



11th Grade



LANGUAGE ARTS 1100

Teacher's Guide

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LANGUAGE ARTS

The LIFEPAC curriculum from grades two through twelve is structured so that the daily instructional material is written directly into the LIFEPACs. The student is encouraged to read and follow this instructional material in order to develop independent study habits. The teacher should introduce the LIFEPAC to the student, set a required completion schedule, complete teacher checks, be available for questions regarding both content and procedures, administer and grade tests, and develop additional learning activities as desired. Teachers working with several students may schedule their time so that students are assigned to a quiet work activity when it is necessary to spend instructional time with one particular student.

Language arts includes those subjects that develop the students' communication skills. The LIFEPAC approach to combining reading, spelling, penmanship, composition, grammar, speech and literature in a single unit allows the teacher to integrate the study of these various language arts subject areas. The variety and scope of the curriculum may make it difficult

for students to complete the required material within the suggested daily scheduled time of 45 minutes. Spelling, book reports and various forms of composition may need to be completed during the afternoon enrichment period.

Cursive handwriting is introduced in the second grade LIFEPAC 208 with regular practice following in succeeding LIFEPACs. Diacritical markings are defined in the third grade LIFEPAC 304. A pronunciation key including diacritical markings is provided after the vocabulary word lists in all subjects beginning with LIFEPAC 305.

This section of the Language Arts Teacher's Guide includes the following teacher aids for each unit: Suggested and Required Materials (supplies), Additional Learning Activities, Answer Keys, and Alternate LIFEPAC Tests.

The materials section refers only to LIFEPAC materials and does not include materials which may be needed for the additional learning activities. Additional learning activities provide a change from the daily school routine, encourage the students' interest in learning and may be used as a reward for good study habits.

LANGUAGE ARTS 1101

Unit 1: Standard English

TEACHER NOTES

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR LIFEPAC			
Required	Suggested		
(None)	 World Book Dictionary or American Heritage Dictionary (or any other upper level dictionary) King James Version (KJV) of the Bible and/or other versions as permitted *Reference materials can be in printed, online, or digital formats. 		

Language is a tool that needs to be used effectively and responsibly. As Christians, students need to be aware of the impact of their words on others and choose their words accordingly. This LIFE-PAC will help students achieve goals through the effective use of language. The ability to distinguish standard (acceptable) English from nonstandard, and to express their needs and desires clearly will improve the students' relationships with family and friends and will increase their chances for success. The students will also learn in detail about the purpose and use of a dictionary and the methods of research involved in compiling a standard English dictionary.

The teacher should carefully screen any suggested anthologies for unacceptable selections before making them available to the students. Teachers should also be familiar with any suggested student literature to assure that each selection is suitable.

EXTENDED WRITING ASSIGNMENT

For Activity 1.31 the students are to use the questions below to write on a separate sheet of paper two or three paragraphs describing the kind of English they grew up speaking.

- 1. In what ways is your natural language different from Standard English?
- 2. Did you grow up in the United States? In what region? In a city, a small town, or a rural area?
- 3. In what ways is your accent different from other regions or from Standard English?
- 4. What about vocabulary? Think of specific words or phrases that you use that would be considered nonstandard.
- 5. What aspects of your natural language make it a challenge to learn Standard English? Do you speak Standard English at home? Are you learning English as a second language?

Some general notes about grading papers may be helpful. Read the entire paper before marking errors; this reading will give an overall grasp of the student's purpose and method. Many teachers skim the entire class's papers to assess the response to an assignment and to gauge superior and inferior work before assigning an individual grade. Additionally many teachers prefer using a lead pencil instead of red ink or red pencil. Too many corrections tend to discourage or confuse students. Concentrate on one major area of problems (sentence structure, pronouns, or whatever is

introduced in the appropriate LIFEPAC) keeping in mind that the writing and communicating effort is a cumulative skill and should be graded as such.

