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Language Arts 700

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Course Overview

Language Arts 700 continues to build on the sequential development and integration of communication skills in four major areas—reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It most specifically focuses on deepening and furthering students' understanding in the following ways:

- **Reading**—develops students' reading skills, including the identification of main ideas, supporting details, and sequence; teaches students how to reach logical conclusions as well as use appropriate reading rates; shows students how to identify parts of speech in sentences, with emphasis on adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, pronouns, and verb types; helps students develop basic literary comprehension skills through the reading of biographical and autobiographical pieces, poetry, and character analyses.
- **Writing**—develops students' understanding of sentence structure, providing hands-on experience with coordination, conjunctions, subject-verb agreement, participles, and phrases; familiarizes students with roots, affixes, and basic word relationships, including homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms; develops students' vocabulary and spelling skills; gives students the opportunity to develop their abilities in writing paragraphs, character analyses, character sketches, short biographies, and summaries; develops students' critical thinking skills through speculative writing on morality.
- **Speaking**—teaches skills that enable students to become effective speakers and communicators, weaving the skills together throughout the course.
- **Listening**—teaches effective listening comprehension skills, weaving these together throughout the lessons; builds upon students' study skills.

Curriculum Contents

Reading Comprehension Skills

- Analyzing Characters
- Determining Author's Purpose—Reading for Entertainment and Reading for Information
- Identifying Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Reaching Logical Conclusions
- Reading Nonfiction

Composition

- Character Analysis
- Character Sketch
- Essay Structure—Five Paragraph Essay
- Paragraph Elements—Topic
- Paragraph Organization—Sequence, Unity, and Format
- Paragraph Structure—Transitional, Inductive, and Deductive
- Speculative Writing
- Summarizing
- Writing a Biography
- Writing and Listening
- Writing on Morality and Feelings
- Writing a Report

Grammar and Usage

- Adjectives
- Kinds of Sentences—Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, and Exclamatory
- Levels of Language Use—Standard, Nonstandard, Formal, and Informal
- Nouns—Common Nouns, Proper Nouns, and Direct Objects
- Pronouns—Nominative, Objective, Possessive, Reflexive, Demonstrative, and Archaic
- Punctuation—Apostrophes, Quotation Marks, Hyphens, and Parentheses
- Sentence Structure
 - Coordination
 - Errors in Construction—Fragments, Comma Splices, and Run-ons
 - Patterns
 - Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases
 - Subjects and Predicates
- Verbs—Tense, Irregular, and Auxiliary

Literature Studies

- Nonfiction
 - Definition
 - Elements—Setting, Characterization, and Purpose
 - Genre/Type—Autobiography and Biography
 - Literary Device—Flashback and Foreshadowing

Speaking and Listening

- Listening Strategies
- Speaking Strategies
- Types of Listening—Passive, Purposeful, Critical, Appreciative, and Conversational
- Voice—Pitch, Accent, Pause, and Intonation

Spelling

- Contractions
- Homonyms
- Words with “ei,” “ie,” “y,” and “ou”
- Confused and Mispronounced Words
- Hyphenated Words
- Roots and Affixes
- Word Endings

Vocabulary Building

- Etymology
- Word Relationships—Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms
- Word Structure—Roots and Affixes
- Word Study—Feeling Words and Signal Words

Special Topics

- English Variations—Dialects
- Reference Materials—Encyclopedia and Internet
- Research Skills
- Study Skills—Note-Taking and Summarizing

Literature List

The literary works students will encounter in Language Arts 700 include, but are not limited to:

Nonfiction

- Keller, Helen. *The Story of My Life* (excerpt).
- Ten Boom, Corrie. *The Hiding Place*.
- Bueno Productions. *William Tyndale: A Bible for the People*.
- Dye, Harold. *The Apple Tree Switch*.

UNIT 1: NOUNS, PRONOUNS, AFFIXES, AND USING WORDS CORRECTLY
Assignment Titles

1. Course Overview	13. Quiz 2: Using Pronouns
2. Documentation	14. Spelling Quiz 2
3. Nouns As Labels; Related Nouns; Categories	15. Using the Right Prefix
4. Common and Proper Nouns	16. Suffixes Change Spelling/Part of Speech
5. Report: The Meaning of Names	17. Using Mnemonic Devices for Homonyms
6. Spelling Lesson 1: Content Words; ei and ie	18. Spelling Lesson 3: Common Homonyms
7. Quiz 1: Using Nouns	19. Quiz 3: Cumulative
8. Spelling Quiz 1	20. Spelling Quiz 3
9. Personal Pronoun Case	21. Unit 1 Special Project
10. Reflexive Pronouns; Archaic Pronouns	22. Test
11. Demonstratives; Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement	23. Alternate Test
12. Spelling Lesson 2: General/Easily Confused Words	24. Reference

