Meanings, Choosing a Better Word, Keeping Your Own Words
Month 9	Speaking and Presenting	Speaking in Whole Sentences, Loud Enough, Slow Enough, Looking at People, One Thing at a Time, Starting Well, Showing While You Talk, Listening Properly, Asking a Good Question, Saying Something Kind and Useful
Month 10	Review	Sounds and Spelling, Reading Aloud, Understanding, Sentences and Grammar, Writing a Story, True Books, Words, Speaking, Being a Reader and a Writer

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, 854 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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