

Grade 7 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

1174

PRINTED PAGES

What this course is

For a student who understands what a text says and now has to explain what the writer did and why.

Every unit says one thing and says it twice: once in the reading and once in the writing. The Language Lab in each unit is where the grammar is fixed, on the student's own sentences.

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 7 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	What the Writer Did	On the Page, or Supplied, The Five Choices, What Was Left Out, What Goes First, What Things Are Called, How Much Room, Who May Speak, An Accurate False Document, Write the Same Ten Minutes Twice
Month 2	The Paragraph That Holds	Name the Job in Six Words, The First Sentence Is a Promise, The Order Inside a Paragraph, The Seven Small Words, The Close That Is Not a Repeat, What Bullets Cannot Do, Where a New Paragraph Starts, Two Paragraphs, Two Jobs, Four Paragraphs With Jobs
Month 3	Word Choice and What It Carries	What a Word Carries, The Four Pairs, Cold, Warm, Hot, Taking a Long Word Apart, The Suffix With No Person In It, Where a Word Came From, What a Word Costs, What Cooling It Did, One Paragraph, Three Ways
Month 4	Taking a Position	A Claim, Not a Subject, Reasons That Are Not the Claim, Where the Number Came From, Naming the Objection, Four Named Faults, What the Form Took Out, Reading a Source With a Footer, Which Reason Goes First, The Whole Piece on One Page
Month 5	Who Is Telling It	First Person, Third Person, Saw, or Concluded, At the Time, and Nine Years On, Five Things a Narrator Cannot Do, The Gap, A Guess Wearing a Fact's Coat, A Document With No Narrator, Character Out of What People Do, One Scene, Two Points of View
Month 6	Where It Came From	A Fact, and an Account of One, How Do They Know?, What Makes a Source Primary, The Source That Limits Itself, The One You Reject, A Number With No Origin, What a Chart Decides for You, What Taking the Doubt Out Did, Judge Four Sources of Your Own
Month 7	Poetry - The Line as a Choice	Where the Break Went, The Poem and Its Paragraph, Metre on Your Hand, Rhyme Is a Promise, A Shape That Means Something, The Thing, Not the Feeling, The Working Page, Form and Protocol, Break Your Own, Twice
Month 8	A Longer Story	What a Chapter Is For, A Theme Is Arguable, Character Out of Action, The Small Thing, What the Summary Loses, A Document Inside a Story, Setting Doing Work, The Chapter That Changes One, Write a Chapter With a Job
Month 9	The Same Thing, Told for a Reason	The Four Questions, at Speed, Who Is Each One For, What a Poster Cannot Say, What a Table Decides, One Fact, Four Jobs, What the Plain Account Is For, The One Who Read All Three, Writing for a Named Reader, One True Thing, Three Ways
Month 10	Review	What a Form Cannot Hold, Shape Is Not Decoration, What a Word Decides, Naming What Is Against You, What a Narrator Can Reach, How Do They Know, A Quarter of a Second, What a Chapter Is For, Who Is It For

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, 1174 pages
- ✓ Ten unit tests and one annual assessment
- ✓ This plan, so you always know where you are
- ✓ Unit 1 free, before you decide anything

If the explaining is the hard part

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