

Language Arts 4—Scope and Sequence: Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Mechanics Practice	Creative Expression
1	Sentence Basics; nouns—common and proper; gender of nouns	Personification Gold Rush Short Story
2	Types of Nouns—concrete, abstract, compound and collective	Five Parts of a Friendly Letter Handwriting a Letter
3	Pronouns & antecedents; subject pronouns; gender of pronouns	Creating an outline Writing a Narrative
4	Types of adjectives—demonstrative and indefinite	Poetry techniques Narrative Poem
5	Apostrophes	Adjectives Write a Character Description
6	Spelling rules	Imperative Sentences Write a Bill of Rights
7	Person of pronouns—first, second, third	Write a Daily Journal
8	Commas	The Hook Write a News Story (5 W's + H Questions)
9	Quotation marks; placement of punctuation marks; Write Numbers	Topic Sentences Write a Business Letter
10	Dialects; intensive, reflexive and indefinite pronouns	Metaphors Write a Definition Poem Limericks
11	Action verbs, linking verbs, helping verbs; singular/plural verbs	Transition words Writing/Following Directions
12	Prepositional phrases	Hyperbole Writing a Tall Tale
13	Verb forms; direct objects; transitive and intransitive verbs	Interview The Biography Project
14	Synonyms	The Venn Diagram Compare/Contrast Essay
15	Recognize homonyms and homographs	Brainstorming Ideas for an Invention Write a Fairy Tale
16	Phrases: noun and verb	Mind Mapping Creating Their Invention
17	Clauses and conjunctions: independent clause; coordinating conjunction; correlative conjunctions	Advertising techniques Write an Advertisement
18	Dependant clauses and subordinating conjunctions	Supporting Details for a topic sentence Book Summary/Review
19	How to write titles	Writing a Research Report Thesis Statement
20	Subject-verb agreement	Note and Source Cards—Paraphrasing, Citing
21	Voice—active and passive	Research Outline Body Paragraphs Introduction and Conclusion

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22	Plurals	Revise Your Report Final Draft of Research Report
23	Linking verbs; predicate nouns	Travel Brochure Writing from Art
24	Capitalization	Combining Sentences Writing on a Family Tradition
25	Articles, similes	Combining Sentences (continued) Science Fiction Dialogue
26	Dashes	Cause and Effect
27	Parentheses	Symbols Concrete Poem
28	Verb tenses: simple (review); perfect tenses—present, past, and future perfect	Brainstorming/Drafting a Story Revising a Story
29	Complete sentences: simple, complex, and compound subjects and predicates	Retelling a Story Writing Prompts
30	Agreement: noun/pronoun agreement	Writing with Art
31	Hyphens, review dashes	Facts/Opinions Mind map on Heroes Hero Essay
32	Adjective forms; superlative, positive and comparative	Book Review Adding Details
33	Types of adverbs; of time, of place, of manner, of degree	Organizing a Speech Giving a Speech
34	Types of pronouns; relative, interrogative, demonstrative	Persuasive Techniques Persuasive Writing
35	Colons; semicolons	Writing a Script for a Puppet Show
36	Ellipses	Designing an Invitation

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