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# **Illustrative Examples** for **English Language Arts** Grade 5 January 2000

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### **PREFACE**

The program of studies for English Language Arts Kindergarten to Grade 9 is approved for provincial implementation in September 2000. The prescribed general outcomes and specific outcomes from the program of studies are included in this illustrative examples document. The illustrative examples are not prescribed, but they support the program of studies by indicating some of the ways in which students can demonstrate specific outcomes at each grade level. The illustrative examples add clarity about the intended depth and breadth of specific outcomes.

The general outcome from the program of studies is located at the top of each page. The specific outcomes for Grade 5 are located in the left-hand column of each page, and the illustrative examples are located in the right-hand column of each page.

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### **General Outcome 1**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.



### 1.1 Discover and Explore

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Express ideas and develop understanding	
use appropriate prior knowledge and experiences to make sense of new ideas and information	• Students record ideas about fog, based on personal experience, observations of the weather, and previous reading and viewing, and share their ideas with a partner. They read the poem <i>Fog</i> , discuss how their observations of cats help them visualize the movement of the fog, and relate the ideas in the poem to their initial ideas.
read, write, represent and talk to explore personal understandings of new ideas and information	• After viewing <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> or another videocassette in which animals and objects are given human characteristics, students write about how personification added to their enjoyment of the stories.
use own experiences as a basis for exploring and expressing opinions and understanding	<ul> <li>Students stand outside on a windy day and, through their senses, focus on experiencing the effects of the wind. They write about and illustrate some of their observations.</li> <li>When participating in a class discussion, students talk about times they made new friends and the importance of having and keeping friends.</li> <li>Prior to reading the poem <i>Telephone Talk</i>, students sit in a circle and use a talking stick to take turns talking about telephone conversations with their friends.</li> </ul>
Experiment with language and forms	
select from provided forms of oral, print and other media texts those that best organize ideas and information and develop understanding of topics	<ul> <li>For a group research project on the explorer Jacques Cartier:         <ul> <li>Student 1 writes a diary entry showing the personal hardships encountered by explorers.</li> <li>Student 2 adds information on Cartier to the group timeline on explorers.</li> <li>Student 3 adds Cartier's route to the class map to show his route in relation to those of the other explorers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 1**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.



### 1.1 Discover and Explore (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
<ul> <li>Express preferences</li> <li>select and explain preferences for particular forms of oral, print and other media texts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students make T-charts to list and discuss the advantages of listening to a play compared to reading a script.</li> <li>After reading the poem <i>Plane Song</i>, a student says, "I like the poem because the words and rhymes paint pictures in my mind of all the different kinds of planes."</li> </ul>
Set goals	
reflect on areas of personal accomplishment, and set personal goals to improve language learning and use	Students use a learning log to summarize weekly learning in language arts, noting accomplishments and areas for improvement.      Accomplishments
	Students write weekly letters home to describe what they did during the week, what worked well for them and what they would like to work on next week.

### **General Outcome 1**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to explore thoughts, ideas, feelings and experiences.



### 1.2 Clarify and Extend

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Consider others' ideas	
seek others' viewpoints to build on personal responses and understanding	While reading <i>Fanny for Change</i> , groups of students discuss what wisdom means to them, using examples from their own experiences and the text.
Combine ideas	
use talk, notes, personal writing and representing to explore relationships among own ideas and experiences, those of others and those encountered in oral, print and other media texts	On a web or concept map entitled What Is the Best Way to Learn in School?, students record ideas gathered from surveying other students, thinking back to other grades and teachers and jotting down ideas, reading novels and nonfiction, interviewing parents and grandparents, and going on a field trip to a historical schoolroom site.
Extend understanding	
search for further ideas and information from others and from oral, print and other media texts to extend understanding	<ul> <li>After listening to a classmate talk about seeing a bear in a campground, two students want to learn more about what to do if they were to encounter a bear. They decide to email Parks Canada, ask a relative who camps frequently, visit a local camping store to ask for information and look in their school or community library.</li> <li>After reading From Waterways to Airways, a student asks family members to share memories about transportation; e.g., the first car they drove, their first airplane journey, a train trip across Canada.</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.1 Use Strategies and Cues

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Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Use prior knowledge	
describe ways that personal experiences and prior knowledge contribute to understanding new ideas and information	<ul> <li>As students begin to study the geography of Canada, they brainstorm and jot down categories of information previously learned about the geography of Alberta and discuss how these will be helpful to them; e.g., physical regions, climate, natural resources, occupations, modifying and changing the environment.</li> <li>A student writes a story about an individual who is new to a school. The student reads the story to the class and afterward tells how personal experiences of moving and living in a new neighbourhood helped to describe the feelings the story character has while walking into the new classroom for the first time.</li> </ul>
use knowledge of organizational structures, such as tables of contents, indices, topic sentences and headings, to locate information and to construct and confirm meaning	When searching for information on the climate of different regions of Canada, students use the table of contents, index, chapter headings and subheadings in a textbook such as <i>Canada</i> , <i>Its Land and People</i> .
Use comprehension strategies	
• preview sections of print texts, and apply reading rate and strategies appropriate for the purpose, content and format of the texts	When finding information on transportation links between Canada and the United States, students locate and skim sections of texts relating to transportation to determine if the information may be useful; then they read relevant sections more closely.
comprehend new ideas and information by responding personally, taking notes and discussing ideas with others	• After viewing a videocassette about weather, some students are interested in finding out more about tornadoes. They read and take notes from books, magazines and old newspapers; view information about weather from a web site; and discuss their findings with the class; e.g., why tornadoes occur, what tornadoes are, and if there are more tornadoes in Alberta than there used to be.
use the meanings of familiar words to predict the meanings of unfamiliar words in context  (continued)	When reading the sentence, "The tornado devastated the town, ripping up trees and tearing down buildings." the student infers, from the description in the sentence, that the meaning of devastated must be similar to destroyed.

