

**California Department of Education
English Language Development Standards for Grade 1**

Section 1: Goal, Critical Principles, and Overview

Goal: English learners read, analyze, interpret, and create a variety of literary and informational text types. They develop an understanding of how language is a complex, dynamic, and social resource for making meaning, as well as how content is organized in different text types and across disciplines using text structure, language features, and vocabulary depending on purpose and audience. They are aware that different languages and variations of English exist, and they recognize their home languages and cultures as resources to value in their own right and to draw upon in order to build proficiency in English. English learners contribute actively to class and group discussions, asking questions, responding appropriately, and providing useful feedback. They demonstrate knowledge of content through oral presentations, writing, collaborative conversations, and multimedia. They develop proficiency in shifting language use based on task, purpose, audience, and text type.

Critical Principles for Developing Language and Cognition in Academic Contexts: While advancing along the continuum of English language development levels, English learners at all levels engage in intellectually challenging literacy, disciplinary, and disciplinary literacy tasks. They use language in meaningful and relevant ways appropriate to grade level, content area, topic, purpose, audience, and text type in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts. Specifically, they use language to gain and exchange information and ideas in three communicative modes (collaborative, interpretive, and productive), and they apply knowledge of language to academic tasks via three cross-mode language processes (structuring cohesive texts, expanding and enriching ideas, and connecting and condensing ideas) using various linguistic resources.

Part I: Interacting in Meaningful Ways

Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts*

A. Collaborative

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| 1. Exchanging information and ideas with others through oral collaborative conversations on a range of social and academic topics | • SL.1.1,6; L.1.1,6 |
| 2. Interacting with others in written English in various communicative forms (print, communicative technology, and multimedia) | • W.1.6; L.1.1,6 |
| 3. Offering and supporting opinions and negotiating with others in communicative exchanges | • SL.1.1,6; L.1.1,6 |
| 4. Adapting language choices to various contexts (based on task, purpose, audience, and text type) | • N/A at Grade 1 |

B. Interpretive

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| 5. Listening actively to spoken English in a range of social and academic contexts | • SL.1.1-3 |
| 6. Reading closely literary and informational texts and viewing multimedia to determine how meaning is conveyed explicitly and implicitly through language | • RL.1.1-7,9,10; RI.1.1-7,9-10; SL.1.2-3; L.1.4,6 |
| 7. Evaluating how well writers and speakers use language to support ideas and opinions with details or reasons depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area | • RL.1.3-4,6; RI.1.2,6,8; L.1.4-6 |
| 8. Analyzing how writers and speakers use vocabulary and other language resources for specific purposes (to explain, persuade, entertain, etc.) depending on modality, text type, purpose, audience, topic, and content area | • RL.1.4-5; RI.1.4; L.1.4-6 |

C. Productive

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| 9. Expressing information and ideas in formal oral presentations on academic topics | • SL.1.4-6; L.1.1,6 |
| 10. Writing literary and informational texts to present, describe, and explain ideas and information, using appropriate technology | • W.1.1-3,5-8; L.1.1-2,6 |
| 11. Supporting own opinions and evaluating others' opinions in speaking and writing | • W.1.1; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1-2,6 |
| 12. Selecting and applying varied and precise vocabulary and language structures to effectively convey ideas | • W.1.5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,5-6 |

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Part II: Learning About How English Works	Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts*
A. Structuring Cohesive Texts	
1. Understanding text structure	• RL.1.5; RI.1.5; W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4
2. Understanding cohesion	• RL.1.5; RI.1.5; W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4; L.1.1
B. Expanding and Enriching Ideas	
3. Using verbs and verb phrases	• W.1.5; SL.1.6; L.1.1,
4. Using nouns and noun phrases	• W.1.5; SL.1.6; L.1.1,
5. Modifying to add details	• W.1.5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,6
C. Connecting and Condensing Ideas	
6. Connecting ideas	• W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,6
7. Condensing ideas	• W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,6
Part III: Using Foundational Literacy Skills	• RF.K-1.1-4 (as appropriate)
* The California English Language Development Standards correspond to California’s Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts (ELA). English learners should have full access to and opportunities to learn ELA, mathematics, science, history/social studies, and other content at the same time they are progressing toward full proficiency in English.	

Note: **Examples** provided in specific standards *are offered only as illustrative possibilities* and should not be misinterpreted as the only objectives of instruction or as the only types of language English learners might or should be able to understand or produce.