After reading a paper, review the assignment in your mind. Many teachers believe that the completion of an assignment is an average grade—if the student has not addressed the topic assignment, then he is graded poorly or is asked to repeat the assignment. Logic in presenting the assignment, clarity of thought, and precision of word choice are three major considerations to be weighed before assigning a grade. Correct and clear sentence structure, grammatical correctness, appropriate punctuation, and correct spelling should also be considered, with strengths in these areas influencing a higher grade and deficiencies calling for a lower grade. Superior papers should demonstrate superior effort.

The first paper should help locate student weaknesses in expression and organization, as well as in grammar and mechanics. This assignment can provide some ideas about future papers that may be helpful at this point in order to clarify what the student should be working toward. Each paper should have a title and several paragraphs adequately developing the student's ideas. The first paragraph should contain introductory material and the central idea (thesis) to be developed. Each paragraph should then logically develop an aspect of that central idea, an aspect that is usually stated as a topic sentence. The paper should have a definite conclusion; it should not just stop.

After reading the paper through once for content and once for errors, you will be ready to assign a grade. Many teachers give a "content" grade and a "mechanics" grade; others, however, believe that those two aspects should be integrated into a well written paper. Clarify your own stand, making it known to your students and then being consistent and fair in your grading.

Communication is one of the most important skills available to mankind. To teach students to write well is certainly a challenge. Additionally, to help students learn to explore their own ideas and then to communicate those ideas to other people should be a real pleasure.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Section 1: Why Standard English?

- 1. Write sample sentences on the board. Have students identify them as nonstandard or ungrammatical. Have volunteers come to the board and rewrite them to read correctly.
- 2. Discuss these questions with your class.
 - a. Do you think people use incorrect English because they do not know better or they know and are careless?
 - b. What impression do we give to others when we use incorrect English?
 - c. Is the excessive use of slang a sign of an uneducated person?
- 3. Obtain a copy of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* or *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Find some examples of nonstandard or ungrammatical speech. Discuss how you would correctly rewrite these statements.
- 4. Invite a person from another country to visit your class. Have him share some difficulties he experienced in trying to learn the English language. How was he misunderstood? Were some experiences humorous? Embarrassing?

- 5. Find the song, "Waltzing Matilda," and make a list of the unusual words and meanings in the song (for example, *swagman*). The lyrics can be found online.
- 6. Obtain a book or digital copies of Shakespearean plays. Write down some examples of English that would appear to be incorrect today.
- 7. Talk to someone from another country or even another part of the United States. Make a list of words which have a different meaning for the two of you. (For example, do you know what a *turtle hull* is? In West Virginia it is a car trunk.)

Section 2: Dictionaries: Guardians of the Standard

- 1. Have a dictionary drill. Give a word and see who can stand first and read the definition.
- 2. Locate as many different types of dictionaries as you can both printed and online. Discuss the differences in each one with the class.
- 3. If a publishing house is near your town, arrange to take a tour through it. You will see how a book is printed, beginning with the author's manuscript, through the editors, layout, proof-readers, printers, and the bindery.
- 4. If Activity 3 is not possible, take a virtual tour of a newspaper plant or print shop.
- 5. Discuss new words which have entered our vocabulary in the last ten years or less because of new inventions, space activity, and so forth.
- 6. Compare some of the slang used today with some your parents or grandparents used (23 skiddoo, cat's meow, etc.). Does their slang sound funny to you? Does yours sound strange to them?
- 7. Using a thesaurus, look up a word that is commonly overworked (such as "good" or "beautiful") and write down all its synonyms.
- 8. Write down the first name of everyone in your class, then write the meaning of each name you can find in the dictionary or any other source.

Section 3: Varieties of Written Standard English

- 1. Write a list of roots, prefixes, and suffixes on the board. Ask students to write words containing these affixes and to write their definitions.
- 2. Write to your state legislature for a copy of a bill or download one that is available online. Make enough copies for the class. Compare the English used in these bills with the everyday English we use.
- 3. Do you think lawyers, insurance companies, and other business entities should reword their forms so the average person can understand them?
- 4. Use the list in the first teacher-directed activity. Divide the class into two teams and see who can call out a word first. Then the two teams can have a race looking up the definitions.
- 5. Have students bring to school some business letters that their parents have received (nothing personal; cut names and addresses off the top and just leave the body of the letter). Pass the letters around and have students make suggestions on how they could be reworded to read better.

