



TEKS Curriculum Framework for STAAR Alternate 2

Grade 4 Reading

STAAR Alternate 2 Reading Instructional Terms

The curriculum that will be assessed each year for STAAR Alternate 2 is determined by the essence statements that are selected for each administration. Teachers should refer to the Curriculum Framework documents for each selected essence statement to locate the prerequisite skills that are linked to that essence statement. Instruction should focus on the listed prerequisite skills. The teacher should determine what skills have been mastered and which need to be taught according to the developmental level of the student. The goal should be to assist the student in attaining the highest academic level the student is capable of within a given year. In addition to the prerequisite skills, there are instructional terms that students will need exposure to during instruction. The following list includes the terms for all the essence statements and not just the ones selected for a given administration. Students need to become familiar with these terms as the student is developmentally able to comprehend the content. Students in higher grades need to also know the terms presented in earlier grades.

Grade 3 Reading

vowels: long, short	main idea/supporting details	photograph	article	character: feelings, traits, motivations
consonants		captions	fiction/nonfiction	
suffix/prefix	evidence from text	illustration	true/facts	events
noun/verb	alphabetize	inform/entertain	folktale	sequence
synonym	text features	advertisement	fairy tale	logical order
antonym/opposite	table of contents	e-mail	fable	plot: problem/solution
contractions	glossary	website	procedural text: steps, directions	predict/prediction: clues, confirm
text	meaning for the word	supports the story/main idea		
paragraph	heading	topic	poetry/poem: rhyme, line	inference
phrase	graphics	informational text	setting	

Grade 4 Reading

root word	textual evidence	narrator	drama: dialogue, script, performed	cause/effect
plural	alphabetical	biography/autobiography		imagery
past tense	compound word	conclusion	symbol	
homophone	symbol	summary, summarize	compare	

Grade 5 Reading

guide words	persuade/persuasive	similes/metaphors	chart	time line
expository text	opinion	dictionary: entry, definition	diagram	

Grade 6 Reading

sensory language	figurative language	analogy	memoirs	audience
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Grade 7 Reading

lines from text or poem	diary	subtitle	stanza	
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Grade 8 Reading

base word	writing selection	conflict	summary	personal essay
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English I and II

appositive	conclude			
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STAAR Reporting Category 1—Understanding and Analysis Across Genres: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze a variety of written texts across reading genres.	
TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations	Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations
<p>(4.2) Reading/Vocabulary Development. Students understand new vocabulary and use it when reading and writing. The student is expected to</p> <p>(A) determine the meaning of grade-level academic English words derived from Latin, Greek, or other linguistic roots and affixes; Readiness Standard</p> <p>(B) use the context of the sentence (e.g., in-sentence example or definition) to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple meaning words; Readiness Standard</p> <p>(E) use a dictionary or glossary to determine the meanings, syllabication, and pronunciation of unknown words. Readiness Standard</p>	<p>Identifies new vocabulary words using a variety of strategies.</p>
4.2 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alphabetize a series of words to the third letter and use a dictionary or a glossary to determine the meanings, syllabication, and pronunciation of unknown words • identify and apply playful uses of language (e.g., tongue twisters, palindromes, riddles) • identify and use antonyms, synonyms, homographs, and homophones • use context to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or distinguish among multiple meaning words and homographs • identify the meaning of common prefixes (e.g., in-, dis-) and suffixes (e.g., -full, -less), and know how they change the meaning of roots • alphabetize a series of words and use a dictionary or a glossary to find words • identify and use common words that are opposite (antonyms) or similar (synonyms) in meaning • use context to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words • use prefixes and suffixes to determine the meaning of words (e.g., allow/ disallow) • alphabetize a series of words to the first or second letter and use a dictionary to find words • identify and sort words into conceptual categories (e.g., opposites, living things) • determine what words mean from how they are used in a sentence, either heard or read • determine the meaning of compound words using knowledge of the meaning of their individual component words (e.g., lunchtime) • identify words that name actions (verbs) and words that name persons, places, or things (nouns)