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Texts and Discourse in Context	English Language Development Level Continuum			
<p>Part I, strands 1–4 Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SL.1.1,6; L.1.1,6 2. W.1.6; L.1.1,6 3. SL.1.1,6; L.1.1,6 4. N/A at Grade 1 <p>Purposes for using language include: Describing, entertaining, informing, interpreting, analyzing, recounting, explaining, persuading, negotiating, justifying, evaluating, etc.</p> <p>Text types include: Informational text types include: description (e.g., science log entry); procedure (e.g., how to solve a mathematics problem); recount (e.g., autobiography, science experiment results); information report (e.g., science or history report); explanation (e.g., how or why something happened); exposition (e.g., opinion); response (e.g., literary analysis); etc.</p> <p>Literary text types include: stories (e.g., fantasy, legends, fables); drama (e.g., readers’ theater); poetry; retelling a story; etc.</p> <p>Audiences include: Peers (one-to-one) Small group (one-to-group) Whole group (one-to-many)</p>	A. Collaborative	<p>Emerging</p> <p>1. Exchanging information and ideas Contribute to conversations and express ideas by asking and answering <i>yes-no</i> and <i>wh-</i> questions and responding using gestures, words, and simple phrases.</p> <p>2. Interacting via written English Collaborate with teacher and peers on joint writing projects of short informational and literary texts, using technology where appropriate for publishing, graphics, etc.</p> <p>3. Offering opinions Offer opinions and ideas in conversations using a small set of learned phrases (e.g., <i>I think X.</i>), as well as open responses in order to gain and/or hold the floor.</p> <p>4. Adapting language choices No standard for grade 1.</p>	<p>Expanding</p> <p>1. Exchanging information and ideas Contribute to class, group, and partner discussions by listening attentively, following turn-taking rules, and asking and answering questions.</p> <p>2. Interacting via written English Collaborate with peers on joint writing projects of longer informational and literary texts, using technology where appropriate for publishing, graphics, etc.</p> <p>3. Offering opinions Offer opinions and negotiate with others in conversations using an expanded set of learned phrases (e.g., <i>I think/don’t think X. I agree with X.</i>), as well as open responses in order to gain and/or hold the floor, elaborate on an idea, etc.</p> <p>4. Adapting language choices No standard for grade 1.</p>	<p>Bridging</p> <p>1. Exchanging information and ideas Contribute to class, group, and partner discussions by listening attentively, following turn-taking rules, and asking and answering questions.</p> <p>2. Interacting via written English Collaborate with peers on joint writing projects of longer informational and literary texts, using technology where appropriate for publishing, graphics, etc.</p> <p>3. Offering opinions Offer opinions and negotiate with others in conversations using an expanded set of learned phrases (e.g., <i>I think/don’t think X. I agree with X.</i>), and open responses in order to gain and/or hold the floor, elaborate on an idea, provide different opinions, etc.</p> <p>4. Adapting language choices No standard for grade 1.</p>

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<p>Part I, strands 5–8 Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts:</p> <p>5. SL.1.1-3 6. RL.1.1-7,9,10; RI.1.1-7,9-10; SL.1.2-3; L.1.4,6 7. RL.1.3-4,6; RI.1.2,6,8; L.1.4-6 8. RL.1.4-5; RI.1.4; L.1.4-6</p> <p>Purposes for using language include: Describing, entertaining, informing, interpreting, analyzing, recounting, explaining, persuading, negotiating, justifying, evaluating, etc.</p> <p>Text types include: Informational text types include: description (e.g., science log entry); procedure (e.g., how to solve a mathematics problem); recount (e.g., autobiography, science experiment results); information report (e.g., science or history report); explanation (e.g., how or why something happened); exposition (e.g., opinion); response (e.g., literary analysis); etc.</p> <p>Literary text types include: stories (e.g., fantasy, legends, fables); drama (e.g., readers’ theater); poetry; retelling a story; etc.</p> <p>Audiences include: Peers (one-to-one) Small group (one-to-group) Whole group (one-to-many)</p>	B. Interpretive	<p style="text-align: center;">Emerging</p> <p>5. Listening actively Demonstrate active listening to read-alouds and oral presentations by asking and answering <i>yes-no</i> and <i>wh</i>-questions with oral sentence frames and substantial prompting and support.</p> <p>6. Reading/viewing closely Describe ideas, phenomena (e.g., plant life cycle), and text elements (e.g., characters) based on understanding of a select set of grade-level texts and viewing of multimedia with substantial support.</p> <p>7. Evaluating language choices Describe the language writers or speakers use to present an idea (e.g., the words and phrases used to describe a character) with prompting and substantial support.</p> <p>8. Analyzing language choices Distinguish how two different frequently used words (e.g., <i>large</i> versus <i>small</i>) produce a different effect on the audience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expanding</p> <p>5. Listening actively Demonstrate active listening to read-alouds and oral presentations by asking and answering questions with oral sentence frames and occasional prompting and support.</p> <p>6. Reading/viewing closely Describe ideas, phenomena (e.g., how earthworms eat), and text elements (e.g., setting, main idea) in greater detail based on understanding of a variety of grade-level texts and viewing of multimedia with moderate support.</p> <p>7. Evaluating language choices Describe the language writers or speakers use to present or support an idea (e.g., the adjectives used to describe people and places) with prompting and moderate support.</p> <p>8. Analyzing language choices Distinguish how two different words with similar meaning (e.g., <i>large</i> versus <i>enormous</i>) produce shades of meaning and a different effect on the audience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bridging</p> <p>5. Listening actively Demonstrate active listening to read-alouds and oral presentations by asking and answering detailed questions with minimal prompting and light support.</p> <p>6. Reading/viewing closely Describe ideas, phenomena (e.g., erosion), and text elements (e.g., central message, character traits) using key details based on understanding of a variety of grade-level texts and viewing of multimedia with light support.</p> <p>7. Evaluating language choices Describe the language writers or speakers use to present or support an idea (e.g., the author’s choice of vocabulary to portray characters, places, or real people) with prompting and light support.</p> <p>8. Analyzing language choices Distinguish how multiple different words with similar meaning (e.g., <i>big</i>, <i>large</i>, <i>huge</i>, <i>enormous</i>, <i>gigantic</i>) produce shades of meaning and a different effect on the audience.</p>