- 6. Write a letter to a state tourism department or contact them online and request information for a vacation. Tell them the date you will be there, ask for information about places to see, and ask about the climate for that particular time of the year. Keep your letter or email short and to the point.
- 7. Select a favorite poem. Copy it on a sheet of paper. At the bottom or on the other side, summarize what the poem says to you.

Bible Memory Verses

Section 1

Acts 2:11—the Word of God

Section 2

Philemon 1:6—the effectual communication of faith

Section 3

Job 19:23 and 24—the importance of written communication

ANSWER KEY

SECTION 1

1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 1.10 1.11 1.12 1.13 1.14 1.15 1.16 1.17 1.18 1.19 1.20 1.21 1.22 1.23 1.24 1.25 1.26 1.27 1.28 1.29 1.30 1.31	natural language acquisition telegraphic stage holophrastic stage overgeneralization second language acquisition true true false true true c a e b d Any order: New England, Southern American, General American Any order: regional, social, ethnic General American Any order: pronunciation, vocabulary, idiomatic expression ethnic social slang, jargon c a b Answers will vary. Make sure that the student uses terms like natural language acquisition, dialect, and Standard English in the response.	1.32 1.33 1.34 1.35 1.36 1.37 1.38 1.39 1.40 1.41 1.42 1.43 1.44 1.45 1.46 1.51 1.52 1.53 1.54 1.55 1.56 1.57	b d e f c a false false false true true true true b c a Answers will vary. Make sure that the student has included at least three differences between acquiring English and learning Standard English. informal formal colloquial formal colloquial informal formal Answers will vary. Make sure that the student adjusted the kind of Standard English used to audience and situation.
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SELF TEST 1

1.01	С
1.02	b
1.03	d
1.04	а
1.05	b
1.06	С
1.07	е
1.08	а
1.09	b
1.010	d
1.011	false
1.012	true
1.013	true
1.014	true
1.015	false
1.016	true
1.017	false
1.018	true
1.019	true
1.020	false
1.021	а
1.022	b
1.023	а
1.024	b
1.025	b

SECTION 2

- 2.1 f 2.2 C 2.3 h 2.4 е 2.5 2.6 k 2.7 g 2.8 b 2.9 d 2.10 i 2.11 2.12 Johnson's 2.13 Webster's 2.14 Johnson's 2.15 Johnson's 2.16 Webster's 2.17 Webster's 2.18 Johnson's 2.19 Webster's 2.20 d 2.21 а 2.22 C 2.23 е 2.24 b 2.25 2.26 h 2.27 i 2.28 2.29 entry word 2.30 respelling 2.31 part of speech 2.32 alternate form 2.33 etymology 2.34 definition 2.35 synonym **2.36** meagre **2.37** alternate forms 2.38 curricula, curriculums 2.39 alternate forms Farther is considered a variant of further. 2.40 Farther should be used when referring to literal distance; further should be used in all other senses, especially when referring to figurative distance. Examples: He lives farther from work now that he moved. Please consider the matter further before making a decision.
- **2.41** etymology, usage
- **2.42** to anticipate; to do something before something else happens
- 2.43 etymology, usage

- 2.44 several (at least four); answers will vary but could include beautiful in appearance, dainty, sizable, to some degree or extent, miserable
- **2.45** definition, usage
- 2.46 a. Answers will vary. Make sure that the student meets the length requirement and lists the dictionaries consulted, including an Internet dictionary, if possible.
 - b. Answers will vary but should indicate that a shift occurred, away from a "Christocentric" view of truth to a more materialistic one.