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.1 Use Strategies and Cues (continued)

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Specific Outcomes	II	lustrative Examples	S	
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Use comprehension strategies				
<ul> <li>monitor understanding by comparing personal knowledge and experiences with information on the same topic from a variety of sources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students record individual responses to the situations described in <i>Decisions to Grow On</i>. They then share and discuss these responses in small groups.</li> <li>Students complete the last column of a KWL chart on electricity. They discuss what they have learned about electricity and how previous ideas have changed as a result of their study.</li> </ul>			
		Topic: Electricity		
	What I Know	What I Want to Learn	What I Learned	
<ul><li>Use textual cues</li><li>use text features, such as maps,</li></ul>	When researching the			
diagrams, special fonts and graphics, that highlight important concepts to enhance understanding of ideas and information	as Early Canada or Be Migration, students lo lived; charts that providaily lives; illustration special features, such which are indicated by  • A student refers to the the animals that live in	ok for maps that show ide detailed informations that show villages, as stories, questions, a colours or special for map in Above the Tr	w where the Iroquois ion on aspects of thei homes and dress; and issues and biographic onts.	r d es,
• identify and use the structural elements of texts, such as letters, brochures, glossaries and encyclopedias, to access and comprehend ideas and information	<ul> <li>For a class display on students use the heading travel brochures about identify places to see, transportation and spe</li> <li>A student looks under find the telephone number of the student uses heading an encyclopedia.</li> <li>Students use the number of the student uses the number of the students use the students use the number of the students use the number of the students used the</li></ul>	ngs, maps, illustration different areas of the things to do, main atticialty foods.  R.S.V.P. on a birthd of the property of the control of t	ns and descriptions in e United States to tractions, climate, ay party invitation to nformation on topics	

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.1 Use Strategies and Cues (continued)

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Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Use phonics and structural analysis	
• identify and know the meaning of high frequency prefixes and suffixes by sight to read unfamiliar, multisyllable words in context	• Students use their knowledge of the meaning of prefixes, such as re- (again), pre- (before), un- (not), bi- (two), and suffixes, such as -less (without), to read and understand the meaning of such words as replace, preheat, unpleasant, bicoloured, painless.
integrate knowledge of phonics, sight vocabulary and structural analysis with knowledge of language and context clues to read unfamiliar words in context	<ul> <li>When reading the sentence, "Squid was an unpalatable food for the children, and they left it untouched on their plates." a student reads past the unfamiliar word unpalatable, then figures it out by breaking it into syllables and recognizing the prefix, suffix and word parts. The student rereads the sentence to realize from the context that unpalatable means something like not pleasant.</li> <li>Students identify different strategies to use when they come across a word they do not know; e.g.: <ul> <li>I skip the word and read on to get a sense of what it may mean. Then I reread to figure it out.</li> <li>I look for word parts that I know in the unfamiliar word.</li> <li>I look for root words and prefixes and suffixes.</li> <li>I divide the word into syllables and sound them out.</li> <li>I look to see if the unfamiliar word is a compound word.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Use references	
• find words in dictionaries and glossaries to confirm the spellings or locate the meanings by using knowledge of phonics and structural analysis, alphabetical order and guide words	<ul> <li>A student uses the initial sound of a word to locate its spelling in a dictionary; e.g., the initial sound of the word camouflage is represented by either the letter "c" or the letter "k."</li> <li>When writing a story, a student uses knowledge of the prefix preto locate the spelling of the word prevention in a dictionary.</li> <li>When reading about life in New France in <i>Beginnings: From First Nations to the Great Migration</i>, a student uses alphabetical order to locate the meaning of such words as economy, elected, habitant and seigneur in the glossary.</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.2 Respond to Texts

