

Literacy and Comprehension: An Introduction

The Role of Vocabulary

Understand the difference between connotation and denotation.

Apply vocabulary strategies to understand text.

Define the term vocabulary as it relates to text.

Word Analysis

Define word analysis and why it is important when reading.

Understand how to use parts of speech to determine word meaning.

Use connotation and denotation in word analysis.

Use context clues to help determine the meaning of unknown words.

Word Structure

Identify common prefixes and suffixes.

Use the Word Attack Strategy to determine the meaning on unknown words.

Utilize the strategy of identifying the root of words to determine meaning.

Language: Grammar

Learn what the term grammar means.

Recognize different grammar components: capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and speech.

Understand why standard grammar is important.

Language: Sentence Structure

Learn about common sentence structure mistakes and develop strategies to avoid making these mistakes.

Understand the elements of sentence structure: subjects and predicates, clauses, and phrases.

Fluency: Phrasing and Expression

Define fluency as it relates to phrasing and expression.

Learn strategies to improve fluency while reading.

Fluency: Accuracy

Define accuracy in fluency.

Learn strategies to improve accuracy while reading.

The Sky's the Limit: Amazing Architecture

The Strategy Focus: Previewing and Predicting

Apply previewing strategies to different types of text.

Define the strategies used in previewing.

Identify the different types of text.

Identify the strategy of previewing.



Math - Statistics: The World's Tallest Skyscrapers
Fluency: Practice reading the text with a serious tone.
Math Comprehension: Read graphical charts in text.
Reading Comprehension: Make predictions after previewing text.
Vocabulary: Recognize vocabulary words in context.
Science - Earth Science: Offshore Oil Rigs
Fluency: Practice reading phrases and use appropriate pauses for commas.
Reading Comprehension: Preview text by skimming and scanning.
Science Comprehension: Apply text to images.
Vocabulary: Learn to identify word origins.
Social Studies - American History: The Statue of Liberty
Fluency: Practice reading in a question and answer format.
Reading Comprehension: Use chronology to complete a timeline of events.
Social Studies Comprehension: Recognize expository questions.
Vocabulary: Recognize the connection between words and theme.
Elective - Humanities: The Winchester Mystery House
Fluency: Practice reading and rereading, use punctuation to help with pauses.
Humanities Comprehension: Use text to answer questions throughout reading.
Reading Comprehension: After previewing, use prediction in the text.
Vocabulary: Understand word relationships.
Literary Text - A Poem: View of the Capitol from the Library of Congress
Fluency: Read poetry, paying attention to rhythm, meter, and punctuation.
Literary Skill: Use skimming to determine the rhyme and meter of poetry.
Reading Comprehension: Use previewing to learn about author's purpose or background.
Vocabulary Skill: Define synonyms.
Expository Text - Explanatory Article: Speeding to Safety
Expository Text Skill: Make predictions while previewing expository text.
Fluency: Practice pronouncing difficult words when you preview the text.
Reading Comprehension: Use skimming and scanning to preview text and pictures.
Vocabulary: Identify modifiers in context.
Persuasive Text - An Editorial: Rethinking Ground Zero
Fluency: Read, pausing at commas.
Persuasive Skill: Identify perspective/point of view in persuasion.
Reading Comprehension: Add details, using prior knowledge.
Vocabulary: Identify emotionally charged language.



Functional Text - How-To Article: How to Read Blueprints

Fluency: Read diagrams.

Functional Text Skill: Create a sequence of steps while reading a How-to.

Reading Skill: Preview text features.

Vocabulary: Read technical terms in context.

Visual Text - Photography: International Space Station Photo Gallery

Fluency: Develop visual fluency.

Reading Skill: Use skimming and scanning to preview text.

Visual Text Skill: Identify key features of image; Level 1) color, contrast, focal point; 2) detail, light/shadow, texture; 3) motion, personification, symbolism.

