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**New Jersey Student Learning Standards for
English Language Arts 2016
Grade 6**

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New Jersey Student Learning Standards Codes	New Jersey Student Learning Standards for English Language Arts, 2016 Grade 6	SuccessMaker Item Descriptions	Item IDs
RL	Reading Literature Text		
	Key Ideas and Details		
RL.6.1	Cite textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Students will read the literary passage "Gazing at Gargoyles" and answer Right There questions and Think and Search questions; make predictions; make inferences; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and identify conjunctions and interjections.	smre_itr_001278
		Students read literary text, "Meeting Amelia Earhart." Students also distinguish denotative and connotative meanings; identify the main idea and supporting details; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and make inferences.	smre_itr_01405
		Students read the poem, "New Navigation." Students also paraphrase information, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), summarize text, make inferences, and determine the author's purpose.	smre_itr_01406
		Students read literary text, "Freefall." Students also use Greek and Latin roots to determine the meaning of words, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), make inferences, identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings, and identify the main idea of the text.	smre_itr_01403

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RL.6.2	Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Students will read the literary passage "Rain of Fish" and answer questions about setting; answer Right There questions; summarize text; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and understand the usage of commas.	smre_itr_001283
		Students read literary text, "Ra and Isis: An Egyptian Myth." Students also determine the meaning of similes; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; use question-and-answer relationships (Think and Search); draw valid conclusions; and summarize.	smre_itr_01415
		Students will read the informational text "Up, Up, and Away!" and answer Right There questions and Think and Search questions, summarize, draw conclusions, make inferences, and identify verbs.	smre_itr_001274
		Students read the poem, "New Navigation." Students also paraphrase information, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), summarize text, make inferences, and determine the author's purpose.	smre_itr_01406

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RL.6.3	Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.	Students read the play, "Surprise Party." Students also make predictions, identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings, recognize elements of plot, analyze how characters in literature deal with conflict, solve problems, and relate to real-life situations, and make inferences.	smre_itr_01408
		Students will read the literary passage "Gazing at Gargoyles" and answer Right There questions and Think and Search questions; make predictions; make inferences; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and identify conjunctions and interjections.	smre_itr_001278
		Students learn to recognize plot elements such as conflict, rising action, climax, and resolution.	smre_di_00420
		Students will read the literary passage "Rain of Fish" and answer questions about setting; answer Right There questions; summarize text; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and understand the usage of commas.	smre_itr_001283
		Students read literary text, "The Ghost of Maplewood Middle." Students also determine the meaning of idioms; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), make predictions; and analyze how characters deal with conflict, solve problems, and relate to real-life situations.	smre_itr_01411

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		Students read the literary text, "Chelsea's Disappointment." Students also recognize plot elements (conflict, rising action, climax, and resolution); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits and feelings; and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search).	smre_itr_01420
		Students will read the literary passage "What Redsy Knew" and answer Right There questions; make inferences; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and understand the function of subjects and predicates.	smre_itr_001279
		Students read literary text, "Ra and Isis: An Egyptian Myth." Students also determine the meaning of similes; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; use question-and-answer relationships (Think and Search); draw valid conclusions; and summarize.	smre_itr_01415
		Students read literary text, "Meeting Amelia Earhart." Students also distinguish denotative and connotative meanings; identify the main idea and supporting details; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and make inferences.	smre_itr_01405

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		Students read Greek myth, "Prometheus." Students also determine the meaning of metaphors; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; analyze how characters in literature deal with conflict, solve problems, and relate to real-life situations; and draw valid conclusions.	smre_itr_01417
		Students will read the myth "Pandora" and answer Right There questions; make inferences; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and identify pronouns.	smre_itr_001273
		Students read literary text, "Freefall." Students also use Greek and Latin roots to determine the meaning of words, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), make inferences, identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings, and identify the main idea of the text.	smre_itr_01403
		Students recognize plot elements such as conflict, rising action, climax, and resolution.	smre_ip_01320
		Students read the Greek myth "Demeter and Persephone." Students use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), make and confirm predictions, identify cause-and-effect relationships, and identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits and feelings.	smre_itr_01416

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	Craft and Structure		
RL.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.	Students read literary text, "Meeting Amelia Earhart." Students also distinguish denotative and connotative meanings; identify the main idea and supporting details; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and make inferences.	smre_itr_01405
		Students read sentences and determine if underlined words are denotative or connotative.	smre_pp_00536
		Students distinguish denotative and connotative meanings using the context of short sentences.	smre_ip_01305
		Students learn to distinguish denotative and connotative meanings.	smre_di_00405

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RI	Reading Informational Text		
	Key Ideas and Details		
RI.6.1	Cite textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Students read the informational text, "Algal Blooms." Students also draw conclusions based on explicit information, make predictions, identify cause-and-effect relationships, summarize information, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There).	smre_itr_01422
		Students read the informational text, "Wild Waters." Students also identify cause-and-effect relationships, make inferences, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Text and You).	smre_itr_01402
		Students read a passage and draw conclusions based on information in the text.	smre_pp_00506
		Students read an excerpt from the informational text, "Earth's Place in Space: Studying Space." Students also summarize information, identify the main idea and supporting details, identify the author's view point and bias, draw conclusions, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There).	smre_itr_01418
		Students draw conclusions based on explicit information.	smre_ip_01322
		Students read the informational text, "The Unanswered Questions of Easter Island." Students also determine the author's purpose, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), distinguish fact from opinion, draw conclusions, and identify main ideas.	smre_itr_01412