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Experience various text	
experience oral, print and other media texts from a variety of cultural traditions and genres, such as historical fiction, myths, biographies, poetry, news reports and guest speakers	<ul> <li>On a guided field trip to a museum or local historic site, students ask questions of the guide to assist in interpreting artifacts and displays.</li> <li>A student who enjoys country music looks for or reads poems by a cowboy poet, such as Baxter Black.</li> <li>After reading <i>Northern Lights: The Soccer Trails</i>, students look for Internet web sites to find more information on the setting of the story, the Inuit and the northern lights.</li> </ul>
express points of view about oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>Two students write an editorial in a school or class newsletter about a guest speaker's presentation on smoking. They state that because they learned smoking is very addictive, they think it is best not to try smoking even once.</li> <li>After reading <i>Children Who Work</i>, a student makes a collage of pictures and words found in magazines to express his feelings about child labour.</li> </ul>
make connections between fictional texts and historical events	<ul> <li>When listening to <i>The Hand of Robin Squires</i>, students give examples of how the fictional story provides information about the true mystery of buried treasure on Oak Island, Nova Scotia, and also adds personal interest and detail.</li> <li>A group of students use the painting <i>Voyageurs at Dawn</i>, in the text <i>Early Canada</i>, as a visual introduction to a presentation on the life of the voyageurs.</li> </ul>
describe and discuss new places, times, characters and events encountered in oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>Students use a graphic organizer, such as a Venn diagram, to compare the setting, characters and events of <i>Cinderella</i> with a similar version of the story from another culture; e.g., <i>The Rough-Face Girl</i>.</li> <li>Students listen to an elder presenting a folk tale or myth and respond by creating a diorama of the scene.</li> <li>During a discussion about weather phenomena, a student describes the setting and plot of a book or videocassette about being lost in a snowstorm.</li> </ul>
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### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.2 Respond to Texts (continued)

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Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
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Experience various text	
write or represent the meaning of texts in different forms	<ul> <li>After reading <i>The Ideas Peddler</i>, students create a cartoon strip or storyboard to retell the story.</li> <li>Students make a web, concept map or sketch to summarize the ideas in the videocassette <i>More Than Ducks</i>. In a group discussion, students share what they learned about wetlands, the animals, and the interactions of birds and insects that live there.</li> <li>Students present a readers' theatre of a poem, such as <i>Brave New Heights</i> or <i>Harriet Tubman</i>, that communicates the mood, mental images and rhythm of the poem.</li> </ul>
Construct meaning from texts	
compare characters and situations portrayed in oral, print and other media texts to those encountered in the classroom and community	<ul> <li>After reading <i>The Visitor</i>, students describe times when they did things to avoid hurting other people's feelings; e.g., staying home to visit with a distant cousin instead of going to a soccer game, sitting next to a new student instead of a friend.</li> <li>After reading <i>The Dust Bowl</i>, students write in their journals, comparing the problems faced by the family in the story with situations in their own lives or community.</li> </ul>
describe characters' qualities based on what they say and do and how they are described in oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>Students choose a favourite cartoon character and write a description, supported with examples, of what the character looks like, the character's actions, the character's personality and what the character says.</li> <li>After reading the poem <i>Smart Remark Hey World</i>, <i>Here I Am</i>, students create a graphic organizer, such as a map, web, graph or diagram, that depicts Kate's thoughts and what they reveal about her character.</li> </ul>
describe and discuss the influence of setting on the characters and events	<ul> <li>Students discuss the main character in <i>Stellaluna</i>.         Student 1: Now I can see why the cover shows Stellaluna having problems hanging from a branch. She learns to be like a bird before she finds her bat family again.         Student 2: I think to survive, she has to behave like a bird, so she can get fed and feel like part of the family.     </li> <li>Students read <i>Sami and the Time of the Troubles</i> and discuss how the troubles in Beirut affected Sami's way of life and activities.</li> </ul>
• support own interpretations of oral, print and other media texts, using evidence from personal experiences and the texts (continued)	While reading <i>Northern Lights: The Soccer Trails</i> , students describe how Kataujaq feels better about her mother's death, because her grandmother tells her a story about the northern lights and soccer.

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.2 Respond to Texts (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
<ul> <li>(continued)</li> <li>Construct meaning from texts</li> <li>retell or represent stories from the points of view of different characters</li> </ul>	• After reading <i>The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs</i> , groups of students choose a favourite fairy tale and rewrite it from a different character's point of view for a readers' theatre presentation; e.g., <i>Cinderella</i> told by the stepmother.
Appreciate the artistry of texts	
explain how simile and hyperbole are used to create mood and mental images	<ul> <li>Students list examples of similes and hyperbole from their reading. After choosing one that appeals to them, they illustrate the image brought to mind; e.g.: <ul> <li>The kitten was as light as a feather.</li> <li>He ran around like a clockwork mouse.</li> <li>She was so hungry she could eat a horse.</li> </ul> </li> <li>After listening to the beginning of <i>The Hobbit or, There and Back Again</i>, students describe how the similes "like a porthole" and "like a tunnel" help them visualize what a hobbit hole might look like.</li> <li>When peer editing a story about a summer vacation, a student says she wrote "Her face was as red as a tomato." to show how sunburned her sister was after a day at the lake.</li> </ul>
alter sentences and word choices to enhance meaning and to create mood and special effects	<ul> <li>When reading, students make personal lists of words that can be used to replace overused words, such as said and went when they are writing; e.g., the word said can be replaced by the words hollered, whispered, demanded, muttered, screamed, cried, moaned.</li> <li>When revising stories, students rewrite sentences to provide emphasis, clearer images or detail; e.g.: <ul> <li>"The little dog barked." is rewritten as, "The yappy, little, black poodle barked at everyone."</li> <li>"The wind blew hard." is rewritten as, "The wind blew so hard that the trees bent and swayed."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.3 Understand Forms, Elements and Techniques