Vocabulary: Recognize words in context.

The Environment: What Does it Mean to Go Green?

The Strategy Focus: Text Structure

Recognize different text formats and purposes.

Recognize different types of text structure.

Use previewing to identify text structure.

Math - Energy: CFLs - A Bright Idea

Fluency: Pronounce unfamiliar words correctly.

Math Skill: Read charts and graphs.

Reading Skill: Preview text to get an idea of text structure, organization, and purpose.

Vocabulary: Demonstrate understanding of ten vocabulary words.

Science - Green Science: Carbon Footprints

Fluency: Read every word and reread sentence or paragraphs that don't make sense.

Reading skill: Learn to identify problems and solutions in expository writing.

Science Skill: Use clues and signal words to identify problem and solution.

Vocabulary: Recognize vocabulary words in context.

Social Studies - Economics: What is Green Economics?

Fluency: Preview text to identify unfamiliar words and practice reading them.

Reading Skill: Understand cause-and-effect text structure and identify clue words for cause and effect in text.

Social Studies Skill: Use clues and signal words to identify cause and effect in a text.

Vocabulary: Demonstrate understanding of 10 vocabulary words.

Elective - Sociology and Architecture: Green Architecture - New Urbanism

Fluency: Learn to read with expression by paying attention to punctuation in text.

Reading Skill: Understand "compare and contrast" text structure and identify clue words used for compare and contrast.

Sociology Skill: Understand the term urbanism and its impact to society. Architecture Skill: Identify Green Architecture and how it relates to the environment. Vocabulary: Recognize word origins and root words.



Unit	Lesson Lesson Objectives
	Literary Text - Nonfiction: In Search of Our Mother's Gardens
	Fluency: Read with pauses at dashes, understanding how they frame text.
	Literary: Identify the use of symbolism in narrative text.
	Reading Skill: Learn to identify narrative text structure.
	Vocabulary: Recognize word families.
	Literary Text - Poetry: Looking, Walking, Being
	Fluency: Sentence construction in poetry.
	Literary Skill: Identify metaphor and simile in poetry.
	Reading Skill: Compare and contrast.
	Vocabulary: Recognize words in context.
	Expository Text - Biography: Ansel Adams, Wilderness Photographer
	Expository Skill: Identify the sequence of events in a biography.
	Fluency: Read smoothly, focusing on phrasing and pauses.
	Reading Skill: Learn to identify sequence as a text structure.
	Vocabulary: Understand the meanings of words in the same word families.
	Persuasive Text - Editorial: Bad Bags
	Fluency: Read with emphasis and a persuasive tone.
	Persuasive Skill: Identify the persuasive characteristics of bias and propaganda in persuasive text.
	Reading Skill: Learn to identify persuasive text structure in expository text.
	Vocabulary: Recognize charged language.
	Functional Text - FAQ Sheet: CFLs and Clean-up
	Fluency: Understand abbreviations in context.
	Functional Text: Learn to navigate a FAQ webpage.
	Reading Skill: Identify facts and opinions in text structure.
	Vocabulary Skill: Identify synonyms.
	ts: Designers, Directors, and Artists
	The Strategy Focus: Visualizing
	Learn to use a graphic organizer to outline information in the text.
	Preview text to determine text structure.
	Use visualization strategies to form mental images, draw conclusions, and analyze sequence of steps.
	Math - Geometry: Bike Designers and Geometry
	Fluency: Take notes while listening.
	Math Comprehension: Identify shapes in geometry.
	Reading Comprehension: Visualize a sequence of steps.
	Vocabulary: Apply math terms to images.



