

ELAR TEKS Side-by-Sides

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The Knowledge and Skills Side by Side compares the similarities and differences between the 2008 and 2017 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills statements for English Language Arts and Reading released by the Texas Education Agency. The information in this resource provides support for curriculum and instructional revisions.

| New 2017 | Current 2008 |
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| Strand 1 - Developing and Sustaining Foundational Language Skills | |
| 3.1 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking-oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion. | Listening and Speaking/Listening Students use comprehension skills to listen attentively to others in formal and informal settings. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. |
| | Listening and Speaking/Speaking Students speak clearly and to the point, using the conventions of language. Students continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. Students are expected to speak coherently about the topic under discussion, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively. |
| | Listening and Speaking/Teamwork Students work productively with others in teams. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. |
| 3.2 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingbeginning reading and writing. The student develops word structure knowledge through phonological awareness, print concepts, phonics, and morphology to communicate, decode, and spell. | Reading/Beginning Reading Skills/Phonics Students use the relationships between letters and sounds, spelling patterns, and morphological analysis to decode written English. |
| 3.3 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingvocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. | Reading/Vocabulary Development Students understand new vocabulary and use it when reading and writing. |
| 3.4 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingfluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student is expected to use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text. | Reading/Fluency Students read grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. |
| 3.5 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinkingself-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time. | Reading/Comprehension of Text/Independent Reading Students read independently for sustained periods of time and produce evidence of their reading. |
| Strand 2 - Comprehension Skills | |
| 3.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. | 3.Fig.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. |
| | Reading/Beginning Reading/Strategies Students comprehend a variety of texts drawing on useful strategies as needed. |
| Strand 3 - Response Skills | |
| 3.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. | |





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| Strand 4 - Multiple Genres | |
| 3.8 Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple textsliterary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. | 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. |
| 3.9 Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple textsgenres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, | Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Poetry Students understand, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. |
| contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. | 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. |
| | 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. |
| | 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 respond by providing evidence from text to support their understanding. |
| | Reading/Media Literacy Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts. |
| | 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. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Expository Text Students analyze, make inferences, and draw conclusions about expository text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Persuasive Text Students analyze, make inferences, and draw conclusions about persuasive text and provide evidence from text to support their analysis. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Text Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents. |





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| Strand 5 - Author's Purpose and Craft | |
| 3.10 Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The | 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. |
| student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. | 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. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Poetry Students understand, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the structure and elements of poetry and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. |
| | 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. |
| | 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. |
| | 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 respond by providing evidence from text to support their understanding. |
| | 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. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Expository Text Students analyze, make inferences, and draw conclusions about expository text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Persuasive Text Students analyze, make inferences, and draw conclusions about persuasive text and provide evidence from text to support their analysis. |
| | Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Text Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents. |
| | Reading/Media Literacy Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts. |





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| Strand 6 - Composition | |
| 3.11 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple textswriting process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions. | Writing/Writing Process Students use elements of the writing process (planning, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing) to compose text. |
| | Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions Students understand the function of and use the conventions of academic language when speaking and writing. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity. |
| | Oral and Written Conventions/Handwriting, Capitalization, and Punctuation Students write legibly and use appropriate capitalization and punctuation conventions in their compositions. |
| | Oral and Written Conventions/Spelling Students spell correctly. |
| 3.12 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple textsgenres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. | Writing/Literary Texts Students write literary texts to express their ideas and feelings about real or imagined people, events, and ideas. |
| | Writing Students write about their own experiences. |
| | Writing/Expository and Procedural Texts Students write expository and procedural or work-related texts to communicate ideas and information to specific audiences for specific purposes. |
| | Writing/Persuasive Texts Students write persuasive texts to influence the attitudes or actions of a specific audience on specific issues. |
| Strand 7 - Inquiry and Research | |
| 3.13 Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry | Research/Research Plan Students ask open-ended research questions and develop a plan for answering them. |
| processes for a variety of purposes. | Research/Gathering Sources Students determine, locate, and explore the full range of relevant sources addressing a research question and systematically record the information they gather. |
| | Research/Synthesizing Information Students clarify research questions and evaluate and synthesize collected information. |
| | Research/Organizing and Presenting Ideas Students organize and present their ideas and information according to the purpose of the research and their audience. |



The Student Expectation Side by Side compares the 2008 and 2017 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills student expectations released by the Texas Education Agency. The information identifies student expectations that did not change, student expectations that changed in cognitive and/or content expectation, and student expectations that moved from another grade.