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4.2	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a picture dictionary to find words • identify and sort pictures of objects into conceptual categories (e.g., colors, shapes, textures) • recognize that compound words are made up of shorter words • identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, and locations <p>Sentences and structure skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attempt to use new vocabulary and grammar in speech (ELL) • use single words and simple phrases to communicate meaning in social situations (ELL) <p>Vocabulary skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase listening vocabulary and begin to develop vocabulary of object names and common phrases in English (ELL) • use a large speaking vocabulary, adding several new words daily • demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways or knowing the meaning of 3,000 to 4,000 words, many more than he or she uses • demonstrate understanding of terms used in the instructional language of the classroom <p>Reading/beginning reading skills/phonics*</p> <p><i>Working with Words</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and read contractions (e.g., I'd, won't) • identify and read at least 300 high-frequency words from a commonly used list • identify and read contractions (e.g., haven't, it's) • identify and read abbreviations (e.g., Mr., Ave.) • read words with common prefixes (e.g., un-, dis-) and suffixes (e.g., -ly, -less, -ful) • identify and read at least 100 high-frequency words from a commonly used list • identify and read contractions (e.g., isn't, can't) • use knowledge of the meaning of base words to identify and read common compound words (e.g., football, popcorn, daydream) • read base words with inflectional endings (e.g., plurals, past tenses) • identify and read at least 25 high-frequency words from a commonly used list

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<p>(4.7) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Literary Nonfiction. Students understand, make inferences and draw conclusions about the varied structural patterns and features of literary nonfiction and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <p>(A) identify similarities and differences between the events and characters' experiences in a fictional work and the actual events and experiences described in an author's biography or autobiography. Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Identifies features across fiction and literary nonfiction texts.</p>
4.7 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain the difference in point of view between a biography and autobiography • distinguish between fiction and nonfiction • determine whether a story is true or a fantasy and explain why <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others' desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)

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4.7	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot • ask and respond to questions about text • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) <p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions • establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud) • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts • confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells" • ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud • predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer appropriate questions about the book • use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting • retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

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<p>(4.19) Reading/Comprehension Skills. Students use a flexible range of metacognitive reading skills in both assigned and independent reading to understand an author’s message. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts as they become self-directed, critical readers. The student is expected to (F) make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence. Readiness Standard</p>	<p>Uses a variety of strategies to demonstrate comprehension across genres.</p>
4.19 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud) • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot • ask and respond to questions about text • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) 	

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4.19	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions• ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text• use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions• establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud)• ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts• confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells"• ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud• predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ask and answer appropriate questions about the book• use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting• retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

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STAAR Reporting Category 2—Understanding and Analysis of Literary Texts: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze literary texts.	
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<p>(4.3) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Theme and Genre. Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about theme and genre in different cultural, historical and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) summarize and explain the lesson or message of a work of fiction as its theme; Supporting Standard (B) compare and contrast the adventures or exploits of characters (e.g., the trickster) in traditional and classical literature. Supporting Standard 	<p>Identifies themes in fictional stories.</p>
4.3 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare and contrast the settings in myths and traditional folktales • paraphrase the themes and supporting details of fables, legends, myths, or stories • compare different versions of the same story in traditional and contemporary folktales with respect to their characters, settings, and plot • identify moral lessons as themes in well-known fables, legends, myths, or stories • explain the function of recurring phrases (e.g., “Once upon a time” or “They lived happily ever after”) in traditional folk- and fairy tales • connect the meaning of a well-known story or fable to personal experiences • recognize recurring phrases and characters in traditional fairy tales, lullabies, and folktales from various cultures • recognize sensory details • discuss the big idea (theme) of a well-known folktale or fable and connect it to personal experience • identify elements of a story including setting, character, and key events <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order 	

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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions)
- retell important events in stories in logical order
- establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension
- make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding
- ask literal questions of text
- retell or act out important events in stories in logical order
- establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension
- make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence
- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)
- retell or act out important events in stories
- make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot
- ask and respond to questions about text
- discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language)

Reading/beginning reading/strategies*

- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text
- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions
- establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud)
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts
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- ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud
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Listening and speaking/listening*

- follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action
- listen attentively to speakers, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments
- follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short related sequence of actions

