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During the fifth-grade year, students increase their vocabulary and their ability to understand and explain words, including those that convey ideas and images. They use word origins to determine the meaning of unknown words or phrases, such as *Herculean task* from the myth of Hercules. They read a variety of grade-level-appropriate classic and contemporary literature and continue to expand their interest in nonfiction books, poetry, and plays. They begin to do literary criticism by evaluating what they read and locating evidence to support what they say. They write multiple-paragraph compositions for different purposes and a specific audience or person, adjusting their writing as appropriate. They use transitions to connect ideas when they write. They deliver oral responses to literature that demonstrate an understanding of ideas or images communicated by what they have read.

By the end of Grade Five, students are expected to be reading "At the Standard" (See the DoDEA ELA Addendum 1: Reading Performance Levels). The quality and complexity of materials read should reflect the grade-level-appropriate levels.

**Strand: 5E1: Reading**

**Standard: 5E1a: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development**  
*Students use their knowledge of word parts and word relationships, as well as context clues (the meaning of the text around a word), to determine the meaning of specialized vocabulary and to understand the precise meaning of grade-level-appropriate words.*

**Component: Decoding and Word Recognition**

**5E1a.1:** Read aloud grade level appropriate narrative text (*stories*) and expository text (*information*) fluently and accurately and with appropriate timing, changes in voice and expression.

**Component: Vocabulary and Concept Development**

**5E1a.2:** Use word origins to determine the meaning of unknown words.  
*Example: After listening to a story of the myth of Hercules when it is read aloud, use the knowledge of the story to understand the phrase "Herculean task."*

**5E1a.3:** Apply knowledge of synonyms (*words with the same meaning*), antonyms (*words with opposite meanings*), homographs (*words that are spelled the same but have different meanings*), and idioms (*expressions that cannot be understood just by knowing the meanings of the words in the expression, such as "couch potato" to determine the meaning of words and phrases.*)

**5E1a.4:** Know less common roots (*such as graph = writing, logos = study of*) and word parts (*such as auto = self, bio = life,*) from Greek and Latin and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex words (*such as autograph, autobiography, biography, and biology*).

**5E1a.5:** Understand and explain the figurative use of words in similes (*comparisons that use like or as such as, The stars were like a million diamonds in the sky.*) and metaphors (*implied comparisons such as, The stars were brilliant diamonds in the night sky.*)

**5E1a.6:** Understand unknown words by using word, sentence, and paragraph clues to determine meaning.

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- Standard:**     **5E1b: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text**  
*Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material. At Grade 5, In addition to regular classroom reading, students read a variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, books in many different subject areas, magazines and periodicals, reference and technical materials, and online information.*
- Component:**
- 5E1b.1:**     **Structural Features of Informational and Technical Materials**  
Use the features of informational texts, such as formats, graphics, diagrams, illustrations, charts, maps, and organization to find information and support understanding.  
*Example: Locate specific information in a social studies textbook by using its organization, sections on different world regions, and textual features such as headers, maps, and charts.*
- 5E1b.2:**     Analyze text that is organized in sequential or chronological order.  
*Example: Compare the organizational structure of such biographical texts as The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman or Pride of Puerto Rico: The Life of Roberto Clemente by Paul Robert Walker, noting critical events in the subjects' lives.*
- Component:**
- 5E1b.3:**     **Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Nonfiction and Informational Text**  
Recognize main ideas presented in texts, identifying and assessing evidence that supports those ideas.  
*Example: Read a science text such as Astronomy by Robert Kerrod, and select some of the experiments described in the book to pursue in class. Before beginning the selected experiments, outline the main ideas or concepts to be tested and identify additional supporting detail that explains those scientific concepts.*
- 5E1b.4:**     Draw inferences, conclusions, or generalizations about text and support them with textual evidence and prior knowledge.  
*Example: Use a guidebook, such as Discovering Fossils: How to Find and Identify Remains of the Prehistoric Past(Fossils & Dinosaurs) by Frank A. Garcia, to gain information and make predictions about the identification of fossils found in everyday surroundings.*
- 5E1b.5:**     Follow multiple-step instructions in a grade-level-appropriate basic technical manual.
- 5E1b.6:**     Distinguish among facts supported inferences, evidence, and opinions in text.  
*Example: Identify facts and opinions in a newspaper editorial or editorial page writer's column.*
- Standard:**     **5E1c: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text**  
*Students read and respond to grade level appropriate or culturally significant works of literature, which illustrate the quality and complexity of the materials to be read by students. At Grade 5, students read a wide variety of fiction, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, folklore, mythology, poems, songs, plays, and other genres.*