3.1 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, discussion, and thinking--oral language. The student develops oral language through listening, speaking, and discussion.

| Change | New Standard | Old Standard | Cognitive Change | Content Change |
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| | 3.1(A) listen actively, ask relevant questions to clarify information, and make pertinent comments | 3.29(A) listen attentively to speakers, ask relevant questions, and make pertinent comments | | |
| | 3.1(B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a series of related sequences of action | 3.29(B) follow, restate, and give oral instructions that involve a short, related sequence of actions | | |
| | 3.1(C) speak coherently about the topic under discussion, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively | 3.30(A) speak coherently about the topic under discussion, employing eye contact, speaking rate, volume, enunciation, and the conventions of language to communicate ideas effectively | | |
| | 3.1(D) work collaboratively with others by following agreed-upon rules, norms, and protocols | 3.31(A) participate in teacher and student- led discussions by posing and answering questions with appropriate detail and by providing suggestions that build upon the ideas of others | Changed • participate to work | Added agreed upon rules agreed upon norms agreed upon protocols Removed questions with appropriate details provide suggestions |
| new | 3.1(E) develop social communication such as conversing politely in all situations | | | |

| Change | New Standard | Old Standard | Cognitive Change | Content Change |
|--------|---|--|------------------|----------------|
| | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (i) decoding multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns such as eigh, ough, and en | 3.1(C) decode words applying knowledge of common spelling patterns (e.g., -eigh, -ought) | | Added • en |





| Change | New Standard | Old Standard | Cognitive Change | Content Change |
|--------|--|--|------------------|---|
| | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (ii) decoding multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables | 3.1(A) decode multisyllabic words in context and independent of context by applying common spelling patterns 3.1(B) use common syllabication patterns to decode words including: (i) closed syllable (CVC) (e.g., mag-net, splen-did) (ii) open syllable (CV) (e.g., ve-to) (iii) final stable syllable (e.g., puz-zle, contrac-tion) (iv) r-controlled vowels (e.g., fer-ment, car-pool) (v) vowel digraphs and diphthongs (e.g., ei-ther) | | Added • VCe |
| | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (iii) decoding compound words, contractions, and abbreviations | 3.1(D) identify and read contractions (e.g., I'd, won't) | | Added compound words abbreviations |
| | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (iv) decoding words using knowledge of syllable division patterns such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV with accent shifts | 3.1(B) use common syllabication patterns to decode words | | Added • VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV with accent shifts |
| | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (v) decoding words using knowledge of prefixes | 3.1(A) decode multisyllabic words in context and independent of context by applying common spelling patterns including: (iv) using knowledge of common prefixes and suffixes (e.g., dis-, -ly) (v) using knowledge of derivational affixes (e.g., -de, -ful, -able) | | Note Suffixes are addressed in 3.2(A)(vi). |



| Change | New Standard | Old Standard | Cognitive Change | Content Change |
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| | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (vi) decoding words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants | 3.1(A) decode multisyllabic words in context and independent of context by applying common spelling patterns including: (i) dropping the final "e" and add endings such as – ing, -ed, or –able (e.g., use, using, used, usable) (ii) doubling final consonants when adding an ending (e.g., hop to hopping) | | Note Suffixes are addressed in 3.2(A)(vi). Note Prefixes are addressed in 3.2(A)(v). |
| • | 3.2(A) demonstrate and apply phonetic knowledge by: (vii) identifying and reading high-frequency words from a research-based list | | | This student expectation moved to grade 3 from grade 2. |
| | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling | 3.24(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | Added |
| | knowledge by: (i) spelling multisyllabic words with closed syllables; open syllables; VCe syllables; vowel teams, including digraphs and diphthongs; r-controlled syllables; and final stable syllables | use knowledge of letter sounds, word parts, segmentation, and syllabication to spell | | VCe syllables diagraphs diphthongs r controlled syllables |
| | | 3.24(D) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell words with common syllable constructions (e.g, closed, open, final stable syllable) | | |