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Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Understand forms and genres	
identify and discuss similarities and differences among a variety of forms of oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>Students compare calendars on the same theme; e.g., animals, and describe such things as choice of animals, realism, appeal and variety.</li> <li>Students compare illustrations in a print text or videocassette with pictures created in their own minds while listening to an audiotape of a story about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.</li> </ul>
identify the main characteristics of familiar media and media texts	• Students read or view several examples of fables and describe the characteristics of a fable; a fable is a brief tale that tells a message or teaches a lesson, usually includes animal characters with human traits, and has a simple plot.
Understand techniques and elements	
identify the main problem or conflict in oral, print and other media texts, and explain how it is resolved	<ul> <li>After reading <i>Mostly Michael</i>, students discuss how upset Michael was to receive a diary as a gift but also discuss how it helped him express his feelings and learn more about himself.</li> <li>Before reading the ending of a novel, students compose their own resolution of the novel's main problem and then read on to compare the book's resolution with their own.</li> <li>After reading <i>The Shrinking of Treehorn</i>, students use a story map to describe what happens to Treehorn as he gets smaller and to describe how other people react to him.</li> </ul>
identify and discuss the main character's point of view and motivation  (continued)	<ul> <li>Students discuss how and why Helen, in <i>The Trouble with Tuck</i>, tries so hard to help her dog, which is losing its eyesight.</li> <li>After reading <i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i>, students discuss the reasons why Clara decided to make the quilt and how it helped the other slaves.</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.3 Understand Forms, Elements and Techniques (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
(continued)	
Understand techniques and elements	
identify examples of apt word choice and imagery that create particular effects	<ul> <li>When listening to a student read a draft of a poem about a winter camp, other students make comments. Student 1: When you said the snow was crunchy under their boots, I could hear the sound it made. Student 2: Saying the smoke from the campfire "curled and flicked like a kitten's tail" makes the smoke come alive. </li> <li>Using a picture book, such as Effie, students choose and identify examples of apt word choice and imagery; e.g., suspense is created in the following ways, when the elephant arrives: <ul> <li>by the text—"Effie felt the ground shake; she saw a spreading shadow over the ground"</li> <li>by the illustration—a dark shadow</li> <li>by delay—the elephant is not introduced until the next double-page spread.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
identify sections or elements in print or other media texts, such as shots in films or sections in magazines	<ul> <li>Students talk about techniques used in television commercials; e.g., sound effects, music, volume, expression, humour, speed, costume, props, word choice.</li> <li>In the school or class newsletter, students turn to Calendar to find information on upcoming events; Student Choices to find recommended books, videocassettes or CDs; and Sports to find results for school teams.</li> </ul>
Experiment with language	
experiment with words and sentence patterns to create word pictures; identify how imagery and figurative language, such as simile and exaggeration, convey meaning	<ul> <li>When writing poems about the weather, students use personification, similes and alliteration to create images and impressions; e.g.: <ul> <li>The fog crept in on moccasin feet.</li> <li>The silver fog slithered across the silent bay.</li> </ul> </li> <li>A student writes a journal entry about how comparing the ocean to a cat in the poem <i>Think of the Ocean</i>, made her think of the ocean in a different way.</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 2**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to comprehend and respond personally and critically to oral, print and other media texts.



# 2.4 Create Original Text

<b>Specific Outcomes</b>	Illustrative Examples
Generate ideas	
• use texts from listening, reading and viewing experiences as models for producing own oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>Students use the questions in An Interview with Bing-Go the Clown as ideas for developing questions to ask some entertainers who are performing at the school.</li> <li>After enjoying a group poetry presentation that included music, another group of students decides to add music to their own presentation.</li> <li>Students read the story Finn McCool to the point where the visitor comes to the door and Finn McCool is hiding in a baby basket; then, they write their own endings to the story. Afterward, students finish reading the story to compare their endings with the ending of the story.</li> </ul>
Elaborate on the expression of ideas	
<ul> <li>experiment with modeled forms of oral, print and other media texts to suit particular audiences and purposes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using a computer software program, students create greeting cards, thank-you letters and invitations to guest speakers.</li> <li>Based on their own design and construction of a burglar alarm, students draft directions for building an alarm that uses a buzzer. They add clarity to their directions by asking a partner questions, such as: <ul> <li>Is there too much information/not enough?</li> <li>Is the information clear, and are the steps in the right order?</li> <li>Have we listed all the materials?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Structure texts	
use structures encountered in texts to organize and present ideas in own oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>Using articles in the local newspaper as models, students report on incidents or events that have occurred in their classroom or school community.</li> <li>When writing a group report on Canada's link with the United States, students make a cover that relates to the content of the report; prepare an introduction and conclusion; and have chapters, with headings, subheadings and illustrations, on particular topics within the report.</li> <li>Students start a videocassette of a class field trip with music, a blank screen and then a title screen.</li> <li>Students create a story map or diagram to retell, orally, the story of <i>The Giving Tree</i>.</li> </ul>
• use own experience as a starting point and source of information for fictional oral, print and other media texts	• Students look through the writing in their journals or portfolios that focuses on events in their own lives. They expand one of those entries into a short story, play or diorama.

