

Conventions of Standard English - 1

Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- a. Print many upper- and lowercase letters.
- b. Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.
- c. Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., dog, dogs; wish, wishes).
- K** d. Understand and use question words (interrogatives) (e.g., who, what, where, when, why, how).
- e. Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., to, from, in, out, on, off, for, of, by, with).
- f. Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.

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- a. Print all upper- and lowercase letters.
- b. Use common, proper, and possessive nouns.
- c. Use singular and plural nouns with matching verbs in basic sentences (e.g., He hops; We hop).
- d. Use personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns (e.g., I, me, my; they, them, their, anyone, everything).
- 1** e. Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future (e.g., Yesterday I walked home; Today I walk home; Tomorrow I will walk home).
- f. Use frequently occurring adjectives.
- g. Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because).
- h. Use determiners (e.g., articles, demonstratives).
- i. Use frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., during, beyond, toward).
- j. Produce and expand complete simple and compound declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences in response to prompts.

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- a. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.
- b. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.
- c. Use abstract nouns (e.g., childhood).
- d. Form and use regular and irregular verbs.
- 2** e. Form and use the simple (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk) verb tenses.
- f. Ensure subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement.*
- g. Form and use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.
- h. Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.
- i. Produce simple, compound, and complex sentences.

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- a. Use collective nouns (e.g., group).
- b. Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish).
- c. Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).
- 3 d. Form and use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs (e.g., sat, hid, told).
- e. Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.
- f. Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action movie was watched by the little boy).

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- a. Use relative pronouns (who, whose, whom, which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when, why).
- b. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses.
- 4 c. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., can, may, must) to convey various conditions.
- d. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag rather than a red small bag).
- e. Form and use prepositional phrases.
- f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.*
- g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).*

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- a. Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.
- 5 b. Form and use the perfect (e.g., I had walked; I have walked; I will have walked) verb tenses.
- c. Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions.
- d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense.*
- e. Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., either/or, neither/nor).

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- a.** Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).
- b.** Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).
- 6 c.** Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*
- d.** Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*
- e.** Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*

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- a.** Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.
- 7 b.** Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.
- c.** Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers.*

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- a.** Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.
- 8 b.** Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice.
- c.** Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood.
- d.** Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.*

Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- a.** Use parallel structure.*
- 9 - 10 b.** Use various types of phrases (noun, verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, prepositional, absolute) and clauses (independent, dependent; noun, relative, adverbial) to convey specific meanings and add variety and interest to writing or presentations.

Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

- a.** Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.
- 11 - 12 b.** Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage, Garner's Modern American Usage) as needed.