

Language Arts 3—Scope and Sequence: Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Dictation	Skill/Assignment
1	basic rules of sentences, nouns; adjectives (articles); sentence fluency	Using the Five Senses/Adjectives Descriptive Paragraph
2	adverbs; modify verbs	Verbs & Adverbs Exciting story about topic described in Week 1
3	adverbs; modify adjectives and other adverbs	Similes Convert writing from Week 1 & 2 into a story, add similes
4	word choice (use specific nouns), synonyms	Using the Five Sense Story-Starter picture-short story
5	adverbs of time and place	Poetry; Rhyming Patterns; Quatrains Write a limerick; Write a free verse poem
6	helping verbs; verb tense	Analyze character—Pocahontas; Outlines Write a character sketch
7	implied subject—understood you	Outlines Write an explanatory paragraph
8	writing numbers	Writing with a Hook Recollection paragraphs
9	verb usage: singular has an -s, plurals do not	Imagery; Simile; Narration; Summarization; Public Speaking Point-of-view journal writing
10	pronouns & antecedents	Imaginative Writing Story-Starter Picture-short story
11	comma review: series, numbers, city/state, etc.	Writing on a Theme Turn outline into rough draft; Final draft
12	hyphens to split words	Research; Informative Writing Brainstorm; Select topic; Internet research; Library visit
13	subject/object/personal & possessive pronouns	Outlines Make note cards for report; Organize note cards into an outline
14	combine short sentences	Rough Draft Writing; Bibliography; Report Writing; Hook Writing; Public Speaking Turn outline into rough draft; Read rough draft out loud; Edit rough draft & work on bibliography; Final draft
15	similes and metaphors	Active & Passive Voice; Character Sketch Brainstorm; Write character sketch
16	interpret proverbs; subjects & predicates (complete, compound, simple)	Research; Biography Writing Write rough draft; Write biography
17	comparative adjectives, superlative adjectives	Palindromes; Research; Biography Writing Research person; Write biography
18	quotations	Dialog; Research Write mini-report rough draft; Write mini-report
19	adverbs	Outlines; Speech Drafting; Public Speaking Describe a room with 5 senses; Gen. G. Washington Than You speech to Phoebe
20	plural nouns: -s, -es, -ies	Imagery Story-Starter Picture-short story
21	linking verbs; predicate nouns; predicate adjectives	Summarization Define “friendship”; Write commercial

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22	subject; predicate; vary sentence lengths	Research; Explanatory Writing Write preamble to family bylaws; Research creation of US Constitution; write explanation of how Constitution was created
23	prepositions, objects of the preposition, prepositional phrases	Imaginative Writing Write a short journal entry; Write a descriptive paragraph
24	abbreviations—states/addresses; titles	Homophones Write a “thank you note”
25	contractions	Active Voice; Passive Voice; Verbs; Persuasive Writing Write a persuasive paragraph
26	irregular verbs	Voice—Eliminating “be” Verbs; Storytelling Write down words of wisdom; Retell a story orally
27	compound words; compound adjectives	Free Verse Poetry; Limericks; Cinquain Compose a 5-line poem
28	capitalization	Newspaper Production Draft a newspaper human interest article; Write a newspaper editorial
29	possessives (‘s, s’); singular and plural nouns; emotional narration	List Making Write a “pros and cons” list; Write a compare/contrast paper
30	roots, prefixes and suffixes	Personification; Maxims Write a paragraph containing a maxim
31	run-on sentences	List Making; Imaginative Writing; Brainstorming Story-Starter—write the back cover copy for a book cover
32	abbreviations	Picturesque Details Write a paper on why Robert Fulton had a heart of a learner
33	acronyms/initialisms	Dialog; Character Traits; Essay Writing Write dialog; Write a 5 paragraph essay
34	commas: after introductory words, with noun of direct address	Persuasive Writing; Critical Writing Write a persuasive paragraph; Write a book review
35	simple sentences, compound sentences, coordinating conjunctions	Synonyms; Brainstorming; Imaginative Writing Write a statement of passion; Write about a prompted imaginary situation
36	season description	Similarities/Differences Chart; Essay Writing Write a compare/contrast paragraph

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