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TEKS Curriculum Framework for STAAR Alternate 2

# Grade 8 Reading Language Arts

<b>STAAR Strand 1 – Oral Language Skills</b>	
<b>TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>	<b>Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>
<p><b>Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:</b></p> <p>(A) use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;</p> <p>(B) use context within or beyond a paragraph to clarify the meaning of unfamiliar or ambiguous words; and</p> <p>(C) determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as ast, qui, path, mand/mend, and duc.</p>	<p><b>Essence Statement</b></p> <p>Uses a variety of strategies to demonstrate understanding of new vocabulary words.</p>
<b>STAAR Strand 1 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment</b>	
	<p>Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech (7)</li> <li>• use context such as contrast or cause and effect to clarify the meaning of words (7)</li> <li>• determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as omni, log/logue, gen, vid/vis, phil, lue, and sens/sent (7)</li> <li>• use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech (6)</li> <li>• use context such as definition, analogy, and examples to clarify the meaning of words (6)</li> <li>• determine the meaning and usage of grade-level academic English words derived from Greek and Latin roots such as mis/mit, bene, man, vac, scrib/script, and jur/jus (6)</li> <li>• use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, and word origin (5)</li> <li>• use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words (5)</li> <li>• identify the meaning of and use words with affixes such as trans-, super-, -ive, and -logy and roots such as geo and photo (5)</li> <li>• identify, use, and explain the meaning of adages and puns (5)</li> <li>• use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation (4)</li> <li>• use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words (4)</li> </ul>

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STAAR Strand 1	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• determine the meaning of and use words with affixes such as mis-, sub-, -ment, and -ity/ty and roots such as auto, graph, and meter (4)</li><li>• identify, use, and explain the meaning of homophones such as reign/rain (4)</li><li>• use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation (3)</li><li>• use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words (3)</li><li>• identify the meaning of and use words with affixes such as im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, and -ful (3)</li><li>• identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, homophones, and homographs in a text (3)</li><li>• use print or digital resources to determine meaning and pronunciation of unknown words (2)</li><li>• use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words (2)</li><li>• identify the meaning of and use words with affixes un-, re-, -ly, -er, and -est (comparative and superlative), and -ion/tion/sion (2)</li><li>• identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, and homographs in context (2)</li><li>• use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words (1)</li><li>• use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings (1)</li><li>• identify the meaning of words with the affixes -s, -ed, and -ing (1)</li><li>• identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, categories, and locations (1)</li><li>• use a resource such as a picture dictionary or digital resource to find words (K)</li><li>• use illustrations and texts the student is able to read or hear to learn or clarify word meanings (K)</li><li>• identify and use words that name actions; directions; positions; sequences; categories such as colors, shapes, and textures; and locations (K)</li></ul>

<b>STAAR Strand 2 – Comprehension Skills</b>	
<b>TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>	<b>Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>
<p><b>Comprehension Skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society;</li> <li>(F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding;</li> <li>(G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas;</li> <li>(H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and</li> <li>(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essence Statement</b></p> <p>Uses a variety of strategies to demonstrate comprehension of informational and literary text.</p>
<b>STAAR Strand 2 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment</b>	
	<p>Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society (7)</li> <li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding (7)</li> <li>• evaluate details read to determine key ideas (7)</li> <li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society (6)</li> <li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding (6)</li> <li>• evaluate details read to determine key ideas (6)</li> <li>• synthesize information to create new understanding (6)</li> <li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society (5)</li> <li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding (5)</li> <li>• evaluate details read to determine key ideas (5)</li> <li>• synthesize information to create new understanding (5)</li> <li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society (4)</li> <li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding (4)</li> </ul>

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STAAR Strand 2	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• evaluate details read to determine key ideas (4)</li><li>• synthesize information to create new understanding (4)</li><li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society (3)</li><li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding (3)</li><li>• evaluate details read to determine key ideas (3)</li><li>• synthesize information to create new understanding (3)</li><li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society (2)</li><li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding (2)</li><li>• evaluate details read to determine key ideas (2)</li><li>• synthesize information to create new understanding (2)</li><li>• make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society with adult assistance (1)</li><li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance (1)</li><li>• evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance (1)</li><li>• synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance (1)</li><li>• make inferences and use evidence to support understanding with adult assistance (K)</li><li>• evaluate details to determine what is most important with adult assistance (K)</li><li>• synthesize information to create new understanding with adult assistance (K)</li></ul>