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		Students read the informational text "Earth's Place in Space: The Milky Way." Students also interpret analogies, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), compare and contrast ideas, and draw valid conclusions.	smre_itr_01419
		Students read the fictional blog, "Up in the Air: The Air Balloon Adventures of Steve Fossett." Students will then identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings, make inferences based on explicit and implicit information, answer how questions, use information from simple tables, maps, and charts to learn about a topic, and draw valid conclusions and make generalizations supported by text. Students also use their knowledge of word relationships (synonyms, antonyms, and examples) to better understand the meaning of words.	smre_itr_02398
		Students will read the informational text "Unlocking Jupiter's Mysteries" and answer Right There questions, compare and contrast ideas, draw conclusions, make inferences, and understand the usage of semicolons and colons.	smre_itr_001284
		Students will read the informational text "The Fastest Place on Earth" and answer Right There questions, make inferences, draw conclusions, determine the author's purpose, and identify clauses.	smre_itr_001281
		Students will read the informational text "Up, Up, and Away!" and answer Right There questions and Think and Search questions, summarize, draw conclusions, make inferences, and identify verbs.	smre_itr_001274

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		Students learn to make inferences.	smre_di_00410
		Students read paragraphs and make inferences.	smre_ip_01310
		Students will read the informational text "The History of Diving" and answer Right There questions and Think and Search questions, differentiate fact from opinion, make inferences, and identify phrases.	smre_itr_001280
		Students read the informational text, "Helen Thayer and the Polar Quest." Students then identify the main idea and supporting details of the text, information from tables, maps and charts to learn about a topic, make inferences, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02396
		Students read an excerpt from the informational text, "Inside Sea Creatures." Students also determine the meaning of multiple-meaning words in context, identify the main idea and supporting details, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), compare and contrast ideas, make inferences, and determine the author's purpose.	smre_itr_01423
		Students learn to draw conclusions based on explicit information.	smre_di_00422
		Students will read the informational text "The Original Bungee Jumpers" and answer Right There questions, make inferences, determine the author's purpose, and identify prepositions.	smre_itr_001277

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		Students read the informational text "The Ghost of Blythwood Square." Students also make inferences, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), identify the main idea, summarize text, and analyze author's word choice.	smre_itr_01410
		Students will read a book review of "Carly's Voice: Breaking Through Autism." Students will then make confirm, and revise predictions based on information from text, make inferences, and answer literal questions, including who, where, when, and what. Students also use their knowledge of word relationships (synonyms, antonyms, and examples) to better understand the meaning of words.	smre_itr_02395
		Students will read the informational text "Deep-Sea Dweller" and answer Right There questions, make inferences, draw conclusions, and identify adverbs.	smre_itr_001276

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RI.6.2	Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.	Students read the informational text, "Algal Blooms." Students also draw conclusions based on explicit information, make predictions, identify cause-and-effect relationships, summarize information, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There).	smre_itr_01422
		Students read an excerpt from the informational text, "Earth's Place in Space: Studying Space." Students also summarize information, identify the main idea and supporting details, identify the author's view point and bias, draw conclusions, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There).	smre_itr_01418
		Students read an excerpt from the informational text, "Inventions from Space Travel." Students also determine the meaning of synonyms, identify explicit and implicit main ideas, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), and draw valid conclusions.	smre_itr_01421
		Students summarize information distinguishing relevant from irrelevant information.	smre_ip_01318
		Students read the informational text, "The Unanswered Questions of Easter Island." Students also determine the author's purpose, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), distinguish fact from opinion, draw conclusions, and identify main ideas.	smre_itr_01412
		Students read the informational text, "Bessie Coleman: American Legend." Students also identify the main idea and supporting details of a passage, summarize text, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search).	smre_itr_01400

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		Students read the informational text, "An Astonishing Discovery." Students also use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), summarize information, make inferences, draw conclusions, and read words with complex spelling patterns.	smre_itr_001285
		Students read an excerpt from the informational text, "North to the Pole with Matthew Henson." Students also distinguish fact from opinion, identify cause-and-effect relationships, identify the main idea of the passage, answer inferential questions, and make predictions.	smre_itr_01404
		Students read the informational text, "The Tengu of Japanese Mythology." Students also analyze organizational patterns (compare and contrast), identify cause-and-effect relationships, differentiate between fact, opinion, and bias, summarize text, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There).	smre_itr_01414
		Students read the fictional speech, "Robyn Davidson: A True Adventurer." Then students identify the author's viewpoint and bias, identify the main idea and supporting details, and answer literal questions. Students also use their knowledge of morphological families to understand academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02397

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		Students read the informational text, "Helen Thayer and the Polar Quest." Students then identify the main idea and supporting details of the text, information from tables, maps and charts to learn about a topic, make inferences, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02396
		Students learn to summarize text by distinguishing relevant from irrelevant information.	smre_di_00418
		Students read an excerpt from the informational text, "Inside Sea Creatures." Students also determine the meaning of multiple-meaning words in context, identify the main idea and supporting details, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), compare and contrast ideas, make inferences, and determine the author's purpose.	smre_itr_01423
		Students read the informational article, "More than Words." Then students identify the main idea, use information from charts to learn about a topic, summarize text, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_01409
		Students read the informational text, "The Newport Tower A Historical Mystery." Students also use affixes to determine the meanings of words, analyze author's word choice, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), identify