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.1 Plan and Focus

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Focus attention	
summarize important ideas in oral, print and other media texts and express opinions about them	<ul> <li>A group of students creates a storyboard or story map of <i>Shin's Tricycle</i> and uses it to present opinions and feelings about the story.</li> <li>Students express their opinions about a current news issue, supporting their opinions with ideas and information from reading, viewing and discussion.</li> </ul>
combine personal knowledge of topics with understanding of audience needs to focus topics for investigation	• Students set up a classroom aquarium and maintain an observation log suitable for visiting primary classes to read and understand.
Determine information needs	
identify categories of information related to particular topics, and ask questions related to each category	• Students create a chart to find and organize information on the physical regions of Canada.
	Where is the region located? What are the physical features? What is the climate? What is the resources/ industries? What are the population of the region located?
	<ul> <li>A student chooses the categories of food, exercise and shelter to make a chart on caring for a dog. After beginning the research, the student realizes the need to find answers to the following questions before continuing.</li> <li>What size is the dog?</li> <li>How active is the dog?</li> <li>Does the dog live inside or outside?</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.1 Plan and Focus (continued)

<b>Specific Outcomes</b>	Illustrative Examples
Plan to gather information	
develop and follow own plan for gathering and recording ideas and information	<ul> <li>Students develop questions about their topic of study, using such strategies as a KWL chart, or a 5 Ws and H chart—Who, What, When, Why, Where and How. They list possible resources and locations to find answers to specific questions; e.g., encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, videocassettes, experts, friends and family, the Internet.</li> <li>Topic of study: Weather—El Niño</li></ul>

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.2 Select and Process

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Use a variety of sources  • locate information to answer research questions using a variety of sources, such as newspapers, encyclopedias, CDROMs, a series by the same writer, scripts, diaries, autobiographies, interviews and oral traditions	When researching Canada's links with the United States, students list possible sources to locate information and choose several of them.  textbooks ✓ interviews CDROM magazines Internet ✓ videocassettes ✓ guest speakers
Access information	
<ul> <li>use a variety of tools, such as chapter headings, glossaries and encyclopedia guide words, to access information</li> <li>skim, scan and listen for key words and phrases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When studying life cycles of wetland plants and animals; e.g., frogs, water lilies, students find relevant information by scanning chapter headings and indices in science reference books and by using encyclopedia guide words.</li> <li>While reading <i>Mogul and Me</i>, students locate New Brunswick and Maine in an atlas and use the heading New Brunswick to find information about the province in a CDROM encyclopedia.</li> <li>When listening to an oral presentation, students jot down ideas for follow-up questions.</li> </ul>
and phrases	<ul> <li>Students highlight key words and main ideas in their own notes for study and quick review.</li> </ul>
Evaluate sources	
determine the usefulness and relevance of information for research purpose and focus, using pre-established criteria	• After gathering information about thunder and lightning from <i>How the Weather Works</i> , a student decides if the information in his jot notes answers his original questions: What causes lightning? When does lightning occur? How does lightning travel? What causes thunder? How do you determine where the storm is?

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.3 Organize, Record and Evaluate

	Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
O	rganize information	
•	use clear organizational structures, such as chronological order, and cause and effect, to link ideas and information and to assist audience understanding	<ul> <li>When reporting on an experiment to find the fastest way to dissolve a candy in water, students record the materials used, their predictions, the effects of different strategies; e.g., crushing, stirring, varying the heat of water, and a summary of their findings.</li> <li>Students organize information on a class timeline to show the exploration and settlement of early Canada.</li> </ul>
•	organize ideas and information to emphasize key points for the audience	Students use a visual organizer, such as a web, chart, diagram or illustration, to present information on owls; e.g.:
•	add, delete or combine ideas to communicate more effectively	Habitat  - forests  - tall trees  Owls  - chew whole     animal  - spit up bones/     fur in a pellet  During a peer or teacher conference on a draft copy of a report, students ask and answer questions, such as:  - Do I have enough information to emphasize key ideas?  - Are my ideas supported by details?  - Are all my ideas relevant to the topic?  - Are any of my ideas so similar that they could be combined?  - Are my ideas arranged in an order that makes sense?  - Is there unnecessary or unrelated information that can be deleted?

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.3 Organize, Record and Evaluate (continued)

<b>Specific Outcomes</b>	Illustrative Examples	
<b>Record information</b>		
<ul> <li>record information in own words; cite titles and authors alphabetically, and provide publication dates of sources</li> </ul>	When reading for information, students jot down key words, important points and interesting ideas in notes, lists, webs and charts.      Students cite sources used in a project or report, using a format such as:    Title:	
• combine ideas and information from several sources	<ul> <li>After reading the poem <i>The Web of Life</i> and the article <i>Earth Cycles</i>, viewing the video <i>More Than Ducks</i>, and visiting a wetland site, students choose to write about or illustrate one aspect of the relationship among birds, animals and the environment, and the importance of wetlands.</li> <li>Students make rough notes on tornadoes from a film and then add information from other sources, such as the Internet, books or visuals.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>record ideas and information in relevant categories, according to research plan</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>When researching producers, consumers and decomposers in a wetland ecosystem, students identify which living things belong to each category and record the information in a chart or web.</li> <li>Students listen to the story <i>Zebo and the Dirty Planet</i> and choose an endangered animal, such as the grizzly bear, to research. Students organize their information in categories, such as:</li> </ul>	
	What is the grizzly bear's habitat?  Are there any projects in place to save grizzly bears?  Are there any projects in place grizzly bears become future hold for endangered?  Become grizzly bears?	