Science -	Chemistry: Chefs as Chemists
	Fluency: Read every word, trying not to skip or substitute words.
	Reading Comprehension: Identify and use descriptive words to visualize and form mental images.
	Science Comprehension: Visualize a sequence of events and put events in correct order.
,	Vocabulary: Understand vocabulary in context.
Social Stu	idies - The Renaissance: Leonardo da Vinci
	Fluency: Read with expression, changing your tone of voice to match the context of the text.
	Reading Comprehension: Use descriptive and sensory word clues to form mental pictures of text. Use mental pictures and personal experience to draw conclusions about text.
	Social Studies Comprehension: Connect pictures and images to text.
,	Vocabulary: Recognize vocabulary words in context.
Elective -	Computers: Computer Animation: You Can't Rush Art
	Computer Comprehension: Draw connections between real-world and computer graphics.
	Fluency: Read second-person perspective.
	Reading Comprehension: Visualize a sequence of steps.
,	Vocabulary: Learn ten new words in context.
Literary T	ext - Short Story: Helen on Eighty-Sixth Street
	Fluency: Read dialogue.
	Literary Comprehension: Read first-person narrations and understand allusions.
	Reading Comprehension: Visualize using descriptive words.
,	Vocabulary: Recognize common nouns in context.
Expositor	y Text - Biography: Director Robert Rodriguez: Want to be a Filmmaker?
	Expository Comprehension: Identify and use descriptive and sensory words to visualize.
	Fluency: Read using a question/answer format.
	Reading Comprehension: Visualize to help draw conclusions.
,	Vocabulary: Learn ten words in context.
Persuasiv	re Text - Lyrics: Persuasive Artists: The Roots of Hip Hop
	Fluency: Read carefully, paying attention to phrasing.
	Persuasive Comprehension: Identify main ideas and organize them in a graphic organizer.
	Reading Comprehension: Put events in chronological order with a timeline.
,	Vocabulary: Understand connotation.
Functiona	al Text - How-To: How to Become a Fashion Designer
	Fluency: Read practicing intonation and inflection.
	Functional Comprehension: Outline a strategy.
	Reading Comprehension: Visualize a sequence of steps.
,	Vocabulary: Demonstrate understanding of words.



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	Visual Text - Painting: Diego Rivera: Master Muralist
	Fluency: Read with prosody.
	Reading Comprehension: Using pictures, draw conclusions about an author's message.
	Visual Comprehension: Identify theme using pictures.
	Vocabulary: Word relationships and word origins.
The E	xtreme: Media and Sports
	The Strategy Focus: Inferencing
	Learn how to use inferencing in reading text.
	Learn to use inferencing to make predictions in text.
	Use evidence and reasoning to reach a conclusion.
	Use prior knowledge to go beyond the text.
	Math - Statistics: Statistics in Sports
	Fluency: Read abbreviations.
	Math Comprehension: Read charts and statistics.
	Reading Comprehension: Use inferences to predict.
	Vocabulary: Understand parts of speech of words.
	Science - Physics: Shaun White and Physics
	Fluency: Read complex sentences.
	Reading Comprehension: Use prior knowledge to make inferences.
	Science Comprehension: Understand the laws of motion and main ideas.
	Vocabulary: Recognize physics terms in text.
	Social Studies - History: The History of Extreme Sports
	Fluency: Read questions effectively.
	Reading Comprehension: Identify the causes (what made something happen) and the effects (the results).
	Social Studies Comprehension: Analyze the elements of a map to make inferences and draw conclusions.
	Vocabulary: Learn ten vocabulary words.
	Literary Text - Memoir: Excerpt from The Cruise of the Snark
	Fluency: Read with inflection, based on the punctuation.
	Literary Comprehension: Understand the relationship between tone and theme in fictional text.
	Reading Comprehension: Making inferences in fiction.
	Vocabulary: Learn ten vocabulary words.
	Expository Text - News Article: USA Today: Vogue Cover
	Expository Comprehension: Make inferences by viewing pictures and images in nonfiction.
	Fluency: Read with an objective tone.
	Reading Comprehension: Determine the important characteristics of nonfiction.
	Vocabulary: Understand mood and tone of vocabulary words.