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| | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling | 3.24(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | knowledge by: (ii) spelling homophones | use knowledge of letter sounds, word parts, segmentation, and syllabication to spell | | |
| | | 3.24(E) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell single syllable homophones (e.g., bear/bare; week/weak; road/rode) | | |
| | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling | 3.24(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | Added |
| | knowledge by: (iii) spelling compound words, contractions, and abbreviations | use knowledge of letter sounds, word parts, segmentation, and syllabication to spell | | abbreviationsRemovedhigh-frequency |
| | , | 3.24(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell high-frequency and compound words from a commonly used list | | |
| | | 3.24(F) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell complex contractions (e.g., should've, won't) | | |
| | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling | 3.24(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | knowledge by: (iv) spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns | spell words with more advanced orthographic patterns and rules | | |
| new | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (v) spelling words using knowledge of syllable division patterns such as VCCV, VCV, and VCCCV | | | |
| new | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by: (vi) spelling words using knowledge of prefixes | | | |



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| | 3.2(B) demonstrate and apply spelling | 3.24(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | Changed |
| | knowledge by: (vii) spelling words using knowledge of suffixes, including how they can change base words such as dropping e, changing y to i, and doubling final consonants | spell words with more advanced orthographical patterns and rules (i) consonant doubling when adding an ending (ii) dropping final "e" when endings are added (e.g., -ing, -ed) (iii) changing "y" to "i" before adding and ending | | from decoding to demonstrate and applying common spelling patterns |
| | 3.2(C) alphabetize a series of words to the third letter | 3.4(E) 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 | | Removed • resource specificity Note Using resources will be addressed in 3.3(A). |
| | 3.2(D) write complete words, thoughts, | 3.23(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | Removed |
| | and answers legibly in cursive leaving appropriate spaces between words | write legibly in cursive script with spacing between sentences | | spacing between sentences Added spacing between words complete words complete thoughts complete answers |

3.3 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary. The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student will:

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| | 3.3(A) use print or digital resources to determine meaning, syllabication, and pronunciation | 3.4(E) 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 | | Removed • resource specificity Added • print • digital Note Alphabetizing words is addressed in 3.2(C). |



3.3 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--vocabulary The student uses newly acquired vocabulary expressively. The student will:

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| | 3.3(B) use context within and beyond a | 3.4(B) READINESS STANDARD | | Removed |
| | sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words | use context to determine the relevant meaning of unfamiliar words or distinguish among multiple meaning words and homographs | | homographsAddedwithin a sentencebeyond a sentence |
| | 3.3(C) identify the meaning of and use | 3.4(A) READINESS STANDARD | | Changed |
| | words with affixes such as im- (into), non-, dis-, in- (not, non), pre-, -ness, -y, and -ful | 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 | | prefixes and suffixes to affixes Added into non not pre ness y |
| | 3.3(D) identify, use, and explain the meaning of antonyms, synonyms, idioms, homophones, and homographs in a text 3.4(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD identify and use antonyms, synonyms, homographs, and homophones Added explain the meaning | 3.4(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | Added |
| | | explain the meaning | idioms when reading grade-level text | |

3.4 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--fluency. The student reads grade-level text with fluency and comprehension. The student will:

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| | 3.4(A) use appropriate fluency (rate, accuracy, and prosody) when reading grade-level text | 3.3(A) read aloud grade-level appropriate text with fluency (rate, accuracy, expression, appropriate phrasing) and comprehension 3.1(E) monitor accuracy in decoding | | Changed • expression and phrasing to prosody Removed • read aloud Impact Students use the skill of fluency in both silent and oral reading. Note Monitoring decoding is a process required for accuracy in reading. |



3.5 Developing and sustaining foundational language skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking--self-sustained reading. The student reads grade-appropriate texts independently. The student is expected to self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time.