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4.3	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• listen attentively to speakers and ask relevant questions to clarify information• follow oral directions that involve a short related sequence of actions• listen attentively by facing speakers and asking questions to clarify information <p>Listening comprehension skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• show understanding of the new language being spoken by English-speaking teachers and peers (ELL)• show understanding by following two-step oral directions and usually follow three-step directions• show understanding by responding appropriately

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<p>(4.4) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Poetry. Students understand, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <p>(A) explain how the structural elements of poetry, (e.g. rhyme, meter, stanzas, line breaks) relate to form (e.g., lyrical poetry, free verse). Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Identifies the structure and elements of poetry.</p>
4.4 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the characteristics of various forms of poetry and how they create imagery (e.g., narrative poetry, lyrical poetry, humorous poetry, free verse) • describe how rhyme, rhythm, and repetition interact to create images in poetry • respond to and use rhythm, rhyme, and alliteration in poetry • respond to rhythm and rhyme in poetry through identifying a regular beat and similarities in word sounds <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud) • retell or act out important events in stories

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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

- make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot
- ask and respond to questions about text
- discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language)

Reading/beginning reading/strategies*

- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text
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Reading/beginning reading skills/ phonological awareness**Phonological Awareness at the Word Level*

- segment spoken one-syllable words of three to five phonemes into individual phonemes (e.g., splat =/ s/ p/ l/ a/ t/)
- isolate initial, medial, and final sounds in one-syllable spoken words
- blend spoken phonemes to form one- and two-syllable words, including consonant blends (e.g., spr)
- recognize the change in a spoken word when a specified phoneme is added, changed, or removed (e.g.,/ b/ l/ o/ w/ to/ g/ l/ o/ w/)
- distinguish between long- and short-vowel sounds in spoken one-syllable words (e.g., bit/ bite)
- orally generate a series of original rhyming words using a variety of phonograms (e.g., -ake, -ant, -ain) and consonant blends (e.g., bl, st, tr)
- segment spoken one-syllable words into two to three phonemes (e.g., dog:/ d/ .../ o/ .../ g/)
- isolate the initial sound in one-syllable spoken words
- blend spoken phonemes to form one-syllable words (e.g.,/ m/ .../ a/ .../ n/ says man)
- blend spoken onsets and rimes to form simple words (e.g., onset/ c/ and rime/ at/ make cat)

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4.4	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize spoken alliteration or groups of words that begin with the same spoken onset or initial sound (e.g., "baby boy bounces the ball") • distinguish orally presented rhyming pairs of words from non-rhyming pairs • orally generate rhymes in response to spoken words (e.g., "What rhymes with hat?") • identify syllables in spoken words • identify a sentence made up of a group of words <p>Phonological awareness skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize and blend two phonemes into real words with pictorial support • combine onset and rime to form familiar one-syllable words without pictorial support • combine onset (initial consonant or consonants) and rime (vowel to end) to form a familiar one-syllable word with pictorial support • produce a word that begins with the same sound as a given pair of words • produce a word that rhymes with a given word • delete a syllable from a word • combine syllables into words • delete a word from a compound word • combine words to make a compound word • separate a normally spoken four-word sentence into individual words

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<p>(4.5) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Drama. Students understand, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of drama and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) describe the structural elements particular to dramatic literature. Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Identifies the structure and elements of drama.</p>
4.5 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain the elements of plot and character as presented through dialogue in scripts that are read, viewed, written, or performed • identify the elements of dialogue and use them in informal plays <p>Dramatic expression skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create or recreate stories, moods, or experiences through dramatic representations <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud) • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot 	

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4.5	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and respond to questions about text • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) <p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions • establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud) • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts • confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells" • ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud • predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer appropriate questions about the book • use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting • retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