UNIT 2: USAGE; SPEAKING AND LISTENING; VERB TENSES
Assignment Titles

1. Speaking Expressively	13. Verbs: Present Tense
2. Retelling a Story: Alfred the Great	14. Past Tense: Regular and Irregular Verbs
3. Project: Story-telling	15. Auxiliary Verbs/Future Tense
4. Report: Alfred the Great	16. Verbs: Perfect Tenses and Conjugation
5. Spelling Lesson 1: Multisyllable Words	17. Spelling Lesson 3: General Words
6. Quiz 1: Speaking Expressively	18. Quiz 3: Speaking/Listening; Verb Tenses
7. Spelling Quiz 1	19. Spelling Quiz 3
8. Adjusting Listening to Purpose	20. Book Report: Novel
9. Essay: Listening	21. Unit 2 Special Project
10. Spelling Lesson 2: Frequently Misspelled Words	22. Test
11. Quiz 2: Speaking and Listening	23. Alternate Test
12. Spelling Quiz 2	24. Reference

UNIT 3: BIOGRAPHIES AND GRAMMAR (AFFIXES)
Assignment Titles

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|--|---|
| 1. Biography: William Tyndale | 12. Suffixes: Finding |
| 2. Sequence of Events | 13. Meaning of Suffixes/Parts of Speech |
| 3. Essay: Special Day | 14. Prefixes and Suffixes |
| 4. Flashback and Inferences in Biography | 15. Spelling Lesson 2: Words with Affixes |
| 5. Project: Biography | 16. Quiz 2: Affixes, Biography, Sequence |
| 6. Book Report: Biography | 17. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 7. Spelling Lesson 1: General/ -le and -el | 18. Unit 3 Special Project |
| 8. Quiz 1: Biographies/Sequence of Events | 19. Test |
| 9. Spelling Quiz 1 | 20. Alternate Test |
| 10. Prefixes: Finding | 21. Reference |
| 11. Prefixes: Meanings | |

UNIT 4: STRUCTURE OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN LANGUAGE
Assignment Titles

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|---|--|
| 1. Structure: Subject and Predicate | 12. Quiz 2: Sentence Structure and Variety |
| 2. Patterns: Inverted, Compound Parts, S/V/DO | 13. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 3. Patterns: S/LV/PN, S/LV/PA, S/V/IO/DO | 14. Pitch/Accent/Pause |
| 4. Essay: Using Sentence Patterns | 15. Punctuating Pauses |
| 5. Spelling Lesson 1: Content Area Words | 16. Spelling Lesson 3: General |
| 6. Quiz 1: Sentence Structure and Patterns | 17. Quiz 3: Cumulative |
| 7. Spelling Quiz 1 | 18. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 8. Writing Complete Sentences | 19. Unit 4 Special Project |
| 9. Structure; Word Choice; Ambiguity | 20. Test |
| 10. Effective Sentences: Vivid Modifiers | 21. Alternate Test |
| 11. Spelling Lesson 2: General | 22. Reference |

UNIT 5: THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Assignment Titles

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|--|---|
| 1. Words That Signal Types of Organization | 15. Verb Tense: Past and Present |
| 2. Words That Express Feelings | 16. Direct Object |
| 3. Essay: Words for Feelings | 17. Verbs Often Confused: Lie/Lay |
| 4. Spelling Lesson 1: Using y and ou | 18. Verbs Often Confused: Sit/Set |
| 5. Quiz 1: Signal Words and Words for Feelings | 19. Verbs Often Confused: Rise/Raise |
| 6. Spelling Quiz 1 | 20. Verbs Often Confused: Review |
| 7. Formal, Informal, Nonstandard English | 21. Pronouns Often Confused |
| 8. Smooth and Clear Expression | 22. Spelling Lesson 3: Past Tense Verbs |
| 9. Essay: Informal/Formal English | 23. Quiz 3: Cumulative |
| 10. Spelling Lesson 2: Homonyms | 24. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 11. Quiz 2 Cumulative | 25. Unit 5 Special Project |
| 12. Spelling Quiz 2 | 26. Test |
| 13. Subject-Verb Agreement in Number | 27. Alternate Test |
| 14. Form of Action Verbs | 28. Reference |

UNIT 6: MECHANICS AND STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Capital Letters 1 | 15. Subjects and Predicates |
| 2. Capital Letters 2 | 16. Complements |
| 3. Spelling Lesson 1: Adjectives and Adverbs | 17. Adjectives |
| 4. Quiz 1: Capitalization | 18. Adverbs |
| 5. Spelling Quiz 1 | 19. Prepositional Phrases as Modifiers |
| 6. Apostrophe | 20. Quiz 3: Structure and Mechanics |
| 7. Quotation Marks | 21. Coordination |
| 8. Parentheses/Hyphen | 22. Spelling Lesson 3: General Words |
| 9. Comma | 23. Quiz 4: Cumulative |
| 10. Punctuation Review | 24. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 11. Essay: Importance of Language Mechanics | 25. Unit 6 Special Project |
| 12. Spelling Lesson 2: Special Types of Words | 26. Test |
| 13. Quiz 2: Capitals and Punctuation | 27. Alternate Test |
| 14. Spelling Quiz 2 | 28. Reference |