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| | 3.5(A) self-select text and read independently for a sustained period of time | 3.11(A) read independently for a sustained period of time and paraphrase what the reading was about, maintaining meaning and logical order (e.g., generate a reading log or journal; participate in book talks) | | • self-selected text Paraphrase is addressed in 3.7(D). |

3.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:

| Change | New Standard | Old Standard | Cognitive Change | Content Change |
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| | 3.6(A) establish purpose for reading assigned and self-selected texts | 3.Fig.19(A) establish purposes for reading selected texts based upon own or others' desired outcome to enhance comprehension | | Added assigned texts |
| | | 3.2(C) 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, rereading a portion aloud) | | |
| | 3.6(B) generate questions about text before, during, and after reading to deepen understanding and gain information | 3.Fig.19(B) ask literal, interpretive, and evaluative questions of text | | Removed • literal, interpretive, evaluative, questions Added |
| | | 3.2(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD | Impact Students use questioning and | before, during, and after reading Impact |
| | | ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from the text | | Students use questioning and as a tool to support comprehension. Levels of questions are not the focus. |



3.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasing complex texts. The student is expected to:

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| | 3.6(C) make, correct, or confirm predictions using text features, characteristics of genre, and structures | 3.2(A) use ideas (e.g., illustrations, titles, topic sentences, key words, and foreshadowing clues) to make and confirm predictions 3.13(D) READINESS STANDARD use text features (e.g., bold print, captions, key words, italics) to locate information and make | Removed • use Added • correct | Changed • ideas to text features Removed • locate information • foreshadowing clues Added • characteristic of genre |
| | | and verify predictions about contents of text | | • structures |
| | 3.6(D) create mental images to deepen understanding | 3.Flg.19(C) monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) | Removed • monitor and adjust | Added • deepen understanding |
| | 3.6(E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society | 3.Fig.19(F) make connections (e.g., thematic links, author analysis) between literary and informational texts with similar ideas and provide textual evidence | | Added • personal experiences • ideas in other texts • society Impact Students make connections as a tool to support comprehension. The focus will include three types of connections. |
| | 3.6(F) make inferences and use evidence to | 3.Fig.19(D) READINESS & SUPPORTING | | |
| | support understanding | make inferences about text using textual evidence to support understanding | | |
| | 3.6(G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas | ask relevant questions, seek clarification, and locate facts and details about stories and other texts and support answers with evidence from the text | Removed • locate • support Added • evaluate • determine | Added • key ideas Impact The focus is determining the details that are most important in communicating the author's intended meaning. |
| | 3.6(H) synthesize information to create new understanding | 3.Fig.19(E) READINESS & SUPPORTING summarize information in text, maintaining meaning and logical order | Removed • summarize Added • synthesis | Impact Students use synthesis as a tool to deepen comprehension. |



3.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasing complex texts. The student is expected to:

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| | 3.6(I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down | 3.Flg.19(C) monitor and adjust comprehension (e.g., using background knowledge, creating sensory images, rereading a portion aloud, generating questions) 3.2(C) 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, rereading a portion aloud) | | Removed • sensory images • identifying clues Added • annotating Impact Sensory images (mental images) is addressed in 3.6(D). Details (clues) is addressed in 3.2(G). |

3.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:

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| new | 3.7(A) describe personal connections to a variety of sources, including self-selected texts | | Impact Students will describe their reflective thinking both orally and through written responses. | Impact Written responses are not required to be an entire essay but may include note taking, annotating, freewriting, illustrations, etc. |
| | 3.7(B) write a response to a literary or | 3.20(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | Changed | Impact |
| | informational text that demonstrates an understanding of a text | write responses to literary or expository texts that demonstrate an understanding of the text | draw conclusion to demonstrate an understanding | Written responses are not required to be the entire essay but may include note taking, annotating, freewriting, illustrations, etc. |
| | 3.7(C) use text evidence to support an ap- | 3.20(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | Impact | Impact |
| | propriate response | write responses to literary or expository texts that demonstrate an understanding of the text | Students will communicate both orally and through written responses. | Written responses are not required to be the entire essay but may include note taking, annotating, freewriting, illustrations, etc. |
| | | 3.13(B) READINESS STANDARD | | , |
| | | draw conclusions from the facts presented in text and support those assertions with textual evidence | | |



3.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:

