

Grade 6 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

82

LESSONS

50

DOCUMENTS

1121

PRINTED PAGES

What this course is

For a child who has opinions and needs to turn them into an argument somebody else would accept.

Unit 4 asks a Grade 6 student to write the strongest objection to their own position and then answer it. That single habit is what separates a school essay from a good one.

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 6 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, 82 lessons. The lesson names below are the real headings inside the Study Books.

WHEN	UNIT	THE LESSONS INSIDE IT
Month 1	Critical Reading and Inference	What Is Actually There, Inference in Three Steps, What Has Been Left Out, Whose Eyes, Tone, Fact, Opinion and Both, A Table and a Story, Three Sources at Once, Judging a Text
Month 2	Grammar, Sentence Craft and Punctuation	Phrase or Clause, Where the Clause Sits, The Two Commas, Openers, Variety On Purpose, Active and Passive, Colon, Semicolon, Dash, Parenthesis, Proofreading Your Own
Month 3	Vocabulary, Roots and Word History	Morphemes, Greek Roots, Latin Roots, Prefixes and Suffixes, Denotation and Connotation, Choosing, and Defending It, Figurative Language, The Words That Carry the Task, Dictionary and Thesaurus
Month 4	Argument and Essay Writing	What an Argument Is, The Thesis Statement, Reasons, and Their Order, Evidence, and Who Counted It, Explanation, The Counter-Argument, The Rebuttal, Openings, Endings, Joins, Planning, Revising, Tone
Month 5	Narrative Craft and Point of View	Who Is Telling It, The Narrator Who Does Not Know, Character, Shown by a Cost, Dialogue, and What Is Under It, Setting as Pressure, Where to Begin, What to Cut, Pace, Revising, and Recording It, Endings That Do Not Explain
Month 6	Research, Sources and Synthesis	A Question You Can Answer, Who Made It, and What They Do, Five Questions for a Source, Fact, Claim and the Step, Notes in Your Own Words, When Sources Disagree, Saying Where It Came From, Organising a Report, Writing It, and Checking It
Month 7	Poetry and Figurative Language	The Line, and the Break, Stanza and Shape, Imagery, Metaphor, Carried, Sound, Tone and Mood, Shifting, The Speaker Is Not the Poet, Comparing Two Poems, Writing and Revising
Month 8	Novel Study	What a First Chapter Does, The Narrator You Cannot Trust, Character, Relationships, Setting as Pressure, Turning Points, Theme, Not Topic, Arguing a Theme, Personal and Critical
Month 9	Media, Audience and Presentation	Purpose, Audience, Form, How a Message Is Built, Technique, and What It Does, Who Is Missing, Register, Chosen, Writing That Has to Work, Instructions, Planning a Talk, Speaking and Listening
Month 10	The Year in Nine Texts	Revisits Units 1 to 9

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, 1121 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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