UNIT 7: THE HIDING PLACE: A STUDY GUIDE
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Chapters 1-3: Flashback/Foreshadowing | 15. Quiz 2: The Hiding Place, chapters 6-9 |
| 2. Chapters 4-5: Reading for Details | 16. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 3. Understanding Characters | 17. Chapter 10: Sequence |
| 4. Essay: Occupied | 18. Chapters 11-13: Reading for Details |
| 5. Report: World War II | 19. Chapters 14-15: Understand Characters |
| 6. Report: Dietrich Bonhoeffer | 20. Author's Purpose/Modes of Writing |
| 7. Spelling Lesson 1: Noun Suffixes | 21. Essay: Character Sketch |
| 8. Quiz 1: The Hiding Place, chapters 1-5 | 22. Spelling Lesson 3: Noun Suffixes |
| 9. Spelling Quiz 1 | 23. Quiz 3: The Hiding Place, chapters 10-15 |
| 10. Chapters 6-7: Comprehension | 24. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 11. Chapter 8-9: Suspense | 25. Unit 7 Special Project |
| 12. Interpretation and Communication | 26. Test |
| 13. Essay: Pickwick | 27. Alternate Test |
| 14. Spelling Lesson 2: Verb Suffixes | 28. Reference |

UNIT 8: NONFICTION AND COMMUNICATION
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Nonfiction Literature: Helen Keller | 11. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 2. Nonfiction Literature: The Apple Tree Switch | 12. Communicating with Gestures |
| 3. Spelling Lesson 1: General | 13. Spelling Lesson 3: General |
| 4. Quiz 1: Nonfiction | 14. Quiz 3: Speaking with Gestures |
| 5. Spelling Quiz 1 | 15. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 6. Learning to Listen Review | 16. Unit 8 Special Project |
| 7. Note-taking and Summarizing | 17. Test |
| 8. Essay: Summary | 18. Alternate Test |
| 9. Spelling Lesson 2: General | 19. Reference |
| 10. Quiz 2: Listening, Summarizing, and Nonfiction | |

UNIT 9: WRITING AND PRONUNCIATION
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Sentence Types: Introduction | 15. Quiz 2: Writing Paragraphs and Mechanics |
| 2. Sentence Types: Declarative/Interrogative | 16. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 3. Sentence Types: Imperative/Exclamatory | 17. Pronunciation |
| 4. Sentence Errors: Fragments | 18. Regional Differences in Pronunciation |
| 5. Sentence Errors: Comma Splice/Run-on | 19. Words in Reading/Nonsense Words |
| 6. Spelling Lesson 1: General and Content Area Words | 20. Essay: A Nonsense Poet |
| 7. Quiz 1: Correct Sentences | 21. Project: Limericks |
| 8. Spelling Quiz 1 | 22. Spelling Lesson 3: Words Often Mispronounced |
| 9. Paragraph Format/Topic Sentence | 23. Quiz 3: Cumulative |
| 10. Paragraph Unity and Sequence | 24. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 11. Deductive/Inductive/Transitional Paragraphs | 25. Unit 9 Special Project |
| 12. Essay: Paragraph Practice | 26. Test |
| 13. Project: Paragraph Self Check | 27. Alternate Test |
| 14. Spelling Lesson 2: Noun and Adjective Suffixes | 28. Reference |

UNIT 10: REVIEW**Assignment Titles**

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| 1. Verb Tense | 16. Project: Punctuation Practice |
| 2. Verb Agreement and Confusion | 17. Spelling Review Lessons 3 and 4 |
| 3. Nouns and Pronouns | 18. Review Quiz 2 |
| 4. Reflexive and Demonstrative Pronouns; Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement | 19. Spelling Quiz 2 |
| 5. Adjectives/Adverbs | 20. Communication: Writing and Reading |
| 6. Prepositional Phrases | 21. Book Report: Short Story |
| 7. Sentence Patterns and Types | 22. Communication: Speaking and Listening |
| 8. Spelling Review Lessons 1 and 2 | 23. Project: Autobiography |
| 9. Review Quiz 1 | 24. Spelling Review Lessons 5 and 6 |
| 10. Spelling Quiz 1 | 25. Review Quiz 3 |
| 11. Capitalization | 26. Spelling Quiz 3 |
| 12. Apostrophe | 27. Unit 10 Special Project |
| 13. Quotation Marks/Parentheses | 28. Test |
| 14. Hyphens/Commas | 29. Alternate Test |
| 15. Mechanics: Cumulative Practice | 30. Reference |