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| | 3.7(D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order | 3.11(A) read independently for a sustained period of time and paraphrase what the reading was about, maintaining meaning and logical order (e.g., generate a reading log or journal; participate in book talks) | Removed • read independently Added • retell | Removed • sustained period of time Impact The focus of retell/paraphrase is to capture the overall meaning of the text. |
| new | 3.7(E) interact with sources in meaningful ways such as note taking, annotating, freewriting, or illustrating | | | |
| new | 3.7(F) respond using newly acquired vocabulary as appropriate | | Impact Student responses will include both oral and written formats. | Impact Student responses will include vocabulary from their reading, word study, and other academic vocabulary specific to the task and/or genre. |
| new | 3.7(G) discuss specific ideas in the text that are important to the meaning | | Impact Student responses will include both oral and written formats. | |

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

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| ^ | 3.8(A) infer the theme of a work, distinguishing theme from topic | | | This student expectation moved to grade 3 from grade 6. |
| | 3.8(B) explain the relationships among the | 3.8(B) READINESS STANDARD | Removed | Removed |
| | major and minor characters | describe the interaction of characters including their relationships and the changes they undergo | describe the character interactions Added explain the character's relationships | interactions changes Added relationships among characters major and minor characters Note Relationship was previously addressed in grade 4. |



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

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| | 3.8(C) analyze plot elements, including the sequence of events, the conflict, and the resolution | 3.8(A) READINESS STANDARD sequence and summarize the plot's main events and explain their influence on future events 3.7(A) explain the elements of plot and character as presented through dialogue in scripts that are read, viewed, written, or performed | Changed • sequence and summarize to analyze Removed • explain | Removed influences on future events specificity to drama Added conflict resolution Impact Plot elements are described as sequence of events, conflict, and resolution. Analyze refers to explanation and interpretation. |
| | 3.8(D) explain the influence of the setting on the plot | 3.5(B) compare and contrast the settings in myths and traditional folktales | Removed • compare and contrast Added • analyze | Removed |

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

| Change | New Standard | Old Standard | Cognitive Change | Content Change |
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| new | 3.9(A) demonstrate knowledge of distinguishing characteristics of well-known children's literature such as folktales, fables, fairy tales, legends, and myths | | | |
| | 3.9(B) explain rhyme scheme, sound devices, and structural elements such as stanzas in a variety of poems | describe the characteristics of various forms of poetry and how they create imagery (e.g., narrative poetry, lyrical poetry, humorous poetry, free verse) | Changed • describe to explain | Removed • specific forms of poetry • characteristics of poetry form Added • rhyme scheme • sound devices • structural elements (stanza) Impact This student expectation supports a wide range of poetic elements and greater flexibility in poetry choice. |



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

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| | 3.9(C) discuss elements of drama such as characters, dialogue, setting, and acts | 3.7(A) explain the elements of plot and character as presented through dialogue in scripts that are read, viewed, written, or performed | Changed • explain to discuss | Added • setting • acts Note Plot can be described as an element of literary drama. |
| | 3.9(D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including: (i) the central idea with supporting evidence | 3.13(A) READINESS STANDARD identify the details and facts that support the main idea | Changed • identify to recognize | Changed main idea to central idea details and facts to supporting evidence |
| | 3.9(D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including: (ii) features such as sections, tables, graphs, timelines, bullets, numbers, and bold and italicized font to support understanding | 3.13(D) READINESS STANDARD use text features (e.g., bold print, captions, key words, italics) to locate information and make and verify predictions about contents of text 3.15(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD locate and use specific information in graphic features of text | Removed • use • locate Added • recognize | Added • sections • tables • graphs • timelines • bullets • numbers Note Captions are used with sections, tables, graphs, etc. Key words are bolded or italicized. |
| | 3.9(D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including: (iii) organizational patterns such as cause and effect and problem and solution | 3.13(C) READINESS STANDARD identify explicit cause and effect relationships among ideas in texts | Changed • identify to recognize | Added • problem/solution Impact This student expectation focuses on recog nizing organizational patterns. Note Organizational pattern and its contribution to the author's idea/information is addressed in 3.10(B). Problem/solution organizational pattern moved to grade 3 from grade 5. |
| | 3.9(E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: (i) identifying the claim | 3.14(A) identify what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do | Changed • identify to recognize | Changed • what the author is trying to persuade to claim |