SELF TEST 2

- **2.01** Johnson
- 2.02 Webster
- 2.03 Johnson
- 2.04 Webster
- **2.05** both
- **2.06** both
- 2.07 Johnson
- 2.08 Webster
- **2.09** j
- **2.010** b
- **2.011** g
- **2.012** f
- **2.013** e
- **2.014** a
- **2.015** c
- **2.016** i
- **2.017** d
- **2.018** h
- 2.019 entry word
- 2.020 respelling
- 2.021 part of speech
- **2.022** alternate form
- 2.023 etymology
- **2.024** definition
- 2.025 synonyms
- 2.026 illustrative quote
- **2.027** etymology
- 2.028 definition or usage
- 2.029 alternate forms
- 2.030 respelling
- 2.031 part of speech
- **2.032** true
- **2.033** true
- **2.034** true
- **2.035** false
- **2.036** false

SECTION 3

3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9 3.10 3.11 3.12 3.13 3.14 3.15 3.16 3.17 3.18 3.19 3.19	ordinary poetic scientific technical, scientific literary, poetic informational, ordinary a a b c a b b c a Latin Greek Old English (writ), Latin (certiorari) Old English (writ), Latin (habeas corpus) Answers will vary. Make sure that the student has eliminated jargon and broken up larger sentences into smaller ones.
3.21 3.22 3.23 3.24 3.25 3.26 3.27 3.28 3.30 3.31 3.32 3.33 3.34 3.35 3.36 3.37 3.38 3.39 3.40 3.41 3.42	b a d c a a a c b a d poetry and prose poetry and prose poetry prose poetry and prose d e c b a a house Passage 1 includes a brief literal description of two houses, predominantly their foundations. Passage 2 includes extensive description of a literal house. Passage 3 treats the house completely figuratively, using its features to describe a person's (dead) body.

- 3.43 Passage 1 uses the image of building a house as a point of comparison (analogy) to illustrate a point about the results of listening to or rejecting Christ's words.
- 3.44 The house is the setting of Passage 2. Its condition is linked to the mental state of its owner ("the perfect keeping of the character of the premises with the accredited character of the people"). The ancient, weather-worn house with a "barely perceptible fissure" in its walls foreshadows the doom of Roderick Usher. (Both, by the end of the story, are destroyed.)
- 3.45 In Passage 3 the poet uses the house as a metaphor of the human body.

 "Life and thought" were the occupants, but they have abandoned the house (i.e., the person died). The "windows" are the eyes; the "door" is the mouth. The reference to the house being "builded of the earth" reminds the reader that mankind was made from the dust of the ground. Life and thought are now occupying a new house, the "mansion" in heaven described in the last stanza.
- **3.46** All three texts use the image and features of a house in order to make important points about human existence.
- 3.47 Passage 1 is closest to ordinary language.
 As a sermon, it uses a conversational tone, traditional sentence structure, and little figurative language.
- 3.48 Passage 3 is a poem built around the metaphor of the body as a house.

 Structurally, it makes use of regular meter (trochaic tetrameter), rhyme (abba, cddc, effe, ghhg, ijji), stanzas (five), and other features characteristic of poetry.
- 3.49 Answers will vary. Make sure that the student follows the length requirements and applies what he or she has learned in Section 3 to this assignment.

SELF TEST 3

3.01 scientific 3.02 poetic **3.03** ordinary **3.04** technical 3.05 informational3.06 literary **3.07** technical **3.08** literary 3.09 informational3.010 literary **3.011** literary **3.012** informational **3.013** technical 3.014 technical **3.015** informational **3.016** c (medical journals are technical texts) **3.017** b **3.018** e **3.019** b **3.020** a **3.021** a **3.022** b **3.023** d **3.024** c **3.025** e

LIFEPAC TEST

- 1. h 2. е 3. g 4. k 5. n 6. р 7. C 8. f 9. 10. m
- 11. a12. j13. d14. i
- 14. i 15. b 16. o
- **17.** f **18.** h
- 19. e20. a21. c
- 21. c22. i23. d
- **24.** g **25.** b
- 26. entry word
 27. respelling
 28. alternate form
 29. etymology
 30. definition
 31. synonym
- 32. illustrative quote33. scientific
- 34. poetic35. ordinary
- **36.** technical

- **37.** informational
- **38.** literary
- **39.** Sample Essay (100–200+ words):

Human beings are prewired for language. As infants we begin to learn language as the direct result of hearing it, not as a result of formal instruction. The process, called natural language acquisition, moves through a series of distinct developmental stages ending in basically adult-level language use in pronunciation and vocabulary in as soon as five years. The learner's language is profoundly influenced by language environment, including factors such as geographical region, ethnicity, and social grouping, all of whose characteristics shape the speaker's language use in distinct ways.