<b>STAAR Strand 3 – Response Skills</b>	
<b>TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>	<b>Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>
<p><b>Response Skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response; and</li> <li>(D) paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essence Statement</b></p> <p>Responds to a variety of text in meaningful ways.</p>
<b>STAAR Strand 3 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment</b>	
	<p>Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (7)</li> <li>• paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (7)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (6)</li> <li>• paraphrase and summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (6)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (5)</li> <li>• retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (5)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (4)</li> <li>• retell, paraphrase, or summarize texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (4)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (3)</li> <li>• retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (3)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (2)</li> <li>• retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (2)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (1)</li> <li>• retell texts in ways that maintain meaning (1)</li> <li>• use text evidence to support an appropriate response (K)</li> <li>• retell texts in ways that maintain meaning (K)</li> </ul>



**STAAR Strand 4****Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:

- infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence (7)
- analyze how characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict (7)
- analyze plot elements, including the use of foreshadowing and suspense, to advance the plot (7)
- analyze how the setting influences character and plot development (7)
- infer multiple themes within and across texts using text evidence (6)
- analyze how the characters' internal and external responses develop the plot (6)
- analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, and non-linear elements such as flashback (6)
- analyze how the setting, including historical and cultural settings, influences character and plot development (6)
- infer multiple themes within a text using text evidence (5)
- analyze the relationships of and conflicts among the characters (5)
- analyze plot elements, including rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution (5)
- analyze the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot (5)
- infer basic themes supported by text evidence (4)
- explain the interactions of the characters and the changes they undergo (4)
- analyze plot elements, including the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution (4)
- explain the influence of the setting, including historical and cultural settings, on the plot (4)
- infer the theme of a work, distinguishing theme from topic (3)
- explain the relationships among the major and minor characters (3)
- analyze plot elements, including the sequence of events, the conflict, and the resolution (3)
- explain the influence of the setting on the plot (3)
- discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance (2)
- describe the main character's (characters') internal and external traits (2)
- describe and understand plot elements, including the main events, the conflict, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently (2)
- describe the importance of the setting (2)
- discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance (1)
- describe the main character(s) and the reason(s) for their actions (1)

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**STAAR Strand 4****Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

- describe plot elements, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently (1)
- describe the setting (1)
- discuss topics and determine the basic theme using text evidence with adult assistance (K)
- identify and describe the main character(s) (K)
- describe the elements of plot development, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution for texts read aloud with adult assistance (K)
- describe the setting (K)

Multiple Genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:

- analyze the effect of rhyme scheme, meter, and graphical elements such as punctuation and capitalization in poems across a variety of poetic forms (7)
- analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including:
  - (i) the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence (7)
  - (ii) organizational patterns that support multiple topics, categories, and subcategories (7)
- analyze the effect of meter and structural elements such as line breaks in poems across a variety of poetic forms (6)
- analyze characteristics and structural elements of informational text, including:
  - (i) the controlling idea or thesis with supporting evidence (6)
  - (ii) features such as introduction foreword, preface, references, or acknowledgements to gain background information (6)
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as definition, classification, advantage, and disadvantage (6)
- explain the use of sound devices and figurative language and distinguish between the poet and the speaker in poems across a variety of poetic forms (5)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea with supporting evidence (5)
  - (ii) feature such as insets, timelines, and sidebars to support understanding (5)
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as logical order and order of importance (5)
- explain figurative language such as simile, metaphor, and personification that the poet uses to create images (4)