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- Component:**
- 5E1c.1:** ***Structural Features of Literature***  
Identify and analyze the characteristics of poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction and explain the appropriateness of the literary forms chosen by an author for a specific purpose.  
*Example: Analyze an author's purpose for writing, whether it is to inform, teach, entertain, or elicit an emotional response, and tell how well that purpose is achieved by the type of writing the author has produced.*
- Component:**
- 5E1c.2:** ***Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Literary Text***  
Identify the main problem or conflict of the plot and explain how it is resolved.  
*Example: Read a story with a central conflict such as The Pushcart War by Jean Merrill. Tell how the conflict is solved and describe what issues are raised in the conflict.*
- 5E1c.3:** Contrast the actions, motives, and appearances of characters in a work of fiction and discuss the importance of the contrasts to the plot or theme.  
*Example: Read a book such as Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien, in which different characters are motivated in opposing ways, by innocent good, or by selfishness. Discuss how the contrast between innocence and worldly experience is important to the plot of the book.*
- 5E1c.4:** Understand that theme refers to the central idea or meaning of a selection and recognize themes, whether they are implied or stated directly.  
*Example: Describe the themes in a fictional story such as A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle, in which the themes of courage and perseverance are explored as the children go on a dangerous mission in search of their scientist father.*
- 5E1c.5:** Describe the function and effect of common literary devices, such as imagery (use of language to create vivid pictures in the reader's mind), metaphor (an implied comparison in which a word or phrase is used in place of another such as: He was drowning in money.), and symbolism (use of an object to represent something else, for example, a dove might symbolize peace).
- 5E1c.6:** Identify the speaker or narrator in a selection and tell whether the speaker or narrator is a character involved in the story.
- Component:**
- 5E1c.7:** ***Literary Criticism***  
Evaluate the meaning of patterns and symbols that are found in myth and tradition by using literature from different eras and cultures  
*Example: Discuss what various characters and objects symbolize in literature representing the Medieval era, such as King Arthur: Tales from the Round Table by Andrew Lang, or ancient Asian culture, such as Tales from Japan (Oxford Myths and Legends) by Helen and William McAlpine.*
- 5E1c.8:** Evaluate the author's use of various techniques to influence readers' perspectives.  
*Example: Read and evaluate books such as Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary or The Great Fire by Jim Murphy to understand how authors use particular techniques, such as letter format or display of primary sources, to influence the reader*

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Strand: **5E2: Writing**

Standard: **5E2a: Processes and Features**

*Students discuss and keep a list of ideas for writing. They use graphic organizers. Students write clear, coherent, and focused essays. Students progress through the stages of the writing process and proofread, edit, and revise writing.*

Component: **Organization and Focus**

**5E2a.1:** Discuss ideas for writing, keep a list or notebook of ideas, and use graphic organizers to plan writing.

**5E2a.2:** Write stories with multiple paragraphs that develop a situation or plot, describe the setting, and include an ending.

**5E2a.3:** Write informational pieces with multiple paragraphs that present important ideas or events in sequence or in chronological order; provide details and transitions to link paragraphs; and offer a concluding paragraph that summarizes important ideas and details.

**5E2a.4:** Use logical organizational structures for providing information in writing, such as chronological order, cause and effect, similarity and difference, and stating and supporting a hypothesis with data.

Component: **Research Process and Technology**

**5E2a.5:** Use organizational features of printed text, such as citations, endnotes, and bibliographic references, to locate relevant information.

**5E2a.6:** Use grade-level-appropriate note-taking skills when completing research for writing.

**5E2a.7:** Create simple documents using a computer and employing organizational features, such as passwords, entry and pull-down menus, word searches, the thesaurus, and spell checks.