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.3 Organize, Record and Evaluate (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Evaluate information     connect gathered information to prior knowledge to reach new conclusions	<ul> <li>After connecting batteries to a light source to make it shine, students experiment to see if adding more batteries makes the light shine more brightly. They conclude that after a certain number of batteries there is no difference to the brightness of the light.</li> <li>After reading a variety of poems, students discuss in pairs how</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>their ideas about poetry have changed; e.g., poems can tell stories, poems do not have to rhyme, poems can be short or long, poems are not always happy, poems do not have to be about nature. Students take turns sharing their ideas with the class.</li> <li>Students read some modern fairy tales by such authors as Jane Yolen and Oscar Wilde, and discuss how they fit into or change their understanding of fairy tales.</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 3**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to manage ideas and information.



# 3.4 Share and Review

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Share ideas and information	
<ul> <li>communicate ideas and information in a variety of oral, print and other media texts, such as illustrated reports, charts, graphic displays and travelogues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Students present information about the physical regions of Canada in a variety of ways, such as:         <ul> <li>posters advertising the regions</li> <li>travel brochures, highlighting places to visit and/or cultural events</li> <li>charts to describe features of the regions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>select visuals, print and/or other media to inform and engage the audience</li> </ul>	When preparing a group presentation about Canada's links with the United States, students decide which pictures, maps and charts would best illustrate their written report. They decide to bring in some objects made in the United States to make their presentation more interesting.
Review research process	
<ul> <li>assess personal research skills using pre-established criteria</li> </ul>	Students use a class-developed set of criteria to evaluate their own research skills; e.g.:
	Response Yes / No  1. I used more than one source. 2. I answered all my research questions. 3. I answered my research questions in my own words. 4. I wrote down the author and title of my sources for my bibliography.  Next time I research a topic, I will:

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.1 Enhance and Improve

Specific Outcomes	Illustra	tive Examples
<ul> <li>Appraise own and others' work</li> <li>develop criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of oral, print and</li> </ul>	Students brainstorm criteria	for evaluating children's magazines.
other media texts	Categories	Rating Scale
	<ul> <li>a cover that captures attention</li> <li>a table of contents listing titles and page numbers</li> <li>a variety of interesting articles and features</li> <li>clear and colourful illustrations</li> <li>interesting and well-explained activities</li> <li>suitable level of interest</li> </ul>	Poor Excellent Comments 1 2 3 4 5
use developed criteria to provide feedback to others and to revise own work	Students use an established of a school play.      Content     Is my advertisement directed to Are my illustrations and print a and the audience?     Have I included all important in	appropriate for the topic
	Organization Is my information arranged to o	
	Vocabulary Are my words appropriate for t	he topic and audience?
	Spelling Did I spell correctly?	

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.1 Enhance and Improve (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples	
Revise and edit		
revise to add and organize details that support and clarify intended meaning	<ul> <li>In a piece of writing, a student changes the sentence, "Mom was angry." to "Mom stormed into the room, grabbed the telephone off the desk and dialed the number." to add emphasis, action and effect.</li> <li>Through student conferencing; e.g., author's chair, the student–author asks questions, such as: <ul> <li>Was there any part that was confusing?</li> <li>Was there any place where you wanted to hear more?</li> <li>Were my introduction and conclusion clear?</li> <li>Can you suggest other ideas to include?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
edit for appropriate use of statements, questions and exclamations	<ul> <li>Students examine an advertisement for sporting equipment that they have written. They determine the effectiveness of their advertisement by asking such questions as:         <ul> <li>Would a question be more effective than a statement?</li> <li>How would an exclamation add excitement?</li> <li>What phrases would entice a buyer?</li> </ul> </li> <li>When revising a piece of writing, a student decides from the tone of the sentence if an exclamation mark is necessary or if a period is more appropriate.</li> <li>A student decides to add an exclamatory sentence to the beginning of a story to get the reader's attention and interest.</li> </ul>	
Enhance legibility		
write legibly, using a style that is consistent in alignment, shape and slant	• Students visualize letters and use models posted in the classroom to assist in writing legibly. They review and correct written work, if necessary, using a guiding question, such as: "Is my handwriting neatly done and easy to read?"	
apply word processing skills and use publishing programs to	A student uses a spreadsheet to record books read during the year; e.g.:  The student uses a spreadsheet to record books read during the year; e.g.:	
organize information	<u>Title Author Main Characters Theme Comments</u>	
	The Sky is Kit Pearson Nora, Gain, War is cruel Great book.  Falling Aunt Florence because it World War II breaks up was hard on families. children.	
	I couldn't leave my parents.	

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.1 Enhance and Improve (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Expand knowledge of language	
extend word choice through knowledge of synonyms, antonyms and homonyms and the use of a thesaurus	<ul> <li>Students create personal or class lists of alternative words encountered in their reading that could replace frequently used words.</li> <li>Students use a thesaurus to develop classroom charts of words to replace overused words.</li> </ul>
distinguish different meanings for the same word, depending on the context in which it is used	Students use a word map to record words that have more than one meaning, as they are encountered in texts; e.g., the different meanings of the word well.
	The well went dry.  well  How well did you do?  I'm not feeling well.
Enhance artistry	
experiment with words, phrases, sentences and multimedia effects to enhance meaning and emphasis	Students make a poster to advertise a class bake sale. They brainstorm words and phrases and design features that will provide information and encourage the reader to attend.

