

New Jersey English Language Arts

Kindergarten

Language Domain

Foundational Skills: Reading Language

1 Print Concepts

1. Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print. **L.RF.K.1**
 - A Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page. **L.RF.K.1.A**
 - B Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters. **L.RF.K.1.B**
 - C Understand that words are separated by spaces in print. **L.RF.K.1.C**
 - D Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet. **L.RF.K.1.D**

2 Phonological Awareness

2. Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes). **L.RF.K.2**
 - A Recognize and produce rhyming words. **L.RF.K.2.A**
 - B Count, pronounce, blend, and segment syllables in spoken words. **L.RF.K.2.B**
 - C Blend and segment onsets and rimes of single-syllable spoken words. **L.RF.K.2.C**
 - D Orally repeat multi-syllable words and pronounce the separate syllables. **L.RF.K.2.D**
 - E isolate and pronounce the initial, final, and medial sounds (phonemes) in spoken, single-syllable words, (simple syllables that do not include final /l/, /m/, /r/, or /x/ sounds and consonant blends). **L.RF.K.2.E**
 - F Add or substitute individual sounds (phonemes) in simple, one-syllable words to make new words. **L.RF.K.2.F**

3 Phonics and Word Recognition

3. Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding and encoding words. **L.RF.K.3**
 - A Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing many of the most frequently used sounds of each consonant. **L.RF.K.3.A**
 - B Associate the long and short sounds with the common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels. **L.RF.K.3.B**
 - C Read high-frequency words and grade level irregular words with automaticity. **L.RF.K.3.C**
 - D Recognize the parts of high-frequency words that are regular and the parts that are irregular. **L.RF.K.3.D**
 - E Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ (e.g., nap and tap; cat and cot). **L.RF.K.3.E**

4 Fluency

4. Read emergent-reader texts (decodable texts, including words with one-to-one letter-sound correspondences) orally with sufficient decoding accuracy to support comprehension. **L.RF.K.4**

Foundational Skills: Writing Language

1 Sound-Letter Basics

1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of writing. **L.WF.K.1**
 - A Match upper and lowercase letters. **L.WF.K.1.A**
 - B Write upper and lowercase letters, with reference to a model. **L.WF.K.1.B**
 - C Write left to right and include a space between words. **L.WF.K.1.C**
 - D Identify the letters used to represent vowel phonemes and those used to represent consonants, knowing that every syllable has a vowel. **L.WF.K.1.D**
 - E Write a common grapheme (letter or letter group) for each phoneme. **L.WF.K.1.E**
 - F Orally segment the phonemes in any single syllable, spoken word. **L.WF.K.1.F**

2 Spelling

2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of encoding and spelling common, regular, single-syllable words by: **L.WF.K.2**
 - A Representing phonemes, first to last, in simple words, using letters with a transparent relationship to sound (e.g., the “o” in “rope” may be spelled with a single letter, o). **L.WF.K.2.A**
 - B Writing or selecting a missing initial or final consonant when spelling a CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) word. **L.WF.K.2.B**
 - C Spelling VC (vowel-consonant) [at, in] and CVC [pet, mud] words with short vowel sounds. **L.WF.K.2.C**
 - D Writing frequently used words accurately. **L.WF.K.2.D**
 - E Attempting phonetic spellings of unknown words. **L.WF.K.2.E**
 - F Writing initial and final consonant blends (must, slab, plump). **L.WF.K.2.F**

3 Sentence Composition (Grammar, Syntax, and Punctuation)

3. Demonstrate command of the conventions of sentence composition. **L.WF.K.3**
 - A Repeat a sentence, identifying how many words are in the sentence. **L.WF.K.3.A**
 - B Write simple sentences. **L.WF.K.3.B**
 - C Capitalize the first word in a sentence, capitalize proper names, and include spaces between words. **L.WF.K.3.C**
 - D Use end punctuation. **L.WF.K.3.D**
 - E Use manipulatives or digital tools to construct complete sentences. **L.WF.K.3.E**
 - F Write sentences with increasing complexity. **L.WF.K.3.F**
 - G Supply the “who,” “is doing,” “what,” in a subject-verb-object sentence frame. **L.WF.K.3.G**

- H Match periods, question marks, and exclamation points to statements, questions, commands, and exclamations. **L.WF.K.3.H**
 - I With support, distinguish between a complete sentence and a sentence fragment. **L.WF.K.3.I**
 - J With support, write statements in response to questions, and questions transformed from statements, using conventional word order. **L.WF.K.3.J**
 - K Elaborate a simple subject or simple predicate, in response to questions who, what, where, when, how, or why. **L.WF.K.3.K**
 - L Use conjunctions appropriately in sentences (e.g., and, but, so, and because). **L.WF.K.3.L**
1. With prompting and support, develop knowledge of language and its conventions when speaking and listening. **L.KL.K.1**
 - A Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs. **L.KL.K.1.A**
 - B Form regular plural nouns orally by adding -s or -es (e.g., dog, dogs; wish, wishes). **L.KL.K.1.B**
 - C Understand and use question words (interrogatives) (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how). **L.KL.K.1.C**
 - D Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out, on, off, for, of, by, with). **L.KL.K.1.D**
 - E Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities. **L.KL.K.1.E**
 2. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content. **L.VL.K.2**
 - A Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately (e.g., knowing duck is a bird and learning the verb to duck). **L.VL.K.2.A**
 - B Use the most frequently occurring affixes (e.g., -ed, -s, -ing) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word. **L.VL.K.2.B**
 3. With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings. **L.VI.K.3**
 - A Sort common objects into categories (e.g., shapes, foods) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent. **L.VI.K.3.A**
 - B Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating them to their opposites (antonyms). **L.VI.K.3.B**
 - C Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at school that are colorful). **L.VI.K.3.C**
 - D Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs describing the same general action (e.g., walk, march, strut, prance) by acting out the meanings. **L.VI.K.3.D**

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With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. **RI.AA.K.7**

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With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two literary texts on the same topic (e.g., characters, experiences, illustrations, descriptions, or procedures). **RL.CT.K.8**

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A Introduce a topic. **W.IW.K.2.A**

B Develop the topic with at least two facts or other information and examples related to the topic, including pictures. **W.IW.K.2.B**

texts to convey ideas. [W.IW.K.2](#)

Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate real or imagined experience or events. [W.NW.K.3](#)

- A** Establish a situation and/or introduce characters; organize an event sequence (beginning, middle, end). [W.NW.K.3.A](#)
 - B** Provide limited details of experiences, events, or characters. [W.NW.K.3.B](#)
 - C** Provide a reaction to the experiences or events. [W.NW.K.3.C](#)
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Speaking and Listening Domain

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Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and

- A** Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion). [SL.PE.K.1.A](#)
- B** Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges. [SL.PE.K.1.B](#)

texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. [SL.PE.K.1](#)

Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood. [SL.II.K.2](#)

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Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood. [SL.ES.K.3](#)

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Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail. [SL.PI.K.4](#)

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Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail. [SL.UM.K.5](#)

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Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly. [SL.AS.K.6](#)

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