

Grammar, Mechanics, Spelling, and Vocabulary

Teaching the Language Strand

Lesson Focus	Grammar and Usage	Mechanics	Spelling	Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
CCSS	Conventions of Standard English Language 1.0	Conventions of Standard English Language 1.0	Conventions of Standard English Language 2.0	Conventions of Standard English Language 3.0	Conventions of Standard English Language 4.0, 5.0, 6.0
1	Proper Nouns	Periods in Proper Noun Titles	Vowels and Consonants	Delete the Unnecessary "Here" Words	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Idioms
2	Common Nouns	Periods in Names, Abbreviations, and Acronyms	Vowels and Consonants	Noun Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
3	Collective Nouns	Periods in Indirect Questions and Intentional Fragments	Vowel Diphthongs	Delete the Unnecessary "There" Words	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Idioms
4	Personal Pronouns	Numbers, Letters, and Periods in Alphanumeric Outlines	Vowel Diphthongs	Pronoun Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
5	Subject (Nominative) Case Pronouns	Semicolons in Compound Sentences	r- controlled Vowels	Delete the Unnecessary "It"	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Idioms
6	Object Case Pronouns	Apostrophes for Singular Possessive Nouns	r- controlled Vowels	Adjective Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
7	Possessive Case Pronouns	Apostrophes for Plural Possessive Nouns	Consonant Doubling	Delete Unnecessary Writing References	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Similes
8	Adjectives	Apostrophes for Possessive Compound Nouns and Possessive Subjects and Objects	Consonant Doubling	Possessive Pronoun Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

Boldface denotes Introductory Standard for Sixth Grade Level.

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9	Demonstrative Adjectives	Apostrophes in Contractions	i before e	Delete Unnecessary Writer References	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Similes
10	Adverbs	Comma Misuse	i before e	Adverb Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
11	Coordinating Conjunctions	Commas for Dates	Hard and Soft /c/ and /g/	Parallel Coordinating Conjunctions	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Metaphors
12	Correlative Conjunctions	Commas for Letters	Hard and Soft /c/ and /g/	Prepositional Phrase Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
13	Subordinating Conjunctions	Commas in Addresses	Plurals	Parallel Correlative Conjunctions	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Metaphors
14	*Prepositional Phrases	Commas for Names	Plurals	Complete Subject Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
15	Subjects	Commas for Geographical Places	Drop/Keep Final e	Delete Paired Redundancies	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Metaphors
16	Predicates	Commas for Tag Questions	Drop/Keep Final e	Direct Object Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

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17	Direct objects	Commas for Beginning Direct Speech	/ch/	Delete Restatements	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Imagery
18	Phrases and Clauses	Commas for Ending Direct Speech	/ch/	Compound Subject Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
19	*Fragments and Complete Sentences	Commas for Middle Direct Speech	"ough" and "augh"	Change Complex Words to Simple Words	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Adages
20	*Run-ons and Complete Sentences	Commas in a Series	"ough" and "augh"	Connective Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
21	Sentence Forms: Simple, Compound, Complex	Commas after Introductory Words and Phrases	Starting/ Ending /k/	Make Items in a List Parallel	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Adages
22	Types of Sentences	Commas after Introductory Clauses	Starting/ Ending /k/	Transition Word Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
23	*Noun Phrases	Commas to Set off Interjections	Change/Keep y	Parallel Structures	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Alliteration
24	Indefinite Pronouns	Commas and Quotation Marks with Speaker Tags	Change/Keep y	Noun Phrase Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

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25	Interrogative Pronouns	Commas before Conjunctions in Compound Sentences	"al" and "ful"	Interrogative Pronouns	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Proverbs
26	Reciprocal Pronouns	Commas with Phrases in a Series	"al" and "ful"	Noun Clause Sentence Opener	
27	Demonstrative Pronouns	Commas in Complex Sentences	Double <i>l-f-s-z</i>	Reflexive Pronouns	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Proverbs
28	Reflexive Pronouns	Commas with Hierarchical Adjectives	Double <i>l-f-s-z</i>	Nominative Absolute Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
29	Intensive Pronouns	Punctuation in Nonrestrictive Clauses	"ph"	Intensive Pronouns	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Onomatopoeia
30	*Pronoun Antecedents	Punctuation in Restrictive Clauses	"ph"	Demonstrative Pronoun Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
31	*Pronoun Number and Person Shifts	Dialogue and Direct Quotations	/ion/	Reciprocal Pronouns	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Personification
32	*Vague Pronoun References	Punctuation of Direct Quotations	/ion/	Demonstrative Adjective Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

