

Main Criteria: Spelling Classroom
Secondary Criteria: Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks
Subject: Language Arts
Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Spelling Classroom

Paragraph Writing

Summary: Write a paragraph incorporating each word from the list.

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Language Arts

Grade 1 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RF.1.	Grade 1 Reading Standards for Foundational Skills [RF]
STRAND		Phonics and Word Recognition
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RF.1.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
INDICATOR	RF.1.3.g.	Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.1.	Grade 1 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.1.5.	With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.
INDICATOR	W.1.5.b.	Demonstrate the ability to choose and use appropriate vocabulary (as described in Language Standards 4–6 up to and including grade 1).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.1.	Grade 1 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.1.6.	With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.1.	Grade 1 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.1.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.1.2.e.	Use conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words.
INDICATOR	L.1.2.f.	Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions.

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Grade 2 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.2.	Grade 2 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.2.6.	With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.2.	Grade 2 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.2.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.2.2.e.	Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy → boil).

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Grade 3 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.RF.3.	Grade 3 Reading Standards for Foundational Skills [RF]
STRAND		Phonics and Word Recognition
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	RF.3.3.	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
INDICATOR	RF.3.3.d.	Read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.3.	Grade 3 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD /	W.3.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.

CONCEPT / SKILL		
INDICATOR	W.3.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 3).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.3.	Grade 3 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.3.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.3.	Grade 3 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.3.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.3.2.f.	Use conventional spelling for high-frequency and other studied words and for adding suffixes to base words (e.g., sitting, smiled, cries, happiness).
INDICATOR	L.3.2.h.	Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.3.	Grade 3 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.3.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
INDICATOR	L.3.3.a.	Choose words and phrases for effect.

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Grade 4 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.4.	Grade 4 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.4.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
INDICATOR	W.4.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include text features (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.4.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.4.	Grade 4 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.4.3.	Write narratives in prose or poem form to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, descriptive details, and clear sequences.

INDICATOR	W.4.3.d.	Use concrete words and phrases, figurative language such as similes and metaphors, and sensory details to convey experiences or events precisely.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.4.	Grade 4 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.4.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.
INDICATOR	W.4.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 4).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.4.	Grade 4 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.4.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.4.	Grade 4 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.4.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grade 4 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Sentence Structure and Meaning
EXPECTATION	L.4.1.a.	Produce complete sentences, using knowledge of subject and predicate to recognize and correct inappropriate sentence fragments and run-on sentences.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.4.	Grade 4 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.4.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.4.2.e.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.4.	Grade 4 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.4.3.	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
INDICATOR	L.4.3.a.	Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.4.	Grade 4 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.4.6.	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation). (See grade 4 Reading Literature Standard 4 and Reading Informational Text Standard 4 on applying knowledge of vocabulary to reading; see grade 4 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 4 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of vocabulary.)

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Grade 5 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.5.	Grade 5 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.5.1.	Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
INDICATOR	W.5.1.a.	Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped in paragraphs and sections to support the writer's purpose.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.5.	Grade 5 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.5.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
INDICATOR	W.5.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically in paragraphs and sections; include text features (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.5.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.5.	Grade 5 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.5.3.	Write narratives in prose or poem form to develop experiences or events using effective literary techniques, descriptive details, and clear sequences.
INDICATOR	W.5.3.d.	Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences or events precisely.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.5.	Grade 5 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.5.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
INDICATOR	W.5.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 5).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.5.	Grade 5 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.5.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of two pages in a single sitting.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.5.	Grade 5 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.5.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.5.2.f.	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.6-8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; use paragraphs and sections to organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.6-8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.6.	Grade 6 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.6.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
INDICATOR	W.6.2.a.	Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information in paragraphs and sections, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.6.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.6.	Grade 6 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.6.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.
INDICATOR	W.6.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.6.	Grade 6 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.6.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.6.	Grade 6 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD /	L.6.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization,

CONCEPT / SKILL		punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.6.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., donut/doughnut).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.6.	Grade 6 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.6.5.	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
INDICATOR	L.6.5.b.	Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words.

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Grade 7 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.6-8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; use paragraphs and sections to organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.6-8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.7.	Grade 7 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.7.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.
INDICATOR	W.7.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information in paragraphs and sections, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.7.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.7.	Grade 7 Writing Standards [W]

STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.7.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
INDICATOR	W.7.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 7).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.7.	Grade 7 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.7.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing and link to and cite sources as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.7.	Grade 7 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.7.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.7.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., donut/doughnut).

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Grade 8 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.6-8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; use paragraphs and sections to organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	WCA.6-8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.6-8.	Grades 6–8 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.6-8.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

INDICATOR	W.8.2.a.	Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; use paragraphs and sections to organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include text features (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
INDICATOR	W.8.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
INDICATOR	W.8.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grade 8).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.8.	Grade 8 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.8.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas efficiently as well as to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.8.	Grade 8 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.8.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.8.2.c.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., donut/doughnut).

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Grade 9 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Knowledge of Language
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.3.	Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Vocabulary Acquisition and Use
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.6.	Acquire and use accurately a range of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.2.c.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.9-10.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 9–10).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Language Standards [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.9-10.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.9-10.2.c.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.9-10.2.d.	Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.9-10.	Grades 9–10 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.9-10.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology’s capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 11–12 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Word Usage
EXPECTATION	L.11-12.1.a.	Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.
EXPECTATION	L.11-12.1.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.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.

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Grade 12 - Adopted: 2017

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.W.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Writing
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.W.6.	Use technology to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.CCRA.L.	College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Language
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	CCRA.L.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts (e.g., essays, oral reports, biographical feature articles) to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.5.	Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.
INDICATOR	W.11-12.5.a.	Demonstrate command of standard English conventions (as described in Language Standards 1–3 up to and including grades 11–12).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.W.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards [W]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	W.11-12.6.	Use technology, including current web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.1.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking; retain and further develop language skills learned in previous grades. (See grades 11–12 Writing Standard 5 and Speaking and Listening Standard 6 on strengthening writing and presentations by applying knowledge of conventions.)
INDICATOR		Word Usage
EXPECTATION	L.11-12.1.a.	Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.
EXPECTATION	L.11-12.1.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.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.L.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Language [L]
STRAND		Conventions of Standard English
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	L.11-12.2.	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
INDICATOR	L.11-12.2.b.	Spell correctly, recognizing that some words have commonly accepted variations (e.g., catalog/catalogue).
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA.11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Text Types and Purposes

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.2.	Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
INDICATOR	WCA.11- 12.2.d.	Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.
FOCUS / COURSE	MA.WCA. 11-12.	Grades 11–12 Writing Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas [WCA]
STRAND		Production and Distribution of Writing
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	WCA.11- 12.6.	Use technology, including current Web-based communication platforms, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information.