Persuasive Text - Editorial: Remanufacturing Athletes

Fluency: Read with a persuasive tone.

Persuasive Comprehension: Understand a variety of perspectives.

Reading Comprehension: Make inferences about writer.

Vocabulary: Recognize word relationships.

Persuasive Text - Movie Review: Lords of Dogtown

Fluency: Read and understand the tone of the text.

Persuasive Comprehension: Understand the purpose of movie reviews.

Vocabulary: Apply words in context.

Functional Text - How-To: How to Consistently Shoot a Free Throw

Fluency: Read step-by-step instructions.

Functional Comprehension: Go beyond the text.

Reading Comprehension: Use personal experiences to make inferences.

Vocabulary: Apply terms to text.

Visual Text - Collection of Sports Images: The Extreme

Fluency: Apply principles of sports photography to the images you are viewing.

Reading Comprehension: Use inferences to make predictions.

Vocabulary: Apply terms to images.

The Technology: Mysteries and Forensics

The Strategy Focus: Questioning

Learn to ask the following types of questions: Between the lines; Beyond the text; and Evaluative.

Learn to preview text to develop goal-setting questions.

Learn to use question words when reading.

Take notes while reading to identify the main idea and details of text.

Math - Fractal Geometry: Jurassic Park Fractal

Fluency: Read step-by-step instructions.

Math Comprehension: Learn about fractal geometry and how it occurs in nature.

Reading Comprehension: Ask the following questions prior to reading the text: What is my reason for reading the text? What important details can I find in the text?

Vocabulary: Apply math terms to images.

Science - Biology: DNA and Forensics

Fluency: Read smoothly and expressively.

Reading Comprehension: Ask and answer "Beyond the Text" questions.

Science Comprehension: Learn about DNA and how it relates to forensics.

Vocabulary: Demonstrate understanding of vocabulary words.



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_	Social S	tudies - Anthropology: Mysteries - Forensic Sculpture
		Anthropology: Explain the different methods that forensic anthropologists use to interpret the past, including the use of primary and secondary sources, points
		of view, frames of reference, and historical context.
		Fluency: Preview the text for unfamiliar words and learn to pronounce them prior to reading the entire text.
		Reading Comprehension: Ask questions using questions words: Who? What? When? Where? Why? And How?
		Vocabulary: Understand analogies.
	Elective	- Computers: Forensic Animation
		Computers: Learn how computer animation has improved and is used for crime scene investigation.
		Fluency: Emphasize italicized words and important phrases.
		Reading Comprehension: Monitor understanding by asking and answering questions; What important details can I find in the text?; What is my reason for reading the text?
		Vocabulary: Recognize vocabulary words in context.
	Literary	r Text - Short Story: Sherlock Holmes - The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire
		Fluency: Change the expression in your voice to show whether the information is surprising, serious, or descriptive.
		Literary Comprehension: Identify plot components in a short story.
		Reading Comprehension: Ask questions about author's choices in creating text; word choice, narrator, and style.
		Vocabulary: Understand the difference between denotation and connotation in vocabulary words.
	Persuas	ive Text - Forensic Ethics: The Expert Witness
		Fluency: Use expression while reading in order to emphasize the persuasive tone of the text.
		Persuasive Comprehension: Identify the use of the author's persuasive techniques and bias in persuasive text.
		Reading Comprehension: Learn to take notes important information related to the topic.
		Vocabulary: Recognize words in context.
	Functio	nal Text - How-To: All About Fingerprints
		Fluency: Read smoothly using phrases as short sentences.
		Functional Comprehension: Identify the characteristics of a how-to article.
		Reading Comprehension: Learn to take notes in an outline format when reading a functional text.
		Vocabulary: Apply technical terms to text and Images.
The W	orld: Glo	obal Politics - The Impact
	The Stra	ategy Focus: Summarizing
		Define summary and the components used in a summary.
		Learn to ask questions to create summaries of text.
		Learn to organize note-taking in order to summarize text.
		Learn to write summaries of text using section headings.