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33	*Adjectival Phrases	In-text Citations and Indirect Quotations	"c/tial" and "c/tious"	Helping Verb Deletions	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Personification
34	*Adjectival Clauses and Relative Pronouns	Italics and Underlining: Book, Website, Newspaper, and Magazine Titles	"c/tial" and "c/tious"	Adjectival Phrase Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
35	Short Comparative Modifiers	Italics and Underlining: Play, Television Show, Movie, and Works of Art Titles	Consonant-"le"	Substitute Adjectives for Adjective Phrases	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Colloquial-isms
36	Long Comparative Modifiers	Quotation Marks: Song and Poem Titles	Consonant-"le"	Adjectival Clause Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
37	Short Superlative Modifiers	Quotation Marks: Book Chapter Titles	Vowel-"se," "ve"	Eliminate Interruptions	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Colloquial-isms
38	Long Superlative Modifiers	Quotation Marks: Newspaper, Magazine, and Blog Article Titles	Vowel-"se," "ve"	Short Comparative Modifier Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
39	*Verb Phrases	Quotation Marks: Short Story and Document Titles	Irregular Plurals	Rearrange in Chronological Order	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes
40	Progressive Verb Tense	Capitalization of Named People and Characters	Irregular Plurals	Long Comparative Modifier Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

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41	Perfect Verb Tense	Capitalization of Named Places	Vowel Shift	Eliminate "to be" Verbs by Rephrasing	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes
42	*Adverbial Clauses	Capitalization of Named Things and Products	Vowel Shift	Short Superlative Modifier Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
43	*Singular Subject-Verb Agreement	Capitalization of Holidays and Dates	Consonant Shift	Eliminate "to be" Verbs by Changing Nouns to Verbs	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes
44	*Plural Subject- Verb Agreement	Capitalization of Titles	Consonant Shift	Long Superlative Modifier Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
45	*Shifts in Verb Tense	Capitalization of Special Events and Historical Periods	Pronunciation Problems	Make Noun Constructions Parallel	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Personification
46	*Non-standard English Contractions: ain't and han't	Capitalization of Organizations and Businesses	Pronunciation Problems	Non-restrictive Relative Clause Sentence Opener	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
47	*Non-standard English Negation	Capitalization of Languages and People Groups	Schwa	Combine Short, Choppy Sentences Using Coordination	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Personification
48	*Non-standard English for the Continuous "to be" and "do or don't be"	Question Marks	Schwa	End A Sentence With A Restrictive Relative Clause	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

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49	*Non-standard English Was and Were- Leveling	Exclamation Points	Greek and Latin Prefixes	Change Imprecise Words to Precise Words	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Personification
50	*Non-standard English Pronoun Usage	Colons in Titles, Numbers, and Ratios	Greek and Latin Prefixes	Combine Short, Choppy Sentences by Adding a Beginning Subordinate Clause	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
51	*Non-standard English Third Person Subject- Verb Agreement	Parentheses with Numbers and Letters	Greek and Latin Roots	Compound Sentences	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes
52	*Non-standard English Deletions	Dashes with Dates, Times, and Numbers	Greek and Latin Roots	Complex Sentences	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
53	*Non-standard English Substitutions and Additions	Brackets	French Spellings	Compound- Complex Sentences	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes
54	*Non-standard English Substitutions of the Past Participle Verb Form	Hyphens and Compound Adjectives	French Spellings	Short Sentences for Sentence Variety	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language
55	*Non-standard English Misuse of the Past Progressive Verb Tense	Slashes	Homonyms	Change Adjectives Preceding Nouns to Appositives	Multiple Meaning Words, Greek and Latin Morphemes, Verbal Irony
56	*Non-standard English Commonly Misused Words	Numbers	Homonyms	Delete Redundant Categories	Word Relationships, Connotations, Academic Language

Mechanics Lesson

"Today we are studying how to use **commas** with nonrestrictive clauses. Remember that a nonrestrictive clause begins with the relative pronouns *who* or *which* and tells you something about a preceding noun or pronoun, but they do *not* limit, restrict, or define the meaning of that noun or pronoun. The clause could be removed without affecting the basic meaning of the sentence. Now let's read the mechanics lesson, circle or highlight the key points of the text, and study the examples."

The relative pronouns *who*, *whom*, *whose*, and *which*, but not *that*, begin nonrestrictive relative clauses. Use commas to set off nonrestrictive relative clauses from the noun or pronoun before the clause. **Example:** The girl, who sits in the corner, is sleepy.

Also use commas to separate a series of nonrestrictive clauses. **Example:** The children, who cooperate, who try their best, and who always listen to the teacher, will succeed in this class.

"Now read the Practice sentence in your workbook. Apply the mechanics rules to circle or highlight what is right. Then cross out and revise what is wrong. [Allow time.] 'Can anyone share what is right? What is wrong? [Correct the sentence on the display]."

Mechanics Practice Answers: The sweater, which had been dyed green, is nice and warm. It fit my grandpa, who was grateful for the gift.