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.2 Attend to Conventions

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Attend to grammar and usage	
use words and phrases to modify and clarify ideas in own writing	<ul> <li>A student writes a description of a place that has been visited. A partner asks questions to show where detail needs to be added to the writing; e.g.:</li> <li>Where was the lake?</li> <li>How did you get there?</li> </ul>
use connecting words to link ideas in sentences and paragraphs	<ul> <li>Students brainstorm connecting words, such as then, after, next, suddenly, because and following, and create a class chart for reference when writing.</li> <li>A student uses such words as first, next, then and last when telling the class how to make a special sandwich.</li> </ul>
identify irregular verbs, and use in own writing	Students check their own writing against a chart or handbook to ensure they have the correct spelling of irregular verbs, such as lie, eat, ride, ring and speak.
identify past, present and future verb tenses, and use in sentences	<ul> <li>A student, writing about his hockey team, makes sure he has used the past, present and future verb tenses appropriately; e.g.:         <ul> <li>Yesterday Bram played goalie.</li> <li>Bram plays on my hockey team.</li> <li>Tomorrow Bram will play defence.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Attend to spelling	
use phonic knowledge and skills, visual memory, the meaning and function of words in context, and spelling generalizations to spell with accuracy in own writing	<ul> <li>Students know and choose from different letter combinations that represent a sound; e.g., /f/ represented by "gh," "ph," "ff," "f."</li> <li>Students use mnemonic devices, such as:         <ul> <li>Attendance—There was good attendance at the dance.</li> <li>Accommodate—There is always room for two.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Students use personal ways of remembering problem words, such as underlining trouble spots in a word and checking for correct spelling; e.g., Teusday becomes Tuesday, and saying the word as spelled, not heard, to emphasize the written spelling; e.g., Wednesday, business.</li> </ul>
(continued)	

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.2 Attend to Conventions (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
(continued)	
Attend to spelling	
study and use the correct spelling of commonly misspelled words in own writing	<ul> <li>For reference, students keep a personal or class list of commonly misspelled words; e.g., disappear, aren't, Tuesday.</li> <li>Students check words they think they have misspelled by using personal dictionaries, class posters or charts, dictionaries, spell checkers, and other texts and by asking classmates who are good spellers.</li> </ul>
know and consistently apply spelling conventions when editing and proofreading own writing	<ul> <li>Students use a Canadian dictionary, a Canadian writers' reference or a Canadian spell checker to find the correct spelling of such words as colour.</li> <li>Students add words they commonly misspell to the spell checker on a word processing program so that incorrect spellings of these words will be corrected automatically.</li> </ul>
Attend to capitalization and punctuation	
use capital letters, appropriately, in titles, headings and subheadings in own writing	When writing a report about the reasons why people use alcohol, a student refers to a writers' handbook or a chart created by the teacher and class to make sure that the title, headings and subheadings are appropriately capitalized.
use quotation marks and separate paragraphs to indicate passages of dialogue in own writing	<ul> <li>Students refer to a writers' handbook or novels they have read to find models for the correct use of quotation marks in dialogue.</li> <li>Students view an overhead transparency of a passage from a familiar novel. The passage has conversation between two characters that has been rewritten without any paragraphing. Students discuss how hard it is to identify the speakers, and after teacher modelling, they paragraph the rest of the passage to indicate the conversation between the two speakers.</li> </ul>
recognize various uses of apostrophes, and use them appropriately in own writing	• Students find examples in their reading of apostrophes used to indicate contractions and singular and plural possessive cases, and they use apostrophes in their own writing; e.g., friend's lunch, he isn't ready.

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.3 Present and Share

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Present information	
organize ideas and information in presentations to maintain a clear focus and engage the audience	<ul> <li>Students use an overhead projector to display a graphic organizer that presents information about dolphins—their habitat, habits, breeding and method of communication.</li> <li>At a Science Fair display, students group information on their model car project under headings: Design and Construction, Performance in Races, Successes and Failures, Plans for Improvement. They use these headings as prompts for discussing their project with others.</li> </ul>
Enhance presentation	
use effective openings and closings that attract and sustain reader or audience interest	<ul> <li>Students choose to open a presentation with a poem, joke, cartoon or provocative comment to attract, immediately, the attention of the audience.</li> <li>Students use props, such as puppets, flannel boards, story aprons, costumes and music, to keep the listeners' attention and to maintain interest during book talks.</li> <li>A student enters the classroom dressed up as the main character of <i>The Grade Five Lie</i> to give a book talk to the class.</li> </ul>
Use effective oral and visual communication	
adjust volume, tone of voice and gestures to engage the audience; arrange presentation space to focus audience attention	<ul> <li>After a trial run of a readers' theatre presentation, students decide they need to use different voices to help the audience distinguish among the different characters.</li> <li>Students work together to rearrange the set of their play so that all the characters are not grouped on one side of the stage. They experiment with and assess different arrangements of props and furniture.</li> </ul>
Demonstrate attentive listening and viewing	
identify and interpret the purpose of verbal and nonverbal messages and the perspectives of the presenter  (continued)	<ul> <li>Students find examples of cartoons and comic strips and discuss how the meaning is conveyed by the limited text together with the illustrations.</li> <li>After listening to a guest speaker on smoking, a student says, "The purpose of the talk was to keep us from smoking, and there was lots of information about that, but I didn't like the way the speaker seemed to dislike smokers. My Dad smokes and he tells me it's hard to quit!"</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 4**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to enhance the clarity and artistry of communication.



