

Grade 5 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.

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UNITS

90

LESSONS

50

DOCUMENTS

1006

PRINTED PAGES

What this course is

For a child who can answer questions on one passage and now has to hold two texts in mind at once.

The step from Grade 4 to Grade 5 is not more words, it is two sources. Most units here put two texts side by side, because that is the skill every later grade assumes.

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 5 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	Advanced Comprehension	Reading Twice, Inference That Is Anchored, Summarising Without Retelling, What the Writer Chose, Two Texts, One Subject, Fact, Opinion and Between, Reading Non-Fiction Hard, Questions Worth Asking, Putting It Together
Month 2	Grammar and Conventions	Clauses, Phrases Are Not Clauses, Moving the Clause, Joining Well, Punctuation at Clause Level, Holding Tense and Person, Formal and Informal, Editing Somebody Else, Editing Your Own
Month 3	Vocabulary and Morphology	Words Carry Feeling, Choosing the Precise Word, Greek and Latin Roots, Prefixes That Point, Suffixes and Word Families, Register, Figurative and Literal, Dictionary and Thesaurus, A Working Word Bank
Month 4	Multi-Paragraph Writing	What a Paragraph Does, The Topic Sentence, Evidence and Explanation, Ordering Your Reasons, Introductions, Joining Paragraphs, Conclusions That Do Work, Planning First, Revising, Not Correcting
Month 5	Narrative Craft	Character Wanting Something, Revealed by Choice, Dialogue With Two Jobs, Setting as Pressure, Structure, Show, Do Not Tell, Pace, Revising for Effect, Finishing
Month 6	Reports and Research	What a Report Does, A Question You Can Answer, Finding and Choosing Sources, Judging a Source, When Two Sources Disagree, Notes in Key Words, Your Own Words, and Where It Came From, Headings and Features, Writing the Report
Month 7	Poetry and Figurative Language	What Verse Does, Metaphor Sustained, Personification With a Purpose, Imagery, Precisely, Sound, Line, Stanza, White Space, One Subject, Two Forms, Reading Aloud, Writing With Intent
Month 8	Novel Study	Reading a Long Book Well, Character at the Start, Change Traced to Moments, A Character Who Speaks Little, Setting as Meaning, Theme, Two Letters, One Writer, Personal Response, Argued, Writing a Book Response
Month 9	Functional Writing and Presentations	Who Is This For?, What Is It For?, Letters and Emails That Work, Instructions Somebody Can Follow, A Proposal, The Same Message, Two Readers, Planning a Talk From Notes, Delivering It, Feedback You Can Actually Use
Month 10	Review	Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Paragraphs, Narrative, Research, Poetry, The Novel, Real-Purpose Writing

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, 1006 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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