**5E2a.8:** Use a thesaurus to identify alternative word choices and meanings.

Component: **Evaluation and Revision**

**5E2a.9:** Review, evaluate, and revise grade-level-appropriate writing for meaning and clarity.

**5E2a.10:** Proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using an editing checklist or list of rules, with specific examples of corrections of specific errors.

**5E2a.11:** Edit and revise writing to improve the meaning and focus through adding, deleting, combining, clarifying, and rearranging words and sentences.

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**Standard: 5E2b: Applications (Different Types of Writing and Their Characteristics)**

*At Grade 5, students write narrative (story,) expository (informational,) persuasive, and descriptive texts. Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English and the drafting, research, and organizational strategies outlined in Standard 5E2a: Writing Processes and Features. Writing demonstrates an awareness of the audience (intended reader) and purpose for writing.*

**Component: Writing Application**

- 5E2b.1:** Write narratives that establish a plot, point of view, setting, and conflict; and show, rather than tell the events of the story.  
*Example: Write a story, modeling the style of the story after a type of writing recently read in class (such as folktale, myth, mystery, or science fiction story.) Include an interesting beginning that establishes the central conflict of the story and an ending that resolves the problem.*
- 5E2b.2:** Write responses to literature that demonstrate an understanding of a literary work; support statements with evidence from the text; and develop interpretations that exhibit careful reading and understanding.  
*Examples:*
- 1. Write an essay, telling how two authors are similar or different in terms of their writing styles, choices of topics, and the themes of their books. Support the opinion with specific examples from the authors' books.*
  - 2. Write a personal reaction to books in which a character deals with a problem such as The Best Bad Thing by Yoshiko Uchida or Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor. Use clear organization and careful word choices to show your reaction to the character and the problem.*
- 5E2b.3:** Write persuasive letters or compositions that state a clear position in support of a proposal; support a position with relevant evidence and effective emotional appeals; follow a simple organizational pattern with the most appealing statements first and the least powerful ones last; and address reader concerns.  
*Example: Interview several students in lower grades and take notes regarding changes they would like to see made to the school's playground. Compile these opinions to write a persuasive article for the school newspaper.*
- 5E2b.4:** Use varied grade-level-appropriate word choices to make writing interesting.  
*Example: Write stories, reports, and letters showing a variety of word choices: use inquired or requested instead of asked.*
- 5E2b.5:** Compose grade-level-appropriate writings for different purposes (*such as information, persuasion, or description*) and to a specific audience or person, adjusting tone and style as necessary.  
*Example: Write a skit or an episode of a puppet show to present at your class talent show. Use funny words and phrases to make the audience laugh.*
- 5E2b.6:** Write summaries that contain the main ideas and the most significant details of grade-level-appropriate reading selections.

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- Component:** **Research Application**
- 5E2b.7:** Write or deliver research reports developed using a systematic research process (*define the topic, gather information, determine credibility, report findings*), and that:
- a. use information from a variety of sources and document those sources, and
  - b. demonstrate that gathered information has been summarized and organize information by categorizing and sequencing.
- Example: After completing library or Internet research, write a research report about the life cycle of a butterfly or about the different uses of a telescope, microscope, and camera.*
- Standard:** **5E2c: English Language Conventions**  
*Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level.*
- Component:** **Handwriting**
- 5E2c.1:** Write smoothly and legibly forming letters and words that can be read by others.
- Component:** **Sentence Structure**
- 5E2c.2:** Identify and correctly use prepositional phrases (*such as for school or in the beginning*), appositives (*such as “We played the Cougars, the team from Newport”*), main clauses (*words that express a complete thought*), and subordinate clauses (*clauses attached to the main clause in the sentence*) in grade-level-appropriate compositions.
- Examples:*
1. *We began our trip on the White River (prepositional phrase) when it stopped raining (subordinate clause)*
  2. *Famous for their first flight at Kitty Hawk (appositive), the Wright Brothers are legendary in aviation (main clause).*
- 5E2c.3:** Use transitions (*such as however, therefore, on the other hand*) and conjunctions (*such as and, or, but*) to connect ideas.
- 5E2c.4:** Use grade-level-appropriate simple sentences and compound sentences in writing.
- Examples:*
1. *Simple: Coach Smith is my baseball coach.*
  2. *Compound: Her assistant makes sure I have my baseball equipment, and Coach Smith teaches me how to play the game of baseball.*
- Component:** **Grammar**
- 5E2c.5:** Identify and correctly use appropriate tense (*present, past, present participle, past participle*) for verbs that are often misused (*such as lie/lay, sit/set, rise/raise*).

