

Grade 1

Foundational Skills

1 Learning and Applying Foundational Reading Skills ELA.1.F.1

- 1 Print Concepts: Locate the title, table of contents, names of author(s) and illustrator(s), and glossary of books. ELA.1.F.1.1
- 2 Phonological Awareness: Demonstrate phonological awareness. ELA.1.F.1.2
 - a Segment spoken words into initial, medial, and final phonemes, including words with digraphs, blends, and trigraphs. ELA.1.F.1.2.A
 - b Orally blend initial, medial, and final phonemes together to produce a single-syllable word that includes digraphs, blends, or trigraphs. ELA.1.F.1.2.B
 - c Blend single-syllable spoken words with at least five phonemes. ELA.1.F.1.2.C
 - d Segment single-syllable spoken words with at least five phonemes. ELA.1.F.1.2.D
 - e Segment and blend phonemes in multi-syllable spoken words. ELA.1.F.1.2.E

Clarification 1 Phonological awareness only refers to what can be done orally at both the sound and syllabic level. This includes isolating sounds, blending sounds, and orally segmenting words based on syllables. It does not involve print or letter knowledge.

- 3 Phonics and Word Analysis: Use knowledge of grade-appropriate phonics and word-analysis skills to decode words accurately. ELA.1.F.1.3
 - a Decode words using knowledge of spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs, trigraphs, and blends. ELA.1.F.1.3.A
 - b Decode simple words with r-controlled vowels. ELA.1.F.1.3.B
 - c Decode and encode regularly spelled one-syllable words. ELA.1.F.1.3.C
 - d Decode words with inflectional endings. ELA.1.F.1.3.D
 - e Decode two-syllable words with regular patterns by breaking the words into syllables. ELA.1.F.1.3.E
 - f Decode words that use final -e and vowel teams to make long-vowel sounds. ELA.1.F.1.3.F

Clarification 1 Phonics refers to the relationship between graphemes (letters or letter combinations) and phonemes (speech sounds).

Clarification 2 Students will decode decodable high frequency words appropriate to the grade level. See 1.F.1.4 and Dolch and Fry word lists. Students will read grade-level appropriate high frequency words, decodable or not, with automaticity.

4 Fluency: Read grade-level texts with accuracy, automaticity, and appropriate prosody or expression. [ELA.1.F.1.4](#)

- a Recognize and read with automaticity the grade-level sight words. [ELA.1.F.1.4.A](#)

Clarification 1 See Dolch and Fry word lists.

Clarification 2 Many of the high frequency words at this grade level are either irregularly spelled and therefore not decodable or are temporarily irregular, meaning that students have not yet learned the phonics rule that would enable them to decode the word. Those words that are decodable should be introduced to students using appropriate phonics rules. See 1.F.1.3. Students will read grade-level appropriate high frequency words, decodable or not, with automaticity.

Clarification 3 See Fluency Norms for grade-level norms. Norms are expressed as words correct per minute (WCPM), a measure that combines accuracy with speed.

Clarification 4 Appropriate prosody refers to pausing patterns during oral reading that reflect the punctuation and meaning of a text. See Sample Oral Reading Fluency Rubrics for prosody.

Clarification 5 Grade-level texts, for the purposes of fluency, are those within the grade band on quantitative text complexity measures and appropriate in content and qualitative measures.

Reading

1 Reading Prose and Poetry [ELA.1.R.1](#)

- 1 Literary Elements: Identify and describe the main story elements in a story. [ELA.1.R.1.1](#)
- 2 Theme: Identify and explain the moral of a story. [ELA.1.R.1.2](#)
- 3 Perspective and Point of View: Explain who is telling the story using context clues. [ELA.1.R.1.3](#)
- 4 Poetry: Identify stanzas and line breaks in poems. [ELA.1.R.1.4](#)

