

Grade 6

Language Domain

Demonstrate command of the system and structure of the English language when writing or speaking. [L.SS.6.1](#)

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A Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive). [L.SS.6.1.A](#)

B Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves). [L.SS.6.1.B](#)

C Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person. [L.SS.6.1.C](#)

D Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents). [L.SS.6.1.D](#)

E Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive and parenthetical elements. [L.SS.6.1.E](#)

F Recognize spelling conventions. [L.SS.6.1.F](#)

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening. [L.KL.6.2](#)

A Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases. [L.KL.6.2.A](#)

B Gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression. [L.KL.6.2.B](#)

C Vary sentence patterns for meaning (syntax), reader/listener interest, and style/voice. [L.KL.6.2.C](#)

D Maintain consistency in style and tone. [L.KL.6.2.D](#)

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, including technical meanings, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies. [L.VL.6.3](#)

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. [L.VL.6.3.A](#)

B Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings. [L.VL.6.3.B](#)

C Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., audience, auditory, audible). [L.VL.6.3.C](#)

D Consult 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. **L.VL.6.3.D**

E 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). **L.VL.6.3.E**

Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings. **L.VI.6.4**

A Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context. **L.VI.6.4.A**

B Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words. **L.VI.6.4.B**

C Analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone. **L.VI.6.4.C**

D Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, un wasteful, thrifty). **L.VI.6.4.D**

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Writing Domain

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Write arguments on discipline-specific content (e.g., social studies, science, math, technical subjects, English/Language Arts) to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. **W.AW.6.1**

A Introduce claim(s) about a topic or issue and organize the reasons and evidence logically. **W.AW.6.1.A**

B Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence, that demonstrate an understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources. **W.AW.6.1.B**

C Use words, phrases, and clauses to link and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons and evidence. **W.AW.6.1.C**

D Establish and maintain a formal/academic style, approach, and form. **W.AW.6.1.D**

E Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented. *W.AW.6.1.E*

Write informative/explanatory texts (including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes) to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. *W.IW.6.2*

A Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information, using text structures (e.g., definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, etc.) and text features (e.g., headings, graphics, and multimedia) when useful to aid in comprehension. *W.IW.6.2.A*

B Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples. *W.IW.6.2.B*

C Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. *W.IW.6.2.C*

D Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. *W.IW.6.2.D*

E Acknowledge and attempt a formal/academic style, approach, and form. *W.IW.6.2.E*

F Provide a concluding statement or section (e.g., sentence, part of a paragraph, paragraph, or multiple paragraphs) that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented. *W.IW.6.2.F*

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. *W.NW.6.3*

A Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. *W.NW.6.3.A*

B Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. *W.NW.6.3.B*

C Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another. *W.NW.6.3.C*

D Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events. *W.NW.6.3.D*

E Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. *W.NW.6.3.E*

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A Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion. [SL.PE.6.1.A](#)

diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. [SL.PE.6.1](#)

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- B** Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed. [SL.PE.6.1.B](#)
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- C** Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion. [SL.PE.6.1.C](#)
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- D** Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing. [SL.PE.6.1.D](#)
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