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| • | 3.9(E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: (ii) distinguishing facts from opinion | | | This student expectation moved to grade 3 from grade 4. |
| new | 3.9(E) recognize characteristics and structures of argumentative text by: (iii) identifying the intended audience or reader | | | |
| | 3.9(F) recognize characteristics of multimodal and digital texts | 3.16(A) understand how communication changes when moving from one genre of media to another 3.16(C) compare various written conventions used for digital media (e.g., language in an informal email vs. language in a webbased news article) | Changed • explain to recognize Removed • compare | Added • characteristics Impact Recognized characteristics will be based on the universal and individual characteristics of the text and could include language and written conventions. Note Multimodal: how linguistics, visuals, sounds, etc., work individually and together to communicate meaning. Multimodal could include media. |

3.10 Author's purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors' choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author's craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:

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| | 3.10(A) explain the author's purpose and message within a text | 3.12(A) identify the topic and locate the author's stated purposes in writing the text | Removed • identify • locate • paraphrase | Changed • theme to message Removed • topic |
| | | 3.5(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | Added • explain | genre specificity Added |
| | | paraphrase the themes and supporting details of fables, legends, myths, or stories | · | message Note Supporting details are used to explain a message or purpose. |



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| | 3.10(B) explain how the use of text structure contributes to the author's purpose | 3.13(C) READINESS STANDARD describe explicit and implicit relationships among ideas in texts organized by causeand-effect, sequence, or comparison | Changed • describe to explain | Removed organizational pattern specificity relationships among ideas Added contribution to author's purpose |
| new | 3.10(C) explain the author's use of print and graphic features to achieve specific purposes | | | Impact This student expectation aligns with 3.9(D)ii. It moves from recognizing graphic features to understanding their contribution. |
| | 3.10(D) describe how the author's use of | 3.10(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | Removed | Added |
| | imagery, literal and figurative language such as simile, and sound devices such as onomatopoeia achieves specific purposes | identify language that creates a graphic visual experience and appeals to the senses | identify Added describe | Iteral and figurative language simile onomatopoeia purpose Note Understanding literal and nonliteral meaning of words was previously addressed in grade 2. Similes was previously addressed in grade 4. Onomatopoeia was previously addressed in grade 5. |
| | 3.10(E) identify the use of literary devices, including first- or third-person point of view | 3.8(C) identify whether the narrator or speaker of a story is first or third person | | |
| new | 3.10(F) discuss how the author's use of language contributes to voice | | | |
| • | 3.10(G) identify and explain the use of hyperbole | | | Note This student expectation moved to grade 3 from grade 6. |



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| | 3.11(A) plan a first draft by selecting a genre for a particular topic, purpose, and audience using a range of strategies such as brainstorming, freewriting, and mapping | glan a first draft by selecting a genre appropriate for conveying the intended meaning to an audience and generating ideas through a range of strategies (e.g., brainstorming, graphic organizers, logs, journals) | | Added • drawing Impact The focus is generating ideas/thoughts. |
| | 3.11(B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: (i) organizing with purposeful structure, including an introduction and a conclusion | 3.17(B) READINESS STANDARD develop drafts by categorizing ideas and organizing them into paragraphs | | Changed |
| new | 3.11(B) develop drafts into a focused, structured, and coherent piece of writing by: (ii) developing an engaging idea with relevant details | | | |
| | 3.11(C) revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity | 3.17(C) READINESS STANDARD revise drafts for coherence, organization, use of simple and compound sentences, and audience | | Removed organization simple and compound sentences Note This student expectation defines revision as adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging and does not focus on a specific design/aspect of writing. Note Sentence structure is addressed in editing. |





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| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: | 3.17(D) READINESS STANDARD | | Changed • grammar, mechanics and spelling to |
| | (i) complete simple and compound sentences with subject-verb agreement | edit drafts for grammar, mechanics, and spelling using a teacher-developed rubric | | standard English conventions Removed |
| | | 3.22(B) READINESS STANDARD | | teacher-developed rubric Note |
| | | use the complete subject and the complete predicate in a sentence | | Compound sentence is addressed in 3.11D(viii). |
| | | 3.22(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | use complete simple and compound sentences with correct subject-verb agreement | | |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD | | |
| | conventions including: (ii) past, present, and future verb tense | understand and use the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (i) verbs (past, present, and future) | | |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD | | |
| | conventions including: (iii) singular, plural, common, and proper nouns | understand and use the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (ii) nouns (singular/plural, common/proper) | | |
| | 311(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD | | Removed |
| | conventions including: (iv) adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms | understand and use the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (iii) adjectives (e.g., descriptive: wooden, rectangular; limiting: this, that; articles: a, an, the) | derstand and use the following parts of each in the context of reading, writing, and eaking: adjectives (e.g., descriptive: wooden, rect- | descriptive adjectives Added comparative superlative |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD | | |
| | conventions including: (v) adverbs that convey time and adverbs that convey manner | understand and use the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (iv) adverbs (e.g., time: before, next; manner: carefully, beautifully) | | |