Mastery of Standard English, on the other hand, requires formal instruction. The focus is on getting everyone to use a single variety of English in public settings for sake of clear communication. Students must learn rules for how to pronounce and spell words and use them in sentences. They must learn how to speak and write English following specific forms and levels of formality, depending on the occasion and audience. They must learn how to read a variety of Standard English texts for a variety of purposes. Mastery of Standard English is an important mark of education and is expected of employees in the workplace and in a variety of other public settings.

ALTERNATE LIFEPAC TEST

- **1.** false
- **2.** false
- **3.** true
- **4.** true
- **5.** true
- **6.** false
- **7.** true
- **8.** false
- **9.** false
- **10.** true
- **11.** g
- 12.
- **13.** f
- **14.** a
- **15.** c
- **16.** j
- **17.** e
- **18.** h
- **19.** b
- **20.** d
- **21.** alternate form
- **22.** respelling
- **23.** etymology
- 24. usage
- **25.** entry word
- **26.** scientific
- **27.** poetic
- 28. ordinary
- 29. technical
- **30.** Answers will vary; examples include law books, academic journals, research reports
- **31.** literary
- **32.** Answers will vary; examples include sermons, essays, speeches, short stories, novels, poetry
- **33.** informational
- **34.** Answers will vary; examples include contracts, warranties, user guides, policies, instructions

35. Sample Essay (100–200+ words)

Samuel Johnson's A Dictionary of the English Language was the largest, most authoritative dictionary of the English language at the time it was written during the mid-eighteenth century. The dictionary reflected the grammarian tradition of which Johnson was a part. For Johnson, lexicography was an effort to preserve the English language from corruption and change. The "pure" language he documented was that of the educated elite at court and the universities as well as the greatest authors of English literature up to his time. The words, definitions, and examples he included represented a prescriptive approach to language. That is, his dictionary documented the grammarians' perspective concerning how the language should be used.

A generation or two after the publication of Johnson's dictionary, Noah Webster produced The American Dictionary of the English Language. Webster made extensive use of Johnson's work in his own but expanded on his methods in some important ways. First, while using Johnson's historical method, Webster also included word etymology as an important part of his definitions. He also consulted a much broader segment of the educated populace and even included colloquial terms rather than restricting his usage models to the few elite. In using these methods, Webster took the first steps toward a more descriptive approach to language in which language is documented according to how it is actually used.

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ALTERNATE LIFEPAC TEST

NAME ______
DATE _____
SCORE



Answer *true* **or** *false* (each answer, 2 points).

- **1.** Jargon is a kind of dialect.
- **2.** Prose never makes use of figurative language.
- **3.** A word's history is its etymology.
- **4.** _____ Simile is a kind of figurative language.
- **5.** Descriptive, Prescriptive, and Historical are three methods used in lexicography.
- **6.** Legalese is a type of slang.
- **7.** Poetry often uses imagery.
- **8.** ______ Formal Standard English and Standard English are the same thing.
- **9.** Slang is acceptable in formal Standard English.
- **10.** Both first and second language learners over-generalize.

Match the type of language to the correct example (each answer, 2 points).