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**STAAR Strand 4****Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea with supporting evidence (4)
  - (ii) features such as pronunciation guides and diagrams to support understanding (4)
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as compare and contrast (4)
- explain rhyme scheme, sound devices, and structural elements such as stanzas in a variety of poems (3)
- discuss elements of drama such as characters, dialogue, setting, and acts (3)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea with supporting evidence (3)
  - (ii) features such as sections, tables, graphs, timelines, bullets, numbers, and bold and italicized font to support understanding (3)
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as cause and effect and problem and solution (3)
- explain visual patterns and structures in a variety of poems (2)
- discuss elements of drama such as characters, dialogue, and setting (2)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance (2)
  - (ii) features and graphics to locate and gain information (2)
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as chronological order and cause and effect stated explicitly (2)
- discuss rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration in a variety of poems (1)
- discuss elements of drama such as characters and setting (1)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance (1)
  - (ii) features and graphics to locate or gain information (1)
  - (iii) organizational patterns such as chronological order and description with adult assistance (1)
- discuss rhyme and rhythm in nursery rhymes and a variety of poems (K)
- discuss main characters in drama (K)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
  - (i) the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance (K)
  - (ii) titles and simple graphics to gain information (K)
  - (iii) the steps in a sequence with adult assistance (K)

<b>STAAR Strand 5 – Author’s Purpose and Craft</b>	
<b>TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>	<b>Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>
<p><b>Author’s Purpose and Craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors’ choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author’s craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) explain the author’s purpose and message within a text;</li> <li>(C) analyze the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes;</li> <li>(D) describe how the author’s use of figurative language such as extended metaphor achieves specific purposes; and</li> <li>(E) identify and analyze the use of literary devices, including multiple points of view and irony.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essence Statement</b></p> <p>Use a variety of strategies to demonstrate an understanding of the author’s use of language in informational and literary texts.</p>
<b>STAAR Strand 5 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment</b>	
	<p>Author’s purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors’ choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author’s craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explain the author’s purpose and message within a text (7)</li> <li>• analyze the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (7)</li> <li>• describe how the author’s use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes (7)</li> <li>• identify the use of literary devices, including subjective and objective point of view (7)</li> <li>• explain the author’s purpose and message within a text (6)</li> <li>• analyze the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (6)</li> <li>• describe how the author’s use of figurative language such as metaphor and personification achieves specific purposes (6)</li> <li>• identify the use of literary devices, including omniscient and limited point of view, to achieve a specific purpose (6)</li> <li>• explain the author’s purpose and message within a text (5)</li> <li>• analyze the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (5)</li> </ul>

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STAAR Strand 5	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• describe how the author’s use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices achieves specific purposes (5)</li><li>• identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view (5)</li><li>• explain the author’s purpose and message within a text (4)</li><li>• analyze the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (4)</li><li>• describe how the author’s use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile and metaphor, and sound devices such as alliteration and assonance achieves specific purposes (4)</li><li>• identify and understand the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view (4)</li><li>• explain the author’s purpose and message within a text (3)</li><li>• explain the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (3)</li><li>• describe how the author’s use of imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile, and sound devices such as onomatopoeia achieves specific purposes (3)</li><li>• identify the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view (3)</li><li>• discuss the author’s purpose for writing text (2)</li><li>• discuss the author’s purpose for writing text (1)</li><li>• discuss with adult assistance the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (1)</li><li>• discuss how the author uses words that help the reader visualize (1)</li><li>• listen and experience first- and third-person texts (1)</li><li>• discuss with adult assistance the author’s purpose for writing text (K)</li><li>• discuss with adult assistance how the use of text structure contributes to the author’s purpose (K)</li><li>• discuss with adult assistance the author’s use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes (K)</li><li>• discuss with adult assistance how the author uses words that help the reader visualize (K)</li><li>• listen and experience first- and third-person texts (K)</li></ul>

<b>STAAR Strand 6 – Composition - Writing process &amp; genres</b>	
<b>TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>	<b>Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations</b>
<p><b>Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(C) revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety;</li> <li>(D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments;</li> <li>(ii) consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses and active and passive voice;</li> <li>(iii) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement;</li> <li>(iv) pronoun-antecedent agreement;</li> <li>(v) correct capitalization; and</li> <li>(vi) punctuation, including commas in nonrestrictive phrases and clauses, semicolons, colons, and parentheses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Essence Statement</b></p> <p>Revises and edits text to clarify and improve meaning.</p>
<b>STAAR Strand 6 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment</b>	
	<p>Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety (7)</li> </ul>