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| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD | | |
| | conventions including: (vi) prepositions and prepositional phrases | understand and use the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (v) prepositions and prepositional phrases | | |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English conventions including: (vii) pronouns, including subjective, objective, and possessive cases | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD understand and use the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (vi) possessive pronouns (e.g., his, hers, theirs) | | Added • subjective pronouns • objective pronouns |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.22(A) READINESS STANDARD | | Added |
| | conventions including: (viii) coordinating conjunctions to form compound subjects, predicates, and sentences | use and understand the function of the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (vii) coordinating conjunctions (e.g., and, or, but) | | compound predicates compound subjects Note Subject-verb agreement is addressed in 3.11(D)i. |
| | | 3.22(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | use complete simple and compound sentences with correct subject-verb agreement | | |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.23(B) READINESS STANDARD | | Added |
| | conventions including: (ix) capitalization of official titles of people, holidays, and geographical names and places | use capitalization for (i) geographical names and places (iii) official titles of people | | holidays |
| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.23(C) READINESS STANDARD | | • commas in compound sentences |
| | conventions including: (x) punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series | recognize and use punctuation marks, including: (i) apostrophes in contractions and possessives (ii) commas in series and dates | | |



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| | 3.11(D) edit drafts using standard English | 3.17(D) READINESS STANDARD | | Impact |
| | conventions including: (xi) correct spelling of words with gradeappropriate orthographic patterns and | edit drafts for grammar, mechanics, and spelling using a teacher-developed rubric | | Spelling specificity is not provided. |
| | rules and high-frequency words | 3.24(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | use knowledge of letter sounds, word parts, word segmentation, and syllabication to spell | | |
| | | 3.24(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell words with more advanced orthographic patterns and rules: (i) consonant doubling when adding an ending (ii) dropping final "e" when endings are added (e.g., -ing, -ed) (iii) changing y to i before adding an ending (iv) double consonants in middle of words (v) complex consonants (e.g., scr-, -dge, -tch) (vi) abstract vowels (e.g., ou as in could, touch, though, bought) | | |
| | | 3.24(C) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell high-frequency and compound words from a commonly used list | | |
| | | 3.24(D) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell words with common syllable constructions (e.g., closed, open, final stable syllable) | | |
| | | 3.24(E) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell single syllable homophones (e.g., bear/bare; week/weak; road/rode) | | |
| | | 3.24(F) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | | spell complex contractions (e.g., should've, won't) | | |



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| | 3.11(E) publish written work for | 3.17(E) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | appropriate audiences | publish a written work for a specific audience | | |

3.12 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts--genres. The student uses genre characteristics and craft to compose multiple texts that are meaningful. The student is expected to:

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| | 3.12(A) compose literary texts, including | 3.18(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD | Changed | Changed |
| | personal narratives and poetry, using genre characteristics and craft | write imaginative stories that build the plot to a climax and contain details about the characters and setting | write to compose | personal experiences to personal narratives Removed the specific conventions of poetry |
| | | 3.18(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | imaginative storiesspecificity of imaginative stories |
| | | write poems that convey sensory details using the conventions of poetry (e.g., rhyme, meter, patterns of verse) 3.19(A) write about important personal experiences | | Note Specific writing expectations are included in the writing process student expectation 3.11 and author's craft 3.10. |
| | 3.12(B) compose informational texts, | 3.20(A) READINESS STANDARD | Changed | Changed |
| | including brief compositions that convey information about a topic, using a clear central idea and genre characteristics and craft | create brief compositions that: (i) establish a central idea in a topic sentence (ii) include supporting sentences with simple facts, details, and explanations (iii) contain a concluding statement | create to compose | brief composition to informational text Removed specificity for informational writing Note Specific writing expectations are included in the writing process student expectation 3.11 and author's craft 3.10. |