Math - Charts and Graphs: European Union - Budget
Fluency: Read as though this was a formal presentation.
Math Comprehension: Read different types of charts and graphs (bar, pie, etc.).
Reading Comprehension: Use text features to write a summary.
Vocabulary: Apply terms to images.
Science - Environmental: Climate Change and Agriculture in Africa
Fluency: Read Scientific studies.
Reading Comprehension: Identify the main idea (stated and unstated).
Science Comprehension: Identify scientific method in text.
Vocabulary: Understand words in context.
Social Studies - World History: Ireland - Politics, History, and Culture
Fluency: Read with prosody.
Reading Comprehension: Identify supporting details in text.
Social Studies Comprehension: Learn about the history, culture, and politics of Ireland.
Vocabulary: Identify words in context.
Elective - Art History: Political Cartoons
Art: Understand influence of current events on political cartoons.
Fluency: Develop visual fluency by paying attention to details in images.
Reading Comprehension: Write summaries of political cartoons.
Vocabulary: Apply humor terms to Images.
Expository Text - Informational Article: The Model UN
Expository Comprehension: Identify evidence and reasoning.
Fluency: Read second person directives.
Reading Comprehension: Outline important details of the article.
Vocabulary: Label concepts with related terms.
Persuasive Text - Article: In Defense of the Jury System
Article: Analyze author's perspective and purpose.
Fluency: Read persuasively.
Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea (stated and unstated).
Vocabulary: Recognize tone of words.
Rhetoric - Speech: Franklin Delano Roosevelt - Pearl Harbor Address to the Nation
Fluency: Develop listening fluency.
Reading Comprehension: Take notes while listening.
Speech: Identify charged and persuasive language.
Vocabulary: Recognize tone.



Functional Text - How-To: How to Get Involved in Politics

Fluency: Read step-by-step instructions.

Functional Comprehension: Develop a strategy to become involved in politics.

Reading Comprehension: Use textual features to write a summary.

Vocabulary: Recognize words in context.

Visual Text - Propaganda: Canadian World War I Posters

Fluency: Apply text to images.

Reading Comprehension: Identify important details of visual images.

Visual Comprehension: Determine target audiences for propaganda.

Vocabulary: Recognize words in context.

The Society We Live In: Practical Living

The Strategy Focus: Metacognition

Define metacognition and how it is used in reading.

Learn to use metacognition in order to choose the appropriate strategy for comprehending text.

Math - Consumer Math: Credit Cards

Fluency: Read credit card documents.

Math Comprehension: Fill in graphic organizers according to information in the text.

Reading Comprehension: Create a list of questions you have about credit cards before reading.

Vocabulary: Apply terms to text.

Science - Electronics: Plasma vs. LCD Televisions

Fluency: Read comparison/contrast.

Reading Comprehension: Summarize benefits and drawbacks of each kind of TV.

Science Comprehension: Draw conclusions based on scientific facts (over anecdotal evidence).

Vocabulary: Recognize words in context.

Social Studies - Government: Branches of Government, Checks and Balances

Fluency: Read images and graphic organizers.

Reading Comprehension: Use a graphic organizer to arrange important information.

Social Studies Comprehension: Understand the separation of powers and the system of checks and balances.

Vocabulary: Apply terms to social studies text.

Persuasive Text - Article: Studying Abroad

Fluency: Read persuasively.

Persuasive Comprehension: Identify argument and counterargument strategy.

Reading Comprehension: Preview and make predictions about the text.

Vocabulary: Identify synonyms based on definitions.



Visual Text: Creating a Visual Presentation

Fluency: Read multimedia text.

Reading Comprehension: Develop goal-setting questions based on PowerPoint presentations.

Vocabulary: Use terminology in your summary.