Grammar and Usage Lesson

"Today we are studying **intensive pronouns**. Remember that a pronoun takes the place of a noun. Now let's read the grammar and usage lesson, circle or highlight the key points of the text, and study the examples."

Intensive pronouns are used to emphasize subject or object case nouns or pronouns. These pronouns take the same form as reflexive pronouns and end in "self" or "selves": *myself*, ourselves, yourself, yourselves, himself, herself, itself, and themselves.

Unlike reflexive pronouns, removing the intensive pronoun does not change the meaning of the sentence. Intensive pronouns generally follow nouns or pronouns in the sentence and are not separated by commas. **Examples**: you yourself, he himself

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Grammar and Usage Practice Answers: They themselves feel better about the situation than he himself did.

Sentence Diagram Lesson and Corrections

"Now read the directions for the Sentence Diagram in your workbook. 'Intensive pronouns are placed within parentheses following the subject or object. Complete this sentence diagram: "She herself paid attention."" [Allow time.]



"Compare your diagram to that on the display. Use a different color pen or pencil to place a $\sqrt{}$ above each correctly placed answer and revise any errors."

Mentor Text Lesson

"This mentor text, written by Gautama Siddharta (the founder of Buddhism), uses an intensive pronoun to emphasize his point in this sentence. Let's read it carefully: 'You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection.' Which exceptional writing features can you identify?"

Writing Application Lesson

"Now let's apply what we've learned and respond to this quote with a sentence using an intensive pronoun on the Writing Application section of your workbook. [Allow time. Ask a few students to share and then write one exemplary sentence on the display]."

Dictations and Corrections

"Apply the mechanics rules to write this Sentence Dictation correctly in your workbook: 'My friend, whom you know, never thanked my wife, whose hospitality he enjoyed for over two weeks.""

"Apply the grammar and usage lesson to write this Sentence Dictation in your workbook, revising this sentence with appropriate intensive pronoun usage: 'We ourself did it."

"Now compare your sentences to the dictations on the display. Use a different color pen or pencil to place a $\sqrt{}$ above correct answers or revisions. Correct errors with editing marks."

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Sentence Diagram Answers

She (herself) paid attention

Mentor Text

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection."

Gautama Siddharta (563–483)

Writing Application Lesson

Mechanics Dictation

My friend, whom you know, never thanked my wife, whose hospitality he enjoyed for over two weeks.

Grammar and Usage Dictation

We ourselves did it.

Language Conventions Worksheet #29

Mechanics

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Sentence Diagram

Intensive pronouns are placed within parentheses following the subject or object. Complete this sentence diagram: "She herself paid attention."

(herself)		_	
Writing Application	n		
Mechanics Dictati	on		
Grammar and Usa	ge Dictation _		

Spelling Patterns Test #24

Schwa

- 1. novel
- 2. handsome
- 3. garage
- 4. pencil
- 5. tendon
- 6. basin
- 7. stomach
- 8. plankton
- 9. president
- 10. seldom
- 11. amend
- 12. system
- 13. adjust
- 14. tandem
- 15. lentil
- 16. pleasant
- 17. sentence
- 18. native
- 19. pivot
- 20. enemy

Spelling Sort Answers #24

Schwa

Directions: Circle the bolded spelling patterns in the words you sorted correctly.

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a	e
garage	nov e l
stomach	syst em
amend	tandem
adjust	sentence
pleasant	enemy
i	0
pencil	handsome
bas i n	tend o n
president	plankt o n
lentil	seldom
native	piv o t
	_
l	

Spelling Worksheet #24 Schwa

Spelling Focus

The schwa is the most common vowel sound in the English language. Its sound is a soft "uh" and is usually found in unaccented syllables. For example, in sofa the "a" has the schwa sound. Each of the common vowels (a, e, i, o, and u) can make the "schwa" sound.

Spelling Sort

Sort each spelling word into the group that best matches.

SPELLING WORDS	a	e
1. novel	l	
2. handsome		
3. garage		
4. pencil		
5. tendon		
6. basin		
7. stomach		
8. plankton	i	0
9. president		
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Language Application #39

Lesson Focus

Our language application task is to rearrange an order of events in **chronological order** from old to new. **Chronological** refers to the order of time, from older events to newer ones. Use transition words such as *first*, *second*, *later*, *next*, *before*, *for one*, *for another*, *previously*, *then*, *finally*, *following*, *since*, and *now* to establish a time sequence from old to new.

Example

Mary asked if she could go with us, later she got permission from her parents, but before both she had cancelled her plans.

This sentence can be better revised as...

First, Mary cancelled her plans. Then she asked if she could go with us. Later, she got permission from her parents.

Revise these sentences by placing the events in chronological order:

Later this afternoon we will clean up the yard. This morning I trimmed the trees. Now I'm taking a well-deserved break.