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Part II: Learning About How English Works

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<p>Part II, strands 1–2 Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RL.1.5; RI.1.5; W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4 2. RL.1.5; RI.1.5; W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4; L.1.1 <p>Purposes for using language include: Describing, entertaining, informing, interpreting, analyzing, recounting, explaining, persuading, negotiating, justifying, evaluating, etc.</p> <p>Text types include:</p> <p>Informational text types include: description (e.g., science log entry); procedure (e.g., how to solve a mathematics problem); recount (e.g., autobiography, science experiment results); information report (e.g., science or history report); explanation (e.g., how or why something happened); exposition (e.g., opinion); response (e.g., literary analysis); etc.</p> <p>Literary text types include: stories (e.g., fantasy, legends, fables); drama (e.g., readers’ theater); poetry; retelling a story; etc.</p> <p>Audiences include: Peers (one-to-one) Small group (one-to-group) Whole group (one-to-many)</p>	A. Structuring Cohesive Texts	<p>Emerging</p> <p>1. Understanding text structure Apply understanding of how text types are organized (e.g., how a story is organized by a sequence of events) to comprehending texts and composing basic texts with substantial support (e.g., using drawings, through joint construction with a peer or teacher) to comprehending texts and writing texts in shared language activities guided by the teacher, with peers, and sometimes independently.</p> <p>2. Understanding cohesion Apply basic understanding of how ideas, events, or reasons are linked throughout a text using more everyday connecting words or phrases (e.g., <i>one day, after, then</i>) to comprehending texts and writing texts in shared language activities guided by the teacher, with peers, and sometimes independently.</p>	<p>Expanding</p> <p>1. Understanding text structure Apply understanding of how different text types are organized to express ideas (e.g., how a story is organized sequentially with predictable stages versus how an informative text is organized by topic and details) to comprehending texts and writing texts in shared language activities guided by the teacher and with increasing independence.</p> <p>2. Understanding cohesion Apply understanding of how ideas, events, or reasons are linked throughout a text using a growing number of connecting words or phrases (e.g., <i>a long time ago, suddenly</i>) to comprehending texts and writing texts in shared language activities guided by the teacher and with increasing independence.</p>	<p>Bridging</p> <p>1. Understanding text structure Apply understanding of how different text types are organized predictably to express ideas (e.g., how a story is organized versus an informative/explanatory text versus an opinion text) to comprehending texts and writing texts in shared language activities guided by the teacher and independently.</p> <p>2. Understanding cohesion Apply understanding of how ideas, events, or reasons are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., <i>for example, after that, first/second/third</i>) to comprehending texts and writing texts in shared language activities guided by the teacher and independently.</p>

