

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) English Progression

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| <p>Word Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply their growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes (morphology and etymology), both to read aloud and to understand the meaning of new words that they meet <p>Comprehension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continuing to read, listen to and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks • reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes • making comparisons within and across books • increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books, including myths, legends and traditional stories, modern fiction, fiction from our literary heritage, and books from other cultures and traditions • identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing • learning a wider range of poetry by heart, preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience • checking that the book makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and exploring the meaning of words in context • asking questions to improve their understanding • summarising the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas • drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence • identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning • discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader • distinguish between statements of fact and opinion • retrieve, record and present information from non-fiction • recommending books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices • explain and discuss their understanding of what they have read, including through formal presentations and debates and cause • differences in informal and formal language • use of ellipsis, hyphens, dashes, semi-colons and colons • synonyms and antonyms <p>Grammatical Terminology subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, hyphen, colon, semi-colon, bullet points</p> | <p>Composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own • in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what they have read, listened to or seen performed • noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary • selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning • in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action • using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs • using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader • assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing • proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning • ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing • ensuring correct subject and verb agreement • proofread for spelling and punctuation errors • perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear <p>Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using a thesaurus • using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely • using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility, using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence and using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time | <p>Transcription</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spell some words with 'silent' letters • continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused • use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically • use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them • use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words • use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary <p>Handwriting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters • choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task |