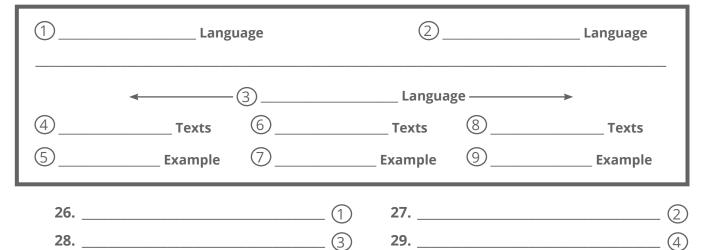
- **11.** _____ informational text
- **12.** _____ colloquial English
- **13.** _____ technical text
- **14.** _____ formal Standard English
- **15.** _____ jargon
- **16.** regional dialect
- **17.** literary text
- **18.** _____ informal Standard English
- **19.** _____ slang
- **20.** English as a second language

- a. By the power invested in me as a minister of the Gospel, I now pronounce you man and wife. What God has joined together, let not man put asunder.
- b. So, they tied the knot. Cool!
- c. Open the guestbook one-half hour before the ceremony. After the vows are said, lead the bridal party to the receiving line.
- d. I happy for you!
- e. Entreat me not to leave thee or to refrain from following after thee. For whither thou goest I will go.
- f. The aforementioned parties, in entering into said Agreement, hereby mutually swear that they have, to the best of their abilities, provided a truthful representation of their intent ...
- g. To register online at Smith's Bridal, complete the form below and press "Enter."
- h. Congratulations, Jim and Sarah. We're very happy for you. Thank you for inviting us.
- i. Way to go, guys! You'll do great!
- j. Ya'll make a fine couple! I reckon you'll be happy.

Indicate which part of a dictionary entry you would use to find the item requested (each answer, 4 points).

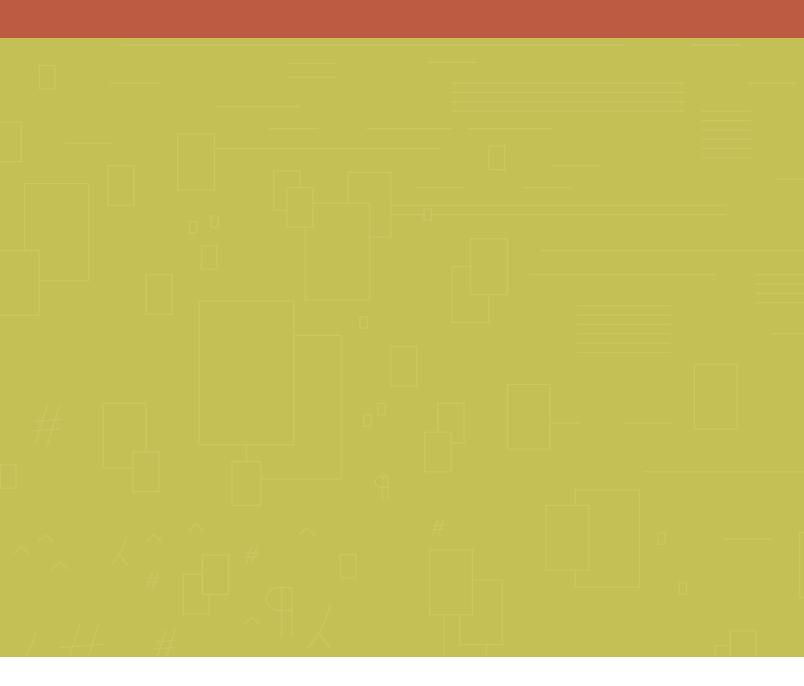
- **21.** _____ the past tense form of "prove" (proved or proven?)
- **22.** _____ the syllable structure of *pusillanimous*
- **23.** _____ the source language of *phlebotomy*
- **24.** _____ the difference between *affect* and *effect*
- **25.** ______ the primary (preferred) spelling of *judgement/judgment*

Label the parts of the diagram below. Each number references the element immediately following it (each answer, 3 points).



Essay (this answer, 10 points).

35. On a separate sheet of paper, explain the difference between Johnson's and Webster's approach to lexicography and how their methods represent the difference between a prescriptive and descriptive approach to language. Use the following terms in your essay: historical method, etymology, prescriptive, descriptive. (100–200 words)





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