Language Application Revision

This morning I trimmed the trees. Now I'm taking a well-deserved break. Later this afternoon we will clean up the yard.

Language Application Worksheet #39

Rearrange in Chronological Order

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Revise these sentences by placing	the events in chronological order:
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Language Application Revision	

Vocabulary Worksheet #13

Multiple Meaning Words

Directions: Write the number of the definition that best matches the use of each vocabulary word in the sentences below.

soil (v)		el of the earth in whi e something dirty.	ch plants grow.
The boys always soil	their jeans whe	en they roll down tha	at grassy hill. But those stains are
easy to remove, unlik	ke those stains left by	y the red soil in	our backyard.
Greek and Latir	n Word Parts: P	refixes, Roots,	and Suffixes
			word which includes the word part. definition of the vocabulary word.
Prefix Root	Suffix	Meaning	Example Words
civ		citizen	
	il	relating to	
civil			
Language Reso	urces: Dictiona	ary and Thesau	rus
			ord into syl/la/bles, mark its primary. Compare to your definition above.
civil ()			
Directions: Consult :	a thesaurus to write	the best synonym an	nd antonym for the vocabulary word.
Synonym		Antonym	
Similes (stated	comparisons b	etween two ur	nlike things)
Directions: As used "as harmless as dove	in the following sen	tence, interpret or ex	splain the meaning of this simile:

Vocabulary Worksheet #14

Word Relationships: Degree

Directions: Write one or two sentences using both vocabulary words. Use **SALE** (Synonym, Antonym, Logic, Example) context clues to show the related meanings of each word.

Vocabulary Words peaceful (adj) tranquil (adj)	Definitions Free of conflict or disturbance. Undisturbed or calm.
Connotations: S	Shades of Meaning
Directions: Write the	e vocabulary words where they belong on the C onnotation Spectrum.
Vocabulary Words obvious (adj)	Definitions Something that is noticeable or easy to spot.

Something that is hidden or difficult to identify.

Academic Language

mysterious (adj)

Directions: Describe the vocabulary words in each box.

clear

Vocabulary Word: convene (v) Definition: To get together for a meeting or activity.	Similar to
Different than	Example, Characteristics, or Picture:

Vocabulary Word: coordinate (v) Definition: To determine how the parts of a whole can best work together.	Similar to
Different than	Example, Characteristics, or Picture:

puzzling

Diagnostic Grammar and Usage Assessment

Directions: Place the letter in the space to the left of the number that best matches or completes each sentence.

21. The students who got into tro	ouble are .	
A. them		C. I and he
D. they	E. me and she	
22. The teacher yelled at two stu	dents, Rachel and .	
A. I	B. me	C. it
D. he	E. us	
23. He stirred the sauce, and then	n let John taste .	
A. them	B. this	C. it
D. these	E. that	
24. That moviewe watche	ed was entertaining.	
A. who	B. whose	C. it
	E. that	
25. who wants to try out for	or the team can do so, but not	is chosen.
	B. Everyone; both	
D. Everyone; others		
26 of the candy is on the c	counter, though is free.	
A. Some; fewer	B. Plenty; little	C. Many; nothing
D. All; none	E. A large amount; few	
27. She should for her sch	=	
A. have smiled		C. had smiled
D. smiled	E. has smiled	
28. Jamie three miles arou	and the track for the fundraiser	î .
A. walk	B. has walk	C. is walking
A. walk D. walking	E. had walking	_
29. Compared to her happy siste		
A. happier	B. most happy	C. happiest
D. more happier	E. most happiest	
30. Of all the happy people, he w	vas	
A. happier	B. most happy	C. happiest
D. more happier	E. most happiest	
31. Compared to last time, this w	vork is definitely	
A. most difficult	B. more difficulter	C. difficultest
D. more difficult	E. difficulter	
32. He is the student in hi	s class.	
A. most intelligent	B. more intelligent	C. intelligentest
D. more intelligent	E. intelligenter	
33. Dennis ready and he _	prepared well.	
A. seem; has	B. seems; have	C. seems; has
D. seems: was	E. seem: is	

Diagnostic Mechanics Assessment Answers

Directions: Each problem has the numbered diagnostic items in enlarged **boldface**. If the student misses an item, mark a / in the same number column on the TLS Diagnostic Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Assessment Mastery Matrix.

