

Language Arts D—Scope and Sequence Schedule for Topics and Skills

Week	Dictation Application (Mechanics)	Activity Sheet/Creative Expression
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 Senses 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	Outlines Write an expository paragraph
7	implied subject—understood you	Analyze character—Pocahontas; Outlines Write a character sketch
8	writing numbers	Literary Hooks Write a recollective paragraph
9	verb usage: singular has an -s, plurals do not	Imaginative Writing Story-Starter Picture-short story
10	pronouns & antecedents	Point-of-view journal writing Imagery; Simile; Narration; Summarization; Public Speaking
11	interpret proverbs; subjects & predicates (complete, compound, simple)	Research; Biography Writing Write rough draft; Write biography
12	hyphens to split words	Writing on a Theme Turn outline into rough draft; Final draft
13	subject/object/personal & possessive pronouns	Research; Informative Writing Brainstorm; Select topic; Library visit
14	similes and metaphors	Internet Research; Outlines Make note cards for report; Organize note cards into an outline
15	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
16	comma review: series, numbers, city/state, etc.	Active & Passive Voice; Teaching Methods Brainstorm; Master Christopher
17	comparative adjectives, superlative adjectives; adverbs	Outlines; Speech Drafting; Public Speaking Describe a room with 5 senses; Gen. G. Washington Thank You speech to Phoebe
18	quotations and attribution	Palindromes; Research; Biography Writing Research person; Write biography
19		Dialogue; Research Write mini-report rough draft; Write mini-report

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20	linking verbs; predicate nouns; predicate adjectives	Summarization Define “faith”; Write commercial
21	prepositions, objects of the preposition, prepositional phrases	Active Voice; Passive Voice; Persuasive Writing Write a persuasive paragraph
22	irregular verbs	Voice—Eliminating “be” Verbs; Storytelling Write down words of wisdom; Retell a story orally
23	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
24	plural nouns: -s, -es, -ies	Imagery Story-Starter Picture-short story
25	contractions	Imaginative Writing Write a short journal entry; Write a descriptive paragraph
26	abbreviations—states/addresses; titles	Homophones Write a “thank you note”
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 explaining a maxim
31	run-on sentences; rambling 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	Dialogue; Character Traits; Essay Writing Write dialogue; 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 about a prompted imaginary situation
36	season description	Similarities/Differences Chart; Essay Writing Write a compare/contrast paragraph

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