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<p>Part II, strands 3–5 Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts:</p> <p>3. W.1.5; SL.1.6; L.1.1,6 4. W.1.5; SL.1.6; L.1.1,6 5. W.1.5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,6</p> <p>Purposes for using language include: Describing, entertaining, informing, interpreting, analyzing, recounting, explaining, persuading, negotiating, justifying, evaluating, etc.</p> <p>Text types include: Informational text types include: description (e.g., science log entry); procedure (e.g., how to solve a mathematics problem); recount (e.g., autobiography, science experiment results); information report (e.g., science or history report); explanation (e.g., how or why something happened); exposition (e.g., opinion); response (e.g., literary analysis); etc.</p> <p>Literary text types include: stories (e.g., fantasy, legends, fables); drama (e.g., readers’ theater); poetry; retelling a story; etc.</p> <p>Audiences include: Peers (one-to-one) Small group (one-to-group) Whole group (one-to-many)</p>	<p>B. Expanding & Enriching Ideas (page 1 of 2)</p>	<p>Emerging</p> <p>3. Using verbs and verb phrases a) Use frequently used verbs (e.g., go, eat, run) and verb types (e.g., doing, saying, being/having, thinking/feeling) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and sometimes independently.</p> <p>b) Use simple verb tenses appropriate for the text type and discipline to convey time (e.g., simple past for recounting an experience) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and sometimes independently.</p>	<p>Expanding</p> <p>3. Using verbs and verb phrases a) Use a growing number of verbs and verb types (e.g., doing, saying, being/having, thinking/feeling) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and with increasing independence.</p> <p>b) Use a growing number of verb tenses appropriate for the text type and discipline to convey time (e.g., simple past tense for retelling, simple present for a science description) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and with increasing independence.</p>	<p>Bridging</p> <p>3. Using verbs and verb phrases a) Use a wide variety of verbs and verb types (e.g., doing, saying, being/having, thinking/feeling) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and independently.</p> <p>b) Use a wide variety of verb tenses appropriate for the text type and discipline to convey time (e.g., simple present for a science description, simple future to predict) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and independently.</p>

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<p>Part II, strands 6–7 Corresponding Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts:</p> <p>6. W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,6 7. W.1.1-3,5; SL.1.4,6; L.1.1,6</p> <p>Purposes for using language include: Describing, entertaining, informing, interpreting, analyzing, recounting, explaining, persuading, negotiating, justifying, evaluating, etc.</p> <p>Text types include: Informational text types include: description (e.g., science log entry); procedure (e.g., how to solve a mathematics problem); recount (e.g., autobiography, science experiment results); information report (e.g., science or history report); explanation (e.g., how or why something happened); exposition (e.g., opinion); response (e.g., literary analysis); etc.</p> <p>Literary text types include: stories (e.g., fantasy, legends, fables); drama (e.g., readers’ theater); poetry; retelling a story; etc.</p> <p>Audiences include: Peers (one-to-one) Small group (one-to-group) Whole group (one-to-many)</p>	C. Connecting & Condensing Ideas	<p align="center">Emerging</p> <p>6. Connecting ideas Combine clauses in a few basic ways to make connections between and to join ideas (e.g., creating compound sentences using <i>and</i>, <i>but</i>, <i>so</i>) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and sometimes independently.</p> <p>7. Condensing ideas Condense clauses in simple ways (e.g., changing: <i>I like blue. I like red. I like purple</i> -> <i>I like blue, red, and purple.</i>) to create precise and detailed sentences in shared language activities guided by the teacher and sometimes independently.</p>	<p align="center">Expanding</p> <p>6. Connecting ideas Combine clauses in an increasing variety of ways to make connections between and to join ideas, for example, to express cause/effect (e.g., <i>She jumped because the dog barked.</i>), in shared language activities guided by the teacher and with increasing independence.</p> <p>7. Condensing ideas Condense clauses in a growing number of ways (e.g., through embedded clauses as in, <i>She’s a doctor. She saved the animals.</i> -> <i>She’s the doctor who saved the animals.</i>) to create precise and detailed sentences in shared language activities guided by the teacher and with increasing independence.</p>	<p align="center">Bridging</p> <p>6. Connecting ideas Combine clauses in a wide variety of ways (e.g., rearranging complete, simple-to-form compound sentences) to make connections between and to join ideas (e.g., <i>The boy was hungry. The boy ate a sandwich.</i> -> <i>The boy was hungry <u>so</u> he ate a sandwich.</i>) in shared language activities guided by the teacher and independently.</p> <p>7. Condensing ideas Condense clauses in a variety of ways (e.g., through embedded clauses and other condensing, for example, through embedded clauses as in <i>She’s a doctor. She’s amazing. She saved the animals.</i> -> <i>She’s the amazing doctor who saved the animals.</i>) to create precise and detailed sentences in shared language activities guided by the teacher and independently.</p>

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Section 2: Elaboration on Critical Principles for Developing Language & Cognition in Academic Contexts Part III: Using Foundational Literacy Skills	
<p>Foundational Literacy Skills:</p> <p>Literacy in an Alphabetic Writing System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print concepts • Phonological awareness • Phonics & word recognition • Fluency 	<p>See Appendix A for information on teaching reading foundational skills to English learners of various profiles based on age, native language, native language writing system, schooling experience, and literacy experience and proficiency. Some considerations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native language and literacy (e.g., phoneme awareness or print concept skills in native language) should be assessed for potential transference to English language and literacy. • Similarities between native language and English should be highlighted (e.g., phonemes or letters that are the same in both languages). • Differences between native language and English should be highlighted (e.g., some phonemes in English, may not exist in the student’s native language; native language syntax may be different from English syntax).