45 67 (needs both) 68 53 1. a friend named John said, "I am glad I don't need any help on my homework" 46 (needs both) 54 (needs both) 69 60 2. that new student, paula, is from South Africa; she told me she had never seen the star wars movie in that country 47 (needs both) 61 3. she saw pictures of the costumes, robots, and ship models in the newsweek article 70 (needs both) 55 (needs both) (the one that featured Space Camp) **62** (needs both) **71** 4. yes, you should listen to that song called "the one monster's howl" before \mathbf{H} alloween 49 72 5. bring both girls best dresses to atlanta, georgia to see the play titled fiddler on the roof 73 64 (needs both sets) **50** 57 (needs both) 6. joe, please read these chapters: "knots" and "cooking" to prepare for the Boy Scouts meeting tonight 74 51 65 (needs both) 7. mr. wong put on his glasses, and then he read the magazine article titled "my dog spoke" English" 52 (needs both greeting and closing) 8. dear mary, 66 (needs both) what a complete surprise! no one had read the short story titled "yankees and 59 (needs both)

rebels" about the Civil War

yours truly,

amy

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #44

FOCUS Irregular Verbs

English has many irregular verbs in the past tense and past participle verb form.

CONNECT TO WRITING

Unlike regular verbs, irregular verbs don't form the past tense and past participle by adding "__ed" endings onto the base forms of their verbs. Many common English verbs are irregular.

PRACTICE

Match these verbs to their irregular verb patterns: go-went-gone, say-said-said, build-built-built, put-put-put, tell-told-told, drink-drank-drunk, find-found-found, wear-wore-worn, blow-blew-blown, swing-swung, see-saw-seen, mean-meant-meant, feed-fed-fed

Irregular Verb Patterns	Present	Past	Past Participle
The "d" changes to "_t"			
Other consonants change to "_t"			
Verbs ending in "_d" or "_t" don't change			
Other consonants change to "_en"			
Other consonants change to "_n"			
Vowels change to "u"			
Vowels change from "i" to "a' and "u"			
Vowels change to "ou"			
Vowels change "ee" change to "e"			
The "ear" changes to "ore" and "orn"			
The "ay" to "aid"			
Consonants change to "_d"			
Oddballs			
WRITE			
Write a sentence using an irregular past tense verb	and an irregu	ılar past part	iciple verb form.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #51

FOCUS Commas with Conjunctions

Use commas before conjunctions to join two clauses.

CONNECT TO WRITING

A comma is placed before the **coordinating conjunction** if it joins two or more independent clauses unless one or both of the clauses are short. The acronym, FANBOYS (For-And-Nor-But-Or-Yet-So), may help you remember the common two or three-letter coordinating conjunctions. **Examples:** I liked everything about her, and she also liked me. I liked her and she liked me.

A comma is placed before the second of paired **correlative conjunctions**, if the conjunction begins an independent clause. Don't use a comma to separate correlative conjunctions if they are used within the same phrase or clause. Correlative conjunctions include the following: both...and either...or whether...or neither...nor **Example:** Either she should ask for help, or she should read the directions again.

A comma is placed after the adverbial clause, which begins with a subordinating conjunction, if the clause does not end the sentence. This memory trick may help you remember the common subordinating conjunctions: **Bud is wise, but hot! AAA WWW**

Before unless despite (in spite of) in order that since while if since even though (if), because until that how once than! After Although (though) As (As if, As long as, As much as, As soon as, As though) Whether When (Whenever) Where (Wherever) Example: As much as I liked her company, she eventually became tiresome.

PRACTICE

Place commas where they belong in the following sentences.

- 1. Neither he wanted to face the problem nor did she want to deal with that challenge.
- 2. In order that all people would have the same chance they decided to draw numbers.
- 3. Raymond sent a message to his cousin but the message was returned unopened.

WRITE

Write three of your own sentences: a compound sentence with a coordinating conjunction; a sentence with a pair of correlative conjunctions; and a sentence with a subordinating conjunction