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<p>(4.6) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Fiction Students understand, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of fiction and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) sequence and summarize the plot’s main events and explain their influence on future events; Readiness Standard (B) describe the interaction of characters including their relationships and the changes they undergo; Readiness Standard (C) identify whether the narrator or speaker of a story is first or third person. Supporting Standard 	<p>Identifies plot and character interaction in literary texts.</p>
4.6 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify whether the narrator or speaker of a story is first or third person • describe the interaction of characters including their relationships and the changes they undergo • sequence and summarize the plot’s main events and explain their influence on future events • describe main characters in works of fiction, including their traits, motivations, and feelings • describe similarities and differences in the plots and settings of several works by the same author • describe characters in a story and the reasons for their actions and feelings • describe the plot (problem and solution) and retell a story’s beginning, middle, and end with attention to the sequence of events • describe characters in a story and the reasons for their actions • retell a main event from a story read aloud <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions)

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4.6	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud) • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot • ask and respond to questions about text • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) <p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions • establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud) • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts • confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells" • ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud • predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer appropriate questions about the book • use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting • retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

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STAAR Reporting Category 2—Understanding and Analysis of Literary Texts: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze literary texts.	
TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectation	Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectation
<p>(4.8) Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Sensory Language. Students understand, make inferences, and draw conclusions about how an author’s sensory language creates imagery in literary text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(A) identify the author’s use of similes and metaphors to produce imagery. Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Recognizes sensory language in literary texts.</p>
4.8 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify language that creates a graphic visual experience and appeals to the senses • recognize that some words and phrases have literal and non-literal meanings (e.g., take steps) • recognize sensory details in literary text <p>Reading/vocabulary development*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alphabetize a series of words to the third letter and use a dictionary or a glossary to determine the meanings, syllabication , and pronunciation of unknown words • identify and apply playful uses of language (e.g., tongue twisters, palindromes, riddles) • identify and use antonyms, synonyms, homographs, and homophones • use context to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or distinguish among multiple meaning words and homographs • identify the meaning of common prefixes (e.g., in-, dis-) and suffixes (e.g., -full, -less), and know how they change the meaning of roots • alphabetize a series of words and use a dictionary or a glossary to find words • identify and use common words that are opposite (antonyms) or similar (synonyms) in meaning • use context to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or multiple-meaning words • use prefixes and suffixes to determine the meaning of words (e.g., allow/ disallow) • alphabetize a series of words to the first or second letter and use a dictionary to find words • identify and sort words into conceptual categories (e.g., opposites, living things) • determine what words mean from how they are used in a sentence, either heard or read • determine the meaning of compound words using knowledge of the meaning of their individual component words (e.g., lunchtime) • identify words that name actions (verbs) and words that name persons, places, or things (nouns) • use a picture dictionary to find words 	

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4.8	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify and sort pictures of objects into conceptual categories (e.g., colors, shapes, textures) • recognize that compound words are made up of shorter words • identify and use words that name actions, directions, positions, sequences, and locations <p>Sentences and structure skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attempt to use new vocabulary and grammar in speech (ELL) • use single words and simple phrases to communicate meaning in social situations (ELL) <p>Vocabulary skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase listening vocabulary and begin to develop vocabulary of object names and common phrases in English (ELL) • use a large speaking vocabulary, adding several new words daily • demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways or knowing the meaning of 3,000 to 4,000 words, many more than he or she uses • demonstrate understanding of terms used in the instructional language of the classroom

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<p>(4.14) Reading/Media Literacy. Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Recognizes that literary media conveys meaning.</p>
4.14 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare various written conventions used for digital media (e.g., language in an informal e-mail vs. language in a web-based news article) • explain how various design techniques used in media influence the message (e.g., shape, color, sound) • understand how communication changes when moving from one genre of media to another • identify various written conventions for using digital media (e.g., e-mail, website, video game) • describe techniques used to create media messages (e.g., sound, graphics) • recognize different purposes of media (e.g., informational, entertainment) • recognize different purposes of media (e.g., informational, entertainment) (with adult assistance) • identify techniques used in media (e.g., sound, movement) • identify different forms of media (e.g., advertisements, newspapers, radio programs) <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence 	

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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)
- retell or act out important events in stories
- make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot
- ask and respond to questions about text
- discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language)

Reading/beginning reading/strategies*

- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text
- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions
- establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud)
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts
- confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells"
- ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud
- predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations

Comprehension of text read aloud skills*

- ask and answer appropriate questions about the book
- use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting
- retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