2 Reading Informational Text [ELA.1.R.2](#)

- 1 Structure: Use text features including titles, headings, captions, graphs, maps, glossaries, and/or illustrations to demonstrate understanding of texts. [ELA.1.R.2.1](#)
- 2 Central Idea: Identify the topic of and relevant details in a text. [ELA.1.R.2.2](#)
- 3 Purpose and Perspective: Explain similarities and differences between information provided in visuals and words in an informational text. [ELA.1.R.2.3](#)
- 4 Argument: Identify an author's opinion(s) about the topic. [ELA.1.R.2.4](#)

3 Reading Across Genres [ELA.1.R.3](#)

- 1 Interpreting Figurative Language: Identify and explain descriptive words and phrases in text(s). [ELA.1.R.3.1](#)

- 2 Paraphrasing and Summarizing: Retell a text in oral or written form to enhance comprehension. [ELA.1.R.3.2](#)
- a Use main story elements at the beginning, middle, and end for a literary text. [ELA.1.R.3.2.A](#)
 - b Use topic and important details for an informational text. [ELA.1.R.3.2.B](#)
- Clarification 1** Most grade-level texts are appropriate for this benchmark.
- 3 Comparative Reading: Compare and contrast two texts on the same topic. [ELA.1.R.3.3](#)
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Communication

1 Communicating Through Writing ELA.1.C.1

- 1 Handwriting Print all upper- and lowercase letters. ELA.1.C.1.1
- 2 Narrative Writing: Write narratives that retell two or more appropriately sequenced events, including relevant details and a sense of closure. ELA.1.C.1.2
- 3 Argumentative Writing: Write opinions about a topic or text with at least one supporting reason from a source and a sense of closure. ELA.1.C.1.3
- 4 Expository Writing: Write expository texts about a topic, using a source, providing facts and a sense of closure. ELA.1.C.1.4
- 5 Improving Writing: With guidance and support from adults, improve writing, as needed, by planning, revising, and editing. ELA.1.C.1.5

2 Communicating Orally ELA.1.C.2

- 1 Oral Presentation: Present information orally using complete sentences and appropriate volume. ELA.1.C.2.1

3 Following Conventions ELA.1.C.3

- 1 Conventions: Follow the rules of standard English grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling appropriate to grade level. ELA.1.C.3.1

4 Researching ELA.1.C.4

- 1 Researching and Using Information: Participate in research to gather information to answer a question about a single topic. ELA.1.C.4.1

5 Creating and Collaborating ELA.1.C.5

- 1 Multimedia: Use a multimedia element to enhance oral or written tasks. ELA.1.C.5.1
- 2 Technology in Communication: Identify and use digital tools to produce and publish writing individually or with peers and with support from adults. ELA.1.C.5.2

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Form and use complete simple sentences. **3** Form and use complete simple sentences.

Use possessives. **4** Use possessives.

Use subject-verb agreement in simple sentences. **5** Use subject-verb agreement in simple sentences.

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Form plurals -y to -ies.	1 Form plurals -y to -ies.
Conjugate regular and irregular verb tenses.	2 Conjugate regular and irregular verb tenses.
Form and use regular and frequently occurring irregular plural nouns.	3 Form and use regular and frequently occurring irregular plural nouns.
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Use apostrophes to form contractions.	5 Use apostrophes to form contractions.
Appropriately use pronouns.	6 Appropriately use pronouns.
Use commas in a series.	7 Use commas in a series.
Use plural possessives	8 Use plural possessives
Use interjections.	9 Use interjections.
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Vocabulary

1 Finding Meaning [ELA.1.V.1](#)

- 1 Academic Vocabulary: Use grade-level academic vocabulary appropriately in speaking and writing. [ELA.1.V.1.1](#)
- 2 Morphology: Identify and use frequently occurring base words and their common inflections in grade-level content. [ELA.1.V.1.2](#)
- 3 Context and Connotation: Identify and use picture clues, context clues, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the meaning of unknown words. [ELA.1.V.1.3](#)

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