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**STAAR Strand 6****Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments (7)
  - (ii) consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses (7)
  - (iii) conjunctive adverbs (7)
  - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement (7)
  - (v) pronoun-antecedent agreement (7)
  - (vi) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences and correlative conjunctions such as either/or and neither/nor (7)
  - (vii) correct capitalization (7)
  - (viii) punctuation, including commas to set off words, phrases, and clauses, and semicolons (7)
- revise drafts for clarity, development, organization, style, word choice, and sentence variety (6)
- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete complex sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments (6)
  - (ii) consistent, appropriate use of verb tenses (6)
  - (iii) conjunctive adverbs (6)
  - (iv) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement (6)
  - (v) pronouns, including relative (6)
  - (vi) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences and correlative conjunctions such as either/or and neither/nor (6)
  - (vii) capitalization of proper nouns, including abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations (6)
  - (viii) punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements (6)
- revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity (5)
- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments (5)
  - (ii) past tense of irregular verbs (5)
  - (iii) collective nouns (5)
  - (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms (5)
  - (v) conjunctive adverbs (5)
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases and their influence on subject-verb agreement (5)
  - (vii) pronouns, including indefinite (5)
  - (viii) subordinating conjunctions to form complex sentences (5)
  - (ix) capitalization of abbreviations, initials, acronyms, and organizations (5)
  - (x) italics and underlining for titles and emphasis and punctuation marks, including quotation marks in dialogue and commas in compound and complex sentences (5)

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**STAAR Strand 6****Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

- revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity (4)
- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement and avoidance of splices, run-ons, and fragments (4)
  - (ii) past tense of irregular verbs (4)
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns (4)
  - (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms (4)
  - (v) adverbs that convey frequency and adverbs that convey degree (4)
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases (4)
  - (vii) pronouns, including reflexive (4)
  - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences (4)
  - (ix) capitalization of historical periods, events, and documents; titles of books; stories and essays; and languages, races, and nationalities (4)
  - (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue (4)
- revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity (3)
- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement (3)
  - (ii) past, present, and future verb tense (3)
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns (3)
  - (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms (3)
  - (v) adverbs that convey time and adverbs that convey manner (3)
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases (3)
  - (vii) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases (3)
  - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences (3)
  - (ix) capitalization of official titles of people, holidays, and geographical names and places (3)
  - (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series (3)
- revise drafts by adding, deleting, or rearranging words, phrases, or sentences (2)

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**STAAR Strand 6****Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete sentences with subject-verb agreement (2)
  - (ii) past, present, and future verb tense (2)
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns (2)
  - (iv) adjectives, including articles (2)
  - (v) adverbs that convey time and adverbs that convey place (2)
  - (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases (2)
  - (vii) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases (2)
  - (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects and predicates (2)
  - (ix) capitalization of months, days of the week, and the salutation and conclusion of a letter (2)
  - (x) end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates (2)
- revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words (1)
- edit drafts using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete sentences with subject-verb agreement (1)
  - (ii) past and present verb tense (1)
  - (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns (1)
  - (iv) adjectives, including articles (1)
  - (v) adverbs that convey time (1)
  - (vi) prepositions (1)
  - (vii) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases (1)
  - (viii) capitalization for the beginning of sentences and the pronoun “I” (1)
  - (ix) punctuation marks at the end of declarative, exclamatory, and interrogative sentences (1)
- revise drafts by adding details in pictures or words (K)
- edit drafts with adult assistance using standard English conventions, including:
  - (i) complete sentences (K)
  - (ii) verbs (K)
  - (iii) singular and plural nouns (K)
  - (iv) adjectives, including articles (K)
  - (v) prepositions (K)
  - (vi) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases (K)
  - (vii) capitalization of the first letter in a sentence and name (K)
  - (viii) punctuation marks at the end of declarative sentences (K)