# 4.3 Present and Share (continued)

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
(continued)  Demonstrate attentive listening and viewing	A ften listening to an anal presentation of a peam a student says
show respect for the presenter's opinions by listening politely and providing thoughtful feedback	<ul> <li>After listening to an oral presentation of a poem, a student says, "The way you varied your tone of voice helped to show the change in mood."</li> <li>After listening to a student talk about keeping animals in zoos, another student says, "I can understand that you think animals should not be kept in zoos, but without zoos I never would have seen an elephant and realized how important it is to protect them."</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 5**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to respect, support and collaborate with others.



### 5.1 Respect Others and Strengthen Community

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
<u> </u>	mustrative Examples
Appreciate diversity	
discuss personal understanding of the lives of people or characters in various communities, cultural traditions, places and times portrayed in oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>After receiving an email message from an extended family member or a pen pal in another part of the world, a student writes about what it might be like if that person came to live with his family.</li> <li>After reading <i>How I Got My Dogsled</i>, students talk about why the dogs and the sled were so important to the narrator of the story.</li> </ul>
compare own and others' responses to ideas and experiences related to oral, print and other media texts	<ul> <li>After viewing a movie about climbing Mount Everest, students share times when they have experienced challenges. They discuss whether or not they would climb Mount Everest if there were an opportunity to do so.</li> <li>After reading <i>Little by Little: A Writer's Education</i>, students share and compare their responses to the experiences of the author.</li> </ul>
Relate texts to culture	
identify and discuss how qualities, such as courage, ambition and loyalty, are portrayed in oral, print and other media texts from diverse cultures and communities	<ul> <li>After reading Akla Gives Chase, students discuss how the brother, Pitohok, and the sister, Upik, help each other accomplish their dangerous mission of obtaining food for their starving family.</li> <li>Students discuss how Anna displays courage in From Anna, and they compare this to their own ideas about what courage is.</li> </ul>
Celebrate accomplishments and	
events	
select and use language appropriate in tone and form to recognize and honour people and events	<ul> <li>Students role play an interview with an explorer or settler, using appropriate tone and voice to match the character and situation.</li> <li>Students compose a thank-you letter after a visit from the senior high school or community band.</li> </ul>
Use language to show respect	
determine and use language appropriate to the context of specific situations	<ul> <li>Students write an invitation to the Grade 1 class, asking them to come and listen to stories written specifically for them.</li> <li>Students work together to compose an email message to a wildlife expert or a veterinarian to ask for information about wolves.</li> </ul>

### **General Outcome 5**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to respect, support and collaborate with others.



## 5.2 Work Within a Group

Specific Outcomes	Illustrative Examples
Cooperate with others	
accept and take responsibility for fulfilling own role as a group member	One student takes on responsibility for recording the group's ideas during discussion of a story. Another student volunteers to do the pictures for the storyboard. The rest of the group sorts out roles for the presentation of the story.
discuss and decide whether to work individually or collaboratively to achieve specific goals	The class discusses the advantages and disadvantages of working together to complete a project.  Student 1: I like working in a group because I get good ideas from others and we can share the work according to our individual strengths and interests.  Student 2: I like to work by myself because I can find the answers to questions that only I am curious about.  Student 3: Working in pairs allows me to discuss my ideas with someone else.
Work in groups	
formulate questions to guide research or investigations, with attention to specific audiences and purposes	<ul> <li>When preparing a presentation for younger learners, students anticipate and jot down questions that might be asked about the northern lights; e.g.: <ul> <li>What do they look like?</li> <li>Why do the lights dance?</li> <li>What makes them different colours?</li> <li>Do they come every night?</li> <li>Do they make a noise?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
contribute ideas to help solve problems, and listen and respond constructively	<ul> <li>When doing a group project on wetlands, students realize that they do not have enough information to support their point that frogs are disappearing. They discuss ways to find more information.</li> <li>A group of students is deciding how to collect information on the heights of students in their class. Student 1: We could use a class list and write everyone's height down beside their names. Student 2: Should we measure everyone or just ask them for their height? Student 3: I think we should measure everyone in centimetres so we can compare. Some people don't know their height, or only know it in feet and inches.</li></ul>

### **General Outcome 5**

Students will listen, speak, read, write, view and represent to respect, support and collaborate with others.



# 5.2 Work Within a Group (continued)

	<b>Specific Outcomes</b>
<ul> <li>Show appreciation for the contributions of others, and offer constructive feedback to group members</li> <li>While preparing for a group presentation, students make comments, such as: <ul> <li>It was a good idea to make a chart. It shows our information clearly.</li> <li>I think the picture goes better on another page of your story.</li> <li>An overhead transparency would help start the presentation.</li> <li>I'm glad you brought some photographs from home.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Show appreciation for the contributions of others, and offer constructive feedback to group

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