English Language Arts Standards » Reading: Literature » Kindergarten

**Standards in this strand:**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/1)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/2)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/3)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/4)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/5)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/6)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.7](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/7)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.9](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/9)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.10](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/10)

**Key Ideas and Details**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/1/) With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/2/) With prompting and support, retell familiar stories, including key details.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/3/) With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.

**Craft and Structure**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/4/) Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/5/) Recognize common types of texts (e.g., storybooks, poems).
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/6/) With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.7](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/7/) With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).
* (RL.K.8 not applicable to literature)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.9](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/9/) With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.

**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.10](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RL/K/10/) Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.

English Language Arts Standards » Reading: Informational Text » Kindergarten

**Standards in this strand:**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/1)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/2)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/3)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/4)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/5)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/6)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.7](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/7)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.8](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/8)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.9](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/9)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.10](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/10)

**Key Ideas and Details**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/1/) With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/2/) With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/3/) With prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

**Craft and Structure**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/4/) With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/5/) Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/6/) Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.

**Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.7](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/7/) With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.8](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/8/) With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.9](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/9/) With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).

**Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.10](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RI/K/10/) Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.

English Language Arts Standards » Reading: Foundational Skills » Kindergarten

**Standards in this strand:**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/3)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/4)

**Print Concepts**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1/) Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.1a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1/a/) Follow words from left to right, top to bottom, and page by page.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.1b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1/b/) Recognize that spoken words are represented in written language by specific sequences of letters.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.1c](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1/c/) Understand that words are separated by spaces in print.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.1d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/1/d/) Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

**Phonological Awareness**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/) Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/a/) Recognize and produce rhyming words.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/b/) Count, pronounce, blend, and segment syllables in spoken words.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2c](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/c/) Blend and segment onsets and rimes of single-syllable spoken words.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/d/) Isolate and pronounce the initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel-consonant, or CVC) words.1 (This does not include CVCs ending with /l/, /r/, or /x/.)
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.2e](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/2/e/) Add or substitute individual sounds (phonemes) in simple, one-syllable words to make new words.

**Phonics and Word Recognition**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/3/) Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.3a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/3/a/) Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter-sound correspondences by producing the primary sound or many of the most frequent sounds for each consonant.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.3b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/3/b/) Associate the long and short sounds with the common spellings (graphemes) for the five major vowels.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.3c](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/3/c/) Read common high-frequency words by sight (e.g., *the*, *of*, *to*, *you*, *she*, *my*, *is*, *are*, *do*, *does*).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.3d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/3/d/) Distinguish between similarly spelled words by identifying the sounds of the letters that differ.

**Fluency**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RF/K/4/) Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.

1 Words, syllables, or phonemes written in /slashes/refer to their pronunciation or phonology. Thus, /CVC/ is a word with three phonemes regardless of the number of letters in the spelling of the word.

English Language Arts Standards » Writing » Kindergarten

**Standards in this strand:**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/1)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/2)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/3)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/5)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/6)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.7](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/7)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.8](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/8)

**Text Types and Purposes**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/1/) Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., *My favorite book is...*).
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/2/) Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose informative/explanatory texts in which they name what they are writing about and supply some information about the topic.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/3/) Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened.

**Production and Distribution of Writing**

* (W.K.4 begins in grade 3)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/5/) With guidance and support from adults, respond to questions and suggestions from peers and add details to strengthen writing as needed.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/6/) With guidance and support from adults, explore a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers.

**Research to Build and Present Knowledge**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.7](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/7/) Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of books by a favorite author and express opinions about them).
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.K.8](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/W/K/8/) With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.
* (W.K.9 begins in grade 4)

**Range of Writing**

* (W.K.10 begins in grade 3

English Language Arts Standards » Speaking & Listening » Kindergarten

**Standards in this strand:**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/1)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/2)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/3)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/4)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/5)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/6)

**Comprehension and Collaboration**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/1/) Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about *kindergarten topics and texts* with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.1a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/1/a/) Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others and taking turns speaking about the topics and texts under discussion).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.1b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/1/b/) Continue a conversation through multiple exchanges.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/2/) Confirm understanding of a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if something is not understood.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.3](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/3/) Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.

**Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/4/) Describe familiar people, places, things, and events and, with prompting and support, provide additional detail.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/5/) Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions as desired to provide additional detail.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/SL/K/6/) Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas clearly

English Language Arts Standards » Language » Kindergarten

**Standards in this strand:**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/4)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/5)
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/6)

**Conventions of Standard English**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/a/) Print many upper- and lowercase letters.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/b/) Use frequently occurring nouns and verbs.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1c](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/c/) Form regular plural nouns orally by adding /s/ or /es/ (e.g., *dog, dogs; wish, wishes*).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/d/) Understand and use question words (interrogatives) (e.g., *who, what, where, when, why, how*).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1e](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/e/) Use the most frequently occurring prepositions (e.g., *to, from, in, out, on, off, for, of, by, with*).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.1f](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/1/f/) Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2/) Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2/a/) Capitalize the first word in a sentence and the pronoun *I*
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2/b/) Recognize and name end punctuation.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2c](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2/c/) Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (phonemes).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.2d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/2/d/) Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships.

**Knowledge of Language**

* (L.K.3 begins in grade 2)

**Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**

* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.4](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/4/) Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.4a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/4/a/) Identify new meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately (e.g., knowing *duck* is a bird and learning the verb to *duck*).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.4b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/4/b/) Use the most frequently occurring inflections and affixes (e.g., *-ed, -s, re-, un-, pre-, -ful, -less*) as a clue to the meaning of an unknown word.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.5](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/5/) With guidance and support from adults, explore word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.5a](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/5/a/) Sort common objects into categories (e.g., shapes, foods) to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent.
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.5b](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/5/b/) Demonstrate understanding of frequently occurring verbs and adjectives by relating them to their opposites (antonyms).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.5c](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/5/c/) Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., note places at school that are colorful).
  + [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.5d](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/5/d/) Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs describing the same general action (e.g., *walk, march, strut, prance*) by acting out the meanings.
* [CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.K.6](http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/K/6/) Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.
* [Home](http://www.corestandards.org/)
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