

# Highlights of the New 2022 ELAL Curriculum -Grades 4, 5 & 6-

The intent of this document is to share highlights of the Alberta 2022, Grades 4, 5 and 6 English Language Arts and Literature Curriculum. Keep in mind these highlights are only glimpses into the curriculum. Please refer to the actual curriculum at <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en/s/laneng> for full details.

# Text Forms & Structures

## Grade 4

- Narrative text structure
- Novels, journal entries, media texts
- Text features → images & graphics, indexes
- Fictional Genres → fantasy
- Fictional text structures → subplots, flashbacks
- Major & minor characters
- Non-fictional text → autobiographies, procedural text, land
- Poetry → free verse, concrete poems

## Grade 5

- Literary text structure
- Photo essays, news articles, hybrid text
- Text features → sidebars, glossaries
- Fictional Genres → tall tales, science fiction
- Fictional text structures → flash-forward
- Round & flat characters
- Non-fictional text → persuasive text
- Poetry → lyric poetry, stanzas
- Dramatic works
- Personal connections to land

## Grade 6

- Articles, speeches, hybrids
- Fictional Genres → comedic text
- Fictional text structures → story within a story
- Stock characters, protagonist, antagonist
- Non-fictional text → speeches
- Poetry → ballads, poems or songs narrating short stories
- Comedy & tragedy dramatic works
- Human made structures of land

# Oral Language

## Grade 4

- Oral traditions
- Phrasing, pausing & projection of voice
- Active listening
- Verbal & non-verbal language
- Presentations with speaking cards & visual aids

## Grade 5

- Diverse oral types of stories
- Integrate verbal, non-verbal & paraverbal communication
- Content & delivery based on purpose or audience
- Collaborative dialogue

## Grade 6

- Oral communication protocols
- Styles of speaking
- Tools & formats to enhance presentations
- Collaborative dialogue
- Skillful oration

# Vocabulary

## Grade 4

- Figurative Language  
→ personification, analogy, idiom
- Tier 2 & 3 words
- Morphology

## Grade 5

- Word origins & morphemes
- Affixes
- Thesauruses & dictionaries
- Figurative Language  
→ metaphor
- Tier 2 & 3 words

## Grade 6

- Word origins & morphemes
- Different origins of words
- Categorize words & phrases
- Figurative Language  
→ palindrome
- Tier 2 & 3 words



# Fluency

## Grade 4

- Proficient reading → accuracy, automaticity & prosody

## Grade 5 - no outcomes

## Grade 6 - no outcomes

# Comprehension

## Grade 4

- Apply comprehension strategies
- Connections to text
- Revise & confirm predictions
- Make inferences
- Summarize & synthesize text
- Metacognition comprehension strategies

## Grade 5

- Comprehension strategies & self-monitoring
- Summarize main ideas
- Make inferences
- Explore perspectives
- Awareness of context

## Grade 6

- Metacognition of comprehension strategies
- Summarize & synthesize text
- Make conclusions
- Note bias
- Historical, social & cultural context



# Writing

## Grade 4

- Writing process
- Planning → lists, visualizing
- Topic sentence, supporting details, concluding sentence
- Incorporation of images, charts, graphs
- Interesting beginnings
- Voice of characters through dialogue
- Thoughtful conclusions

## Grade 5

- Writing process
- Planning → audience, idea generation, narrowing topics
- Organization structures → lead, sequencing, transitions & conclusions
- Incorporation of graphics, captions, charts
- Expressive descriptions & mood
- Show rather than tell events
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## Grade 6

- Writing process
- Planning → audience, idea generation, narrowing topics
- Organization structures → lead, sequencing, transitions & conclusions
- Sentence variety
- Incorporation of graphics, captions, charts
- Use imagery, rhyme, dialogue, emphasis, or effect
- Create suspense

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# Writing continued

## Grade 4

- Research → note taking, graphic organizers, lists
- Presentations → reports, visual representations
- Ethical use of information
- Use of printing, keyboarding & cursive handwriting

## Grade 5

- Research → Knowledge Keepers, Elders & spiritual leaders
- Protocols for accessing information
- Ethical use of information
- Validity & reliability of information & sources
- Use of printing, keyboarding & cursive handwriting

## Grade 6

- Research using multiple sources
- Protocols for accessing information
- Ethical use of information
- Validity & reliability of information & sources
- Use of printing, keyboarding & cursive handwriting

# Conventions

## Grade 4

- Abbreviations
- Punctuation →  
Commas for pauses,  
lists & transition  
words, quotation  
marks, apostrophes
- Sentence types
- Grammatical  
structures →  
subject/object of a  
verb, nouns &  
pronouns, possessive  
adjectives,  
comparative &  
superlative adjectives
- Spelling patterns
- Homophones
- Common suffixes

## Grade 5

- Punctuation →  
parentheses
- Appropriate tense
- Grammatical  
structures →  
subject-verb  
agreement, nouns &  
pronouns, adverbs,  
conjunctions
- Spelling patterns

## Grade 6

- Punctuation → colon
- Verb tense
- Simple & compound  
sentences
- Grammatical  
structures →  
subject-verb  
agreement,  
independent &  
dependent clauses
- Spelling patterns

If you are interested in more detailed curriculum comparisons of the 2000 Alberta ELA Curriculum to the 2022 ELAL Curriculum refer to [https://arpcdc.ab.ca/focuses/elal/?site\\_language=english](https://arpcdc.ab.ca/focuses/elal/?site_language=english)