Reading/beginning reading skills/print awareness*

- distinguish features of a sentence (e.g., capitalization of first word, ending punctuation, commas, quotation marks)
- identify the information that different parts of a book provide (e.g., title, author, illustrator, table of contents)
- read texts by moving from top to bottom of the page and tracking words from left to right with return sweep
- recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., capitalization of first word, ending punctuation)
- sequence the letters of the alphabet
- recognize that spoken words are represented in written English by specific sequences of letters
- identify upper- and lower-case letters
- identify different parts of a book (e.g., front and back covers, title page)
- hold a book right side up, turn its pages correctly, and know that reading moves from top to bottom and left to right
- recognize that sentences are comprised of words separated by spaces and demonstrate the awareness of word boundaries (e.g., through kinesthetic or tactile actions such as clapping and jumping)

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4.14	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize the difference between a letter and a printed word • demonstrate the one-to-one correspondence between a spoken word and a printed word in text • recognize that spoken words can be represented by print for communication <p>Alphabet knowledge skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name at least 20 upper and at least 20 lower case letters <p>Motivation to read skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask to be read to or ask the meaning of written text • use books and other written materials to engage in pre-reading behaviors • engage in pre-reading and reading-related activities <p>Listening and speaking/listening*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action • listen attentively to speakers, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments • follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short related sequence of actions • listen attentively to speakers and ask relevant questions to clarify information • follow oral directions that involve a short related sequence of actions • listen attentively by facing speakers and asking questions to clarify information <p>Listening comprehension skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show understanding of the new language being spoken by English-speaking teachers and peers (ELL) • show understanding by following two-step oral directions and usually follow three-step directions • show understanding by responding appropriately

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STAAR Reporting Category 2—Understanding and Analysis of Literary Texts: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze literary texts.	
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<p>(4.19) Reading/Comprehension Skills. Students use a flexible range of metacognitive reading skills in both assigned and independent reading to understand an author’s message. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts as they become self-directed, critical readers. The student is expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (D) make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding; Readiness Standard (Fiction)/ Supporting Standard (Literary Nonfiction, Poetry, Drama) (E) summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order. Readiness Standard (Fiction)/ Supporting Standard (Literary Nonfiction, Poetry, Drama) 	<p>Uses a variety of strategies to demonstrate comprehension of literary texts.</p>
4.19 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)

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4.19	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot • ask and respond to questions about text • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) <p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions • establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud) • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts • confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells" • ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud • predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer appropriate questions about the book • use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting • retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

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STAAR Reporting Category 3—Understanding and Analysis of Informational Texts: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze informational texts.	
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<p>(4.10) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Culture and History. Students analyze, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the author’s purpose in cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding. Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Identifies topic and author’s purpose in informational texts.</p>
4.10 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
4.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the topic and locate the author’s stated purposes in writing the text • identify the topic and explain the author’s purpose in writing the text • identify the topic and explain the author’s purpose in writing about the text • identify the topic of an informational text heard <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud) • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot • ask and respond to questions about text

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4.10	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) <p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions • establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud) • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts • confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells" • ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud • predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer appropriate questions about the book • use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting • retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud <p>Listening and speaking/listening*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action • listen attentively to speakers, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments • follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short related sequence of actions • listen attentively to speakers and ask relevant questions to clarify information • follow oral directions that involve a short related sequence of actions • listen attentively by facing speakers and asking questions to clarify information <p>Listening comprehension skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show understanding of the new language being spoken by English-speaking teachers and peers (ELL) • show understanding by following two-step oral directions and usually follow three-step directions • show understanding by responding appropriately

