

English Language Arts Standards » Language » Grade 6

[PRINT THIS PAGE](#)

Standards in this strand:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1](#)

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.2](#)

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3](#)

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.4](#)

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5](#)

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.6](#)

Conventions of Standard English:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/1/\)](#)

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

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1.A \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/1/A/\)](#)

Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, possessive).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1.B \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/1/B/\)](#)

Use intensive pronouns (e.g., *myself*, *ourselves*).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1.C \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/1/C/\)](#)

Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person.*

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1.D \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/1/D/\)](#)

Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1.E \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/1/E/\)](#)

Recognize variations from standard English in their own and others' writing and speaking, and identify and use strategies to improve expression in conventional language.*

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.2 \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/2/\)](#)

Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.2.A \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/2/A/\)](#)

Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.*

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.2.B \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/2/B/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/2/B/)

Spell correctly.

Knowledge of Language:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3 \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/3/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/3/)

Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3.A \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/3/A/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/3/A/)

Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.*

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.3.B \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/3/B/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/3/B/)

Maintain consistency in style and tone.*

Vocabulary Acquisition and Use:

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.4 \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/)

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.4.A \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/A/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/A/)

Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.4.B \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/B/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/B/)

Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., *audience*, *auditory*, *audible*).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.4.C \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/C/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/C/)

Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.4.D \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/D/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/4/D/)

Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5 \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/5/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/5/)

Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5.A \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/5/A/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/5/A/)

Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5.B \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/5/B/\)](http://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/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.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.5.C \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/5/C/\)](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/6/5/C/)

Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., *stingy*, *scrimping*, *economical*, *unwasteful*, *thrifty*).

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.6 \(HTTP://WWW.CORESTANDARDS.ORG/ELA-LITERACY/L/6/6/\)](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/6/6/)

Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.