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**5E2c.6:** Identify and correctly use modifiers (*words or phrases that describe, limit or qualify another word*) and pronouns (*such as he/his, she/her, they/their, it/its*).

*Examples:*

1. Correct: On the walls there are many pictures of people who have visited the restaurant.

Incorrect: There are many pictures of people who have visited the restaurant on the walls.

2. Correct: Jenny and Kate finished their game.

Incorrect: Jenny and Kate finished her game.

Component:

### **Punctuation**

**5E2c.7:** Use a colon to separate hours and minutes (*such as 12:20 a.m., 3:40 p.m.*) to introduce a list (*such as, "Do the project in this order, cut, paste, then fold."*); use quotation marks around the exact words of a speaker and titles of articles, poems, songs, short stories, and chapters in books; and use semi-colons and commas for transitions (*such as "Time is short; however, we will still get the job done."*).

Component:

### **Capitalization**

**5E2c.8:** Use grade-level-appropriate correct capitalization.

Component:

### **Spelling**

**5E2c.9:** Spell roots or bases of words, prefixes (*such as understood/misunderstood, excused/unexcused*), suffixes (*such as final/finally, mean/meanness*), contractions (*such as will not/won't, it is/it's, they would/they'd*), and syllable constructions (*such as in\*for\*ma\*tion, mol\*e\*cule*) correctly.

Strand:

## **5E3: Listening and Speaking**

Standard:

### **5E3a: Skills and Strategies**

*Students deliver focused, coherent presentations that convey ideas clearly and relate to the background and interests of the audience. They evaluate the content of oral communication.*

Component:

### **Comprehension**

**5E3a.1:** Ask grade-level-appropriate questions that seek information not already discussed.

**5E3a.2:** Interpret a speaker's verbal and nonverbal messages, purposes, and perspectives.

**5E3a.3:** Make inferences or draw conclusions based on an oral report.

**5E3a.4:** Give and carry out oral instructions and directions with more than five steps.

Component:

### **Organization and Delivery of Oral Communication**

**5E3a.5:** Select a focus, organizational structure, and point of view for an oral presentation.

**5E3a.6:** Clarify and support spoken ideas with evidence and examples.

**5E3a.7:** Use volume, phrasing, timing, and gestures appropriately to enhance meaning.

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**5E3a.8:** Emphasize points in ways that help the listener or viewer follow important ideas and concepts.

Component:

***Analysis and Evaluation of Oral and Media Communication***

**5E3a.9:** Identify, analyze, and critique persuasive techniques, including promises, dares, flattery, and generalities; identify faulty reasoning used in oral presentations and media messages.

**5E3a.10:** Identify claims in different kinds of text (*such as print, image, multimedia*) and evaluate evidence used to support these claims.

**5E3a.11:** Analyze media as sources for information, entertainment, persuasion, interpretation of events, and transmission of culture.

Standard:

**5E3b: Applications**

*Students deliver well-organized formal presentations using traditional speech strategies, including narration, exposition, persuasion, and description. Students use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.*

Component:

***Speaking Applications***

**5E3b.1:** Deliver narrative presentations that establish a situation, plot, point of view, and setting with descriptive words and phrases; and show, rather than tell, the listener what happens.

**5E3b.2:** Make descriptive presentations that use concrete sensory details to set forth and support unified impressions of people, places, things, or experiences.

**5E3b.3:** Deliver informative presentations about an important idea, issue, or event by the following means: frame questions to direct the investigation; establish a controlling idea or topic; and develop the topic with simple facts, details, examples, and explanations.

**5E3b.4:** Deliver oral responses to literature that summarize important events and details, demonstrate an understanding of several ideas or images communicated by the literary work and use examples from the work to support conclusions.