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STAAR Reporting Category 3—Understanding and Analysis of Informational Texts: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze informational texts.	
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<p>(4.11) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Expository Text. Students analyze, make inferences, and draw conclusions about expository texts and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. The student is expected to</p> <p>(A) summarize the main idea and supporting details in text in ways that maintain meaning; Readiness Standard</p> <p>(B) distinguish fact from opinion in a text and explain how to verify what is a fact; Supporting Standard</p> <p>(C) describe explicit and implicit relationships among ideas in texts organized by cause-and-effect, sequence, or comparison; Readiness Standard</p> <p>(D) use multiple text features (e.g., guide words, topic and concluding sentences) to gain an overview of the contents of text and to locate information. Readiness Standard</p>	<p>Identifies the main idea and supporting details in informational texts.</p>
4.11 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
4.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use text features (e.g., bold print, captions, key words, italics) to locate information and make and verify predictions about contents of text • identify explicit cause and effect relationships among ideas in texts • draw conclusions from the facts presented in text and support those assertions with textual evidence • identify the details or facts that support the main idea • use text features (e.g., table of contents, index, headings) to locate specific information in text • describe the order of events or ideas in a text • locate the facts that are clearly stated in a text • identify the main idea in a text and distinguish it from the topic • use text features (e.g., title, tables of contents, illustrations) to locate specific information in text • retell the order of events in a text by referring to the words and/ or illustrations • identify important facts or details in text, heard or read • restate the main idea, heard or read • use titles and illustrations to make predictions about text

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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

- discuss the ways authors group information in text
- retell important facts in a text, heard or read
- identify the topic and details in expository text heard or read, referring to the words and/ or illustrations

Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*

- establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others' desired outcome to enhance comprehension
- ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text
- make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence
- summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order
- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions)
- retell important events in stories in logical order
- establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension
- make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding
- ask literal questions of text
- retell or act out important events in stories in logical order
- establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension
- make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence
- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)
- retell or act out important events in stories
- make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot
- ask and respond to questions about text
- discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language)

Reading/beginning reading/strategies*

- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text
- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions
- establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud)
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts
- confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells"

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4.11	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud• predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ask and answer appropriate questions about the book• use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting• retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

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<p>(4.13) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Texts. Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents. The student is expected to:</p> <p>(A) determine the sequence of activities needed to carry out a procedure (e.g., following a recipe); Supporting Standard</p> <p>(B) explain factual information presented graphically(e.g., charts, diagrams, graphs, illustrations). Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Recognizes sequence and uses factual information from graphic features in procedural texts.</p>
4.13 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locate and use specific information in graphic features of text • follow and explain a set of written multi-step directions • use common graphic features to assist in the interpretation of text (e.g., captions, illustrations) • follow written multi-step directions • explain the meaning of specific signs and symbols (e.g., map features) • follow written multi-step directions with picture cues to assist with understanding • identify the meaning of specific signs (e.g., traffic signs, warning signs) • follow pictorial directions (e.g., recipes, science experiments) <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order 	

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4.13**Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment**

- establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension
- make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence
- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)
- retell or act out important events in stories
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- discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language)

Reading/beginning reading/strategies*

- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions
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- ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud
- predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations

Comprehension of text read aloud skills*

- ask and answer appropriate questions about the book
- use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting
- retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

Listening and speaking/listening*

- follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action
- listen attentively to speakers, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments
- follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short related sequence of actions
- listen attentively to speakers and ask relevant questions to clarify information
- follow oral directions that involve a short related sequence of actions
- listen attentively by facing speakers and asking questions to clarify information

Listening comprehension skills*

- show understanding of the new language being spoken by English-speaking teachers and peers (ELL)

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4.13	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• show understanding by following two-step oral directions and usually follow three-step directions• show understanding by responding appropriately

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<p>(4.14) Reading/Media Literacy. Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Supporting Standard</p>	<p>Recognizes that informational media conveys meaning.</p>
4.14 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compare various written conventions used for digital media (e.g., language in an informal e-mail vs. language in a web-based news article) • explain how various design techniques used in media influence the message (e.g., shape, color, sound) • understand how communication changes when moving from one genre of media to another • identify various written conventions for using digital media (e.g., e-mail, website, video game) • describe techniques used to create media messages (e.g., sound, graphics) • recognize different purposes of media (e.g., informational, entertainment) • recognize different purposes of media (e.g., informational, entertainment) (with adult assistance) • identify techniques used in media (e.g., sound, movement) • identify different forms of media (e.g., advertisements, newspapers, radio programs) <p>Reading/comprehension skills (figure 19)*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence 	

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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

- monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud)
- retell or act out important events in stories
- make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot
- ask and respond to questions about text
- discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language)

Reading/beginning reading/strategies*

- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text
- use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions
- establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud)
- ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts
- confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells"
- ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud
- predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations

Comprehension of text read aloud skills*

- ask and answer appropriate questions about the book
- use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting
- retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

Reading/beginning reading skills/print awareness*

- distinguish features of a sentence (e.g., capitalization of first word, ending punctuation, commas, quotation marks)
- identify the information that different parts of a book provide (e.g., title, author, illustrator, table of contents)
- read texts by moving from top to bottom of the page and tracking words from left to right with return sweep
- recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., capitalization of first word, ending punctuation)
- sequence the letters of the alphabet
- recognize that spoken words are represented in written English by specific sequences of letters
- identify upper- and lower-case letters
- identify different parts of a book (e.g., front and back covers, title page)
- hold a book right side up, turn its pages correctly, and know that reading moves from top to bottom and left to right
- recognize that sentences are comprised of words separated by spaces and demonstrate the awareness of word boundaries (e.g., through kinesthetic or tactile actions such as clapping and jumping)

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4.14	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize the difference between a letter and a printed word • demonstrate the one-to-one correspondence between a spoken word and a printed word in text • recognize that spoken words can be represented by print for communication <p>Alphabet knowledge skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name at least 20 upper and at least 20 lower case letters <p>Motivation to read skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask to be read to or ask the meaning of written text • use books and other written materials to engage in pre-reading behaviors • engage in pre-reading and reading-related activities <p>Listening and speaking/listening*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action • listen attentively to speakers, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments • follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short related sequence of actions • listen attentively to speakers and ask relevant questions to clarify information • follow oral directions that involve a short related sequence of actions • listen attentively by facing speakers and asking questions to clarify information <p>Listening comprehension skills*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show understanding of the new language being spoken by English-speaking teachers and peers (ELL) • show understanding by following two-step oral directions and usually follow three-step directions • show understanding by responding appropriately

*These prerequisite skills were borrowed from different knowledge and skills bank(s) due to similar content.

NOTE: Under each heading the prerequisite skills are arranged from the highest grade level to the lowest grade level.

STAAR Reporting Category 3—Understanding and Analysis of Informational Texts: The student will demonstrate an ability to understand and analyze informational texts.	
TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations	Essence of TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/ STAAR-Tested Student Expectations
<p>(4.19) Reading/Comprehension Skills. Students use a flexible range of metacognitive reading skills in both assigned and independent reading to understand an author’s message. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts as they become self-directed, critical readers. The student is expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (D) make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding; Readiness Standard (E) summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order. Readiness Standard 	<p>Uses a variety of strategies to demonstrate comprehension of informational texts.</p>
4.19 Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
4.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others’ desired outcome to enhance comprehension • ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text • make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence • summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) • retell important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon content to enhance comprehension • make inferences about text and use textual evidence to support understanding • ask literal questions of text • retell or act out important events in stories in logical order • establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon desired outcome to enhance comprehension • make connections to own experiences, to ideas in other texts, and to the larger community and discuss textual evidence • monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud) • retell or act out important events in stories • make inferences based on the cover, title, illustrations, and plot • ask and respond to questions about text

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4.19	Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the purposes for reading and listening to various texts (e.g., to become involved in real and imagined events, settings, actions, and to enjoy language) <p>Reading/beginning reading/strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from text • use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing) to make and confirm predictions • establish purpose for reading selected texts and monitor comprehension, making corrections and adjustments when that understanding breaks down (e.g., identifying clues, using background knowledge, generating questions, re-reading a portion aloud) • ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts • confirm predictions about what will happen next in text by "reading the part that tells" • ask and respond to questions about texts read aloud • predict what might happen next in text based on the cover, title, and illustrations <p>Comprehension of text read aloud skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask and answer appropriate questions about the book • use information learned from books by describing, relating, categorizing, or comparing and contrasting • retell or re-enact a story after it is read aloud

NOTE: Under each heading the prerequisite skills are arranged from the highest grade level to the lowest grade level.