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| | 3.12(C) compose argumentative texts, including opinion essays, using genre characteristics and craft | 3.21(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD write persuasive essays for appropriate audiences that establish a position and use supporting details | Changed • write to compose | Changed |
| | 3.12(D) compose correspondence such as | 3.20(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD | | |
| | thank you notes or letters | write letters whose language is tailored to the audience and purpose (e.g., a thank you note to a friend) and that use appropriate conventions (e.g., date, salutation, closing) | | |

3.13 Inquiry and research: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student engages in both short-term and sustained recursive inquiry processes for a variety of purposes. The student is expected to:

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| | 3.13(A) generate questions on a topic for formal and informal inquiry | 3.25(A) generate research topics from personal interests or by brainstorming with others, narrow to one topic, and formulate open-ended questions about the major research topic | | Removed • question generation specificity Added • formal inquiry • informal inquiry |
| | 3.13(B) develop and follow a research plan with adult assistance | 3.25(B) generate a research plan for gathering relevant information (e.g., surveys, interviews, encyclopedias) about the major research question | Changed • generate to develop Added • follow | Removed • major research question Added • with adult assistance |



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| | 3.13(C) identify and gather relevant information from a variety of sources | 3.26(A) follow the research plan to collect information from multiple sources of information, both oral and written, including: (i) student-initiated surveys, on-site inspections, and interviews (ii) data from experts, reference texts, and online searches (iii) visual sources of information (e.g., maps, timelines, graphs) where appropriate 3.26(B) use skimming and scanning techniques to identify data by looking at text features (e.g., bold print, captions, key words, italics) 3.26(C) take simple notes and sort evidence into provided categories or an organizer | Removed • follow • use • sort Added • identify • gather | Removed |
| ^ | 3.13(D) identify primary and secondary sources | | | This student expectation moved to grade 3 from grade 5. |
| | 3.13(E) demonstrate understanding of information gathered | 3.28(A) draw conclusions through a brief written explanation and create a works-cited page from notes, including the author, title, publisher, and publication year for each source used | Removed • draw conclusions • create Added • demonstrate understanding | Removed written explanation works-cited |
| | 3.13(F) recognize the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism when using source materials | 3.26 (E) differentiate between paraphrasing and plagiarism and identify the importance of citing valid and reliable sources | Removed • differentiate Added • recognize | |
| | 3.13(G) create a works cited page | 3.26(D) identify the author, title, publisher, and publication year of sources 3.28(A) draw conclusions through a brief written explanation and create a works-cited page from notes, including the author, title, publisher, and publication year for each source used | Removed | Added • works cited page Removed • cite page specificity |
| new | 3.13(H) use an appropriate mode of delivery, whether written, oral, or multimodal, to present results | | | |







The Removed Student Expectation Side by Side provides a list of student expectations that were removed from the 2008 Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills by the Texas Education Agency through deletion or replacement.

Reading/Vocabulary Development

Students understand new vocabulary and use it when reading and writing.



3.4(D) identify and apply playful uses of language (e.g., tongue twisters, palindromes, riddles)

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 respond by providing evidence from text to support their understanding.



3.9(A) explain the difference in point of view between a biography and autobiography

Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Procedural Text

Students understand how to glean and use information in procedural texts and documents.



3.15(A) follow and explain a set of written multi-step directions

Reading/Media Literacy

Students use comprehension skills to analyze how words, images, graphics, and sounds work together in various forms to impact meaning. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater depth in increasingly more complex texts.



3.16(B) explain how various design techniques used in media influence the message (e.g., shape, color, sound)

Oral and Written Conventions/Conventions

Students understand the function of and use the conventions of academic language when speaking and writing. Students will continue to apply earlier standards with greater complexity.



3.22(A) SUPPORTING STANDARD

use and understand the function of the following parts of speech in the context of reading, writing, and speaking: (viii) time-order transition words and transitions that indicate a conclusion



3.23(B) SUPPORTING STANDARD

use capitalization for: (ii) historical period

Research/Synthesizing Information

Students clarify research questions and evaluate and synthesize collected information.



3.27(A) improve the focus of research as a result of consulting expert sources (e.g., reference librarians and local experts on the topic)