Diagnostic Spelling Assessment

42.	poodle	The black poodle loved to eat ice cream.	poodle	
43.	overdue	Your library book is overdue.	overdue	
44.	duty	Do your duty to your country.	duty	
45.	brewing	The coffee is always brewing at her house.	brewing	Long /oo/
46.	looked	He looked older than he really was.	looked	
47.	butcher	The local butcher was very skilled.	butcher	Short /oo/
48.	crowded	This school is very crowded.	crowded	
49.	counting	She began counting on her fingers.	counting	/ow/ (cow)
50.	poisoned	The chemical poisoned the water.	poisoned	
51.	destroy	He had to destroy the work of art.	destroy	/oi/
52.	awful	The engine made an awful sound.	awful	
53.	auditorium	The band played in the auditorium.	auditorium	
54.	already	My teacher already knows the answer.	already	
55.	falling	The child kept falling down the stairs.	falling	/aw/
56.	curling	She liked curling her hair with her fingers.	curling	
57.	winter	This winter I want to visit the beach.	winter	
58.	firmly	The student held the handle firmly.	firmly	
59.	alarm	A man set off the car alarm.	alarm	
60.	boring	The television show was very boring.	boring	<i>r</i> -controlled
61.	cucumber	He likes cucumber in his salad.	cucumber	
62.	procedure	The guard followed the procedure.	procedure	
63.	agony	His face showed the agony of defeat.	agony	Hard/Soft
64.	strangely	Her cousin behaved very strangely.	strangely	c and g
65.	spicy	The Mexican food was spicy.	spicy	
66.	identify	No one could identify the stranger.	identify	Soft y
67.	forgetting	I keep forgetting where I placed my glasses.	forgetting	Consonant
68.	commitmen	tThe coach questioned his commitment.	commitment	Doubling
69.	dodgeball	The children could not play dodgeball.	dodgeball	
70.	advantage	We had the advantage of playing at home.	advantage	/ j /
71.	believe	I will believe it when I see it.	believe	
72.	receive	Did you receive the letter?	receive	"ie"/"ei"
73.	radios	We listened to our radios.	radios	
74.	bushes	They found the child hiding in the bushes.	bushes	
75.	ladies	The ladies softball team won their game.	ladies	
76.	bookshelves	They dusted the bookshelves.	bookshelves	
77.	women	The women volunteered for the carnival.	women	Plurals
78.				
79.	guide	Her family trains guide dogs for the blind.	guide	
	designed	Her mom designed the new school sign.	designed	Silent Letters
80.	_	Her mom designed the new school sign. I had my birthday party at the skating rink.	_	Silent Letters Drop/Keep
80. 81.	designed skating wisely	Her mom designed the new school sign. I had my birthday party at the skating rink. She wisely asked the teacher for help.	designed skating wisely	
80. 81. 82.	designed skating wisely catcher	Her mom designed the new school sign. I had my birthday party at the skating rink. She wisely asked the teacher for help. The catcher tagged the runner out.	designed skating wisely catcher	Drop/Keep Final <i>e</i>
80. 81. 82. 83.	designed skating wisely	Her mom designed the new school sign. I had my birthday party at the skating rink. She wisely asked the teacher for help. The catcher tagged the runner out. Our players scored the winning touchdown.	designed skating wisely catcher touchdown	Drop/Keep
80. 81. 82. 83. 84.	designed skating wisely catcher touchdown gigantic	Her mom designed the new school sign. I had my birthday party at the skating rink. She wisely asked the teacher for help. The catcher tagged the runner out. Our players scored the winning touchdown. The gigantic boulder blocked the road.	designed skating wisely catcher touchdown gigantic	Drop/Keep Final e /ch/
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Spelling Pattern Worksheet #79

Silent Consonant Letters FOCUS English has many silent consonant letter spellings (comb). **SORT** Write each word in the correct column. bomb shepherd sign thirteen kitchen scene awhile through ghost howled column answer **Silent Consonant Spellings Other Spellings** In a book find four words with silent consonant spellings that are not on this worksheet. After each new word, write the page number where you found the word. _______p. ________p. _____ ______p. ______p. _____ JUMBLE Write the word with the silent consonant spelling found in each jumbled word. nokt _____ lkat stnoebmot* elosnm WRITE Compose a sentence using two of your own silent consonant spelling words.

Word Making and Word Jumbles Spelling Pattern Words

Sound-Spellings	Unscrambled Words	Word Jumbles
Long u Sound		
"u" "ue" "ew" "_ue"	musical usefulness curfew fueling	csualim uefesslnsu furcwe inufegl
Silent Final e		
"a_e" "e_e" "i_e" "o_e" /ū/"u_e" /oo/"u_e" as in rooster	milkshake completed submarine lonesome muleskinner parachute	klsimkeah ldeemocpt rabsumnei oelsmeon nknresieuml etuahcrpa
aw Sound		
"aw" "al" "all"	awesome auditorium almost smallest	ewaosme tduaoiumir malsto lamsselt
oo as in rooster Sound		
"oo" "u" "u_e" "_ew" "_ue"	toothache cruising attitude unscrewed barbecued	eooatthch rciuisgn tttiadeu dweenuscr ecduberab
oo as in woodpecker Sound		
"oo" "_u_"	understood sugarless	ouorsdtden ragulsses
oi Sound		
"oi" "oy"	poisonous enjoyment	oponsiuos nemtnojey

Consonant – "le" Syllable Division

3. trickled 1. handle 2. hassled 4. muscle 5. humble 6. cattleman 9. rifle 7. single 8. purple 10. paddling 11. measles 12. ticklish 13. circling 14. bottle 15. settlement 16. toggle 17. sample 18. stifle 21. unbuckled 19. cradle 20. waffling 22. cubicle 23. fabled 24. gentlemen 25. icicle 26. triangle 27. reshuffle

Consonant – "le" Syllable Rule: A suffix syllable ending with a consonant-"le" has a short schwa sound (a nasal short u) between the consonant and the "le" ending. The e is silent. Example: circle

Consonant - "le" Syllable Division Worksheet

Directions: Print the Consonant-"le" Syllable Division words in the spaces provided. Carefully divide the words into syllables with / marks. Then, write the accent mark (') above the primary vowel accent.

