

Modern Languages Standards & Benchmarks

4) WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Students will write clearly and effectively, using a wide range of styles, forms, and registers.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 1

Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Copy single words without making mistakes	Copy single words without making mistakes	
Label pictures using previously learned words	Label pictures using previously learned words	
Copy short phrases and sentences correctly	Copy short phrases and sentences correctly	
	Write 2-3 sentences with help from books	

GRADE 2 – GRADE 3

Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Copy single words without making mistakes	Copy single words without making mistakes	
Label pictures using previously learned words	Label pictures using previously learned words	Label pictures using previously learned words
Copy short phrases and sentences correctly	Copy short phrases and sentences correctly	Copy longer phrases and sentences correctly
Write 2-3 sentences with help from books	Write 2-3 sentences with help from books	Write 2-3 sentences with help from books
Write some words and simple phrases from memory	Write some words and simple phrases from memory	Write some words and simple phrases from memory
Begin to apply phonics rules to spelling	Begin to apply phonics rules to spelling	Apply phonics rules to spelling
Apply a few basic grammar rules to written work	Apply a few basic grammar rules to written work	Apply basic grammar rules to written work
		Write single sentences from memory
		Write postcards and short messages to friends and family
		Write about likes and dislikes

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GRADE 4 – GRADE 5

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Copy short phrases and sentences correctly	Copy phrases and sentences correctly	Copy words, phrases and sentences correctly
Write 2-3 sentences with help from books	Write 2-3 sentences with help from books	
Begin to apply phonics rules to spelling	Begin to apply phonics rules to spelling	Apply phonics rules to spelling
Apply a few basic grammar rules to written work	Apply a few basic grammar rules to written work	Apply basic grammar rules to written work
	Write some words and simple phrases from memory	Write postcards and messages to friends and family
	Write single sentences from memory	Write sentences from memory
	Write about likes and dislikes	Write about likes and dislikes
		Write a simple personal letter about oneself, describing past and planned activities

GRADE 6 – GRADE 8

Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Write notes and messages relating to matters of personal interest	Write simple, connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest	Use the language with a good command of complex sentences, although grammatical structures may not always be used correctly
Write paragraphs about daily routines, personal experiences and impressions		Use a variety of appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic expressions
Fill in a form with personal details such as name, nationality and address on a registration form	Write clear, detailed text on a wider range of subjects related to matters of personal interest	Write clear, well-structured texts expressing detailed points of view in an assured, personal style
Write a postcard to express, for example, holiday greetings		Begin to write different kinds of texts (literary, summaries, letters, etc.)
Write a personal letter using the correct format	Write personal letters describing experiences and impressions	
	Write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences	
	Write with a good degree of grammatical accuracy, although there may be inconsistencies and errors	
	Use a variety of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions	
	Write a simple essay or report, giving information or supporting a particular point of view	

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GRADE 9 – GRADE 10

Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Write using a limited range of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions		
Write short, simple notes and messages about aspects of everyday life		
Fill in a form with personal details such as name, nationality and address		
Write a simple personal letter, postcard or e-mail	Write letters describing experiences and impressions	
Write simple paragraphs about routines in daily life, personal experiences and daily impressions	Express feelings such as grief, happiness, interest, regret or sympathy in a written form	
Apply previously acquired grammatical structures to written work in a generally correct manner	Describe a sequence of events in a short text	Use language accurately, with some degree of sophistication, in a range of styles and situations
	Write simple essays or reports giving information or supporting a particular point of view	Expand upon and support points of view at some length and in depth
	Write simple, connected text on topics that are familiar or of personal interest	Write reports, articles, essays or commentaries on literary and general-interest topics
		Structure ideas and arguments in a logical way and support them with relevant examples

GRADE 11 – GRADE 12

Beginning	Intermediate	Advanced
Convey straightforward information clearly		
Convey some simple concepts clearly		
Organize key points into a basic writing plan	Organize ideas effectively	
	Write a well-structured essay	
Use language that is generally appropriate to the purpose and the audience	Use a wide range of appropriate vocabulary and language structures	Use language accurately and with sophistication in a wide range of styles and situations
Incorporate personal attitudes competently	Use the appropriate language register in a range of text types	Show an appreciation of the technique and style employed by writers of the language
Provide some supporting detail for the key points	Clearly convey concepts, emotions and information, providing supporting details such as examples or justifications	Structure ideas and arguments in a logical and persuasive way, supporting them with precise and relevant examples
		Approach written work in a manner that reveals a personal response to literature and topics of general interest
	Write with a good degree of grammatical accuracy, even though there may be some inconsistencies and errors	