Consonant-"le" Syllable Rule: A suffix syllable ending with a consonant-"le" has a short *schwa* sound (a nasal short ŭ) between the consonant and the "le" ending. The *e* is silent. **Example:** circle

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
25	26	27

Consonant - "le" Syllable Division Answers

3. tríc/kled 1. hán/dle 2. hás/sled 4. mú/scle 5. húm/ble 6. cát/tle/man 7. sín/gle 8. púr/ple 9. rí/fle 10. pád/dling 11. méa/sles 12. tíc/klish 13. cír/cling 14. bót/tle 15. sét/tle/ment 16. tóg/gle 17. sám/ple 18. stí/fle 19. crá/dle 20. wáf/fling 21. un/búc/kled 22. cú/bi/cle 23. fá/bled 24. gén/tle/men 25. i/ci/cle 26. trí/an/gle 27. re/shúf/fle

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Context Clues Strategies

Using context clues to figure out the meaning of unknown words as you read will help build your vocabulary and increase your reading comprehension. The **FP'S BAG SALE STRATEGIES** will improve your ability to use context clues.

When you come to an unknown word, first apply these steps: **FP'S BAG**.

Finish the sentence.

See how the word fits into the whole sentence.

Pronounce the word out loud.

Sometimes hearing the word will give you a clue to meaning.

Syllables–Examine each word part.

Word parts can be helpful clues to meaning.

Before–Read the sentence before the unknown word.

The sentence before can hint at what the word means.

After–Read the sentence after the unknown word.

The sentence after can define, explain, or provide an example of the word.

Grammar–Determine the part of speech.

Pay attention to where the word is placed in the sentence, the ending of the word, and its grammatical relationship to other known words for clues to meaning.

Next search for surrounding word clues which identify one of the **SALE** (Synonym, Antonym, Logic, Example) context clues categories. Knowing the category the unknown word belongs to will help you define the unknown word.

Synonym–Sometimes an unknown word is defined by the use of a word that is similar in meaning. Synonyms may appear in apposition, in which case commas, dashes, or parentheses are used.

Example: The **wardrobe**, or closet, was filled with clothes.

Often a sentence will have two clauses with one clause listing the word and the other clause defining it.

Example: Spaghetti is a **carbohydrate**, a rich source to provide energy.

Antonym-Sometimes an unknown word is defined by the use of word that is different or opposite in meaning. Antonym clues will often use Transition Words e.g. however, not, but, in contrast, etc.

Example: He signaled a **looey**, not a right turn.

Logic-Sometimes an unknown word is explained by the use of other words. Your own knowledge about the content and text structure may provide clues to meaning.

Example: He petted the **canine**, and then made her sit up and beg for a bone.

Example—Sometimes an unknown word is defined by example words or is used as part of list of similar examples. *Example clues will often use Transition Words e.g. for example*. Example: Adventurous, **rowdy**, and crazy pioneers all found their way out West.

Put together the **FP'S BAG SALE** clues to guess the meaning of the unknown word.

Context Clues Worksheet

Directions: After each unknown word, write the definition of the word in the first blank and the **SALE** context clues category which best informs your choice of the definition in the second blank. Answers are provided for the first unknown word to get you started.

SALE Context Clues

Synonym—Sometimes an unknown word is defined by the use of a word that is similar in meaning.

Antonym—Sometimes an unknown word is defined by the use of word that is different or opposite in meaning.

Logic—Sometimes an unknown word is explained by the use of other words.

Example—Sometimes an unknown word is defined by example words or is used as part of list of similar examples.

The Laurho Dinner Party

Last Ertoke	<u>December</u>	,	Synonym	just before Christmas, I had the
extreme pleasure of bo	oarding Air Forc	e One a	nd flying acros	s the Atlantic to attend an important
government dinner in	a distant laurho			What a party
it was with delicious s	wenjusa			and festive drinks!
The dining room was 1	beautifully decor	rated an	d tinsel, lights,	and bulbs hung splendidly on the
twenty-foot Christmas	terraza			·
The dress was	yontuk		,	not formal, and the
ladies enjoyed wearing	g their floor-leng	th gore	eds	·
After dinner a young v	westy		,	Princess Styvault,
sang a wonderful med	ley of show tune	es and fo	olk songs, acco	mpanied by the brilliant Monsieur
Pierrot, who tinkled th	e ivories on the	soto		

Context Clues Worksheet Answers

Correction Note: Many times a combination of context clue categories may help readers find the meaning of unknown words. Students may wish to share why they identified a different **SALE** context clues category.

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Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Test: Lessons 1–4

Matching Directions: Place the capital lett	er(s) that best matches to the left of the number.			
1. Title after a proper noun	A. UNICEF			
2. Hyphenated proper noun	B. Wow!			
3. Acronym	C. will + the base form of the verb			
4. Common noun	D. Native-American			
5. Intentional fragment	E. A., B., C.			
6. Type of verb	AB. Don Pearson, M.D.			
7. Major details	AC. Idea, person, place, or thing			
8. Future tense	AD. Links a noun or pronoun to something else			
Sentence Application Directions: Answer	in complete sentences, using your own words.			
9. Write a sentence using a title following a	proper noun.			
10. Write a sentence using a group of words	s used as a proper noun.			
11. Write a sentence using an abbreviation.				
12. Write a sentence with a common noun idea.				
13. Write a sentence with an indirect question.				
14. Write a sentence using both mental and physical actions.				
15. List the first ten Roman numerals.				
10. Dist the first ten Roman numerais.				
16. Write a sentence using first and second person personal pronouns.				

Vocabulary Test: Lessons 1–4

Matching Directions: Place the capital letter(s) that best matches to the left of the number.						
17. border	A. Belief or custom passed from generation to generation					
18. auto	B. The unchangeable events of a person's future					
19. crat	C. Printed or written words					
20. destiny	D. Rule					
21. fanatical	E. Extreme support of a thing or idea					
22. text	AB. The outside edge or boundary					
23. tradition	AC. Self					
Matching Directions: Place	the capital letter(s) that best matches to the left of the number.					
24. brush	A. Commonly seen or found; that which is usual					
25. grat(e)	B. Full of					
26. ful	C. A fact relating to an event or situation					
27. descendant	D. An option or different approach					
28. ordinary	E. Please					
29. alternative	AB. One who is related to a person who lived before					
30. circumstance	AC. To touch lightly					
Sentence Application Direc	etions: Answer in complete sentences.					
31. Write a sentence showing the meaning of this idiom: "don't hold your breath."						
32. Write a sentence showing the meaning of this idiom: "take a rain check."						
33. Write a sentence showing the meaning of this word: "autocrat."						
34. Write a sentence showing the meaning of this word: "grateful."						

Common Core Language Strand Grade 6 Alignment

Common Core State Standards English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Language Strand	Standards	
Conventions of Standard English	Grammar and Usage Standards	
L.6.1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.		
a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).	LC/SW 4-7 LA/SW 4, 8 GUM 3, 21, 22, 23, 24	
b. Use intensive pronouns (e.g., <i>myself, ourselves</i>).	LC/SW 29 LA/SW 29 GUM 3	
c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*	LC/SW 31 GUM 23	
d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*	LC/SW 24-32 GUM 23	
e. Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*	LC/SW 46-52	
Conventions of Standard English	Mechanics and Spelling Standards	
L.6.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		
a. Use punctuation (comma, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.*	LC/SW 29, 30, 51–53 GUM 42	
b. Spell correctly.	LC/SW 1-64 SP/SW 1-32 SPW 1-72	
Knowledge of Language	Knowledge of Language Standards	
L.6.3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.		
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a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.*b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.*	LA/SW Even AA	

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History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects Language Strand		
Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use Standards	
L.6.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 6 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.		
a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	VW Even and Odd	
b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>audience</i> , <i>auditory</i> , <i>audible</i>).	VW Odd	
c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.	VW Odd	
d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).	VW Odd	
L.6.5. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.		
a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g. personification) in context.	VW Odd	
b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.	VW Even	
c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., <i>stingy</i> , <i>scrimping</i> , <i>economical</i> , <i>unwasteful</i> , <i>thrifty</i>).	VW Even	
L.6.6. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	VW Even	

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L.3.1f. Ensure subject-verb and pronounantecedent agreement.	LC/SW 15, 16, 30–32, 43,44 GUM 9–12, 21–23, 25–28		LW	
L.3.3a. Choose words and phrases for effect.	LC/SW 14, 18, 23, 33, 39		LA/SW Odd	VW Even AD
L.4.1f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.	LC/SW 19, 20 GUM 17–20 LW		LW	
L.4.1g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to/too/two; there/their). L.4.3b. Choose punctuation for effect.		LC/SW 49, 53		VW Odd
L.5.1d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense. L.5.2a. Use punctuation to separate items in a series.	LC/SW 45 GUM 33-38	GUM 72 LC/SW 10-15, 20, 26 GUM 43, 45,		
L.6.1c. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.	LC/SW 30-32	48, 66		
L.6.1d. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).	LC/SW 24-32			
L.6.1e. Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.	LC/SW 46–56			
L.6.2a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.		LC/SW 29, 52, 53 GUM 67		
L.6.3a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.			LA/SW Even AA	
L.6.3b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.			LA/SW 43, 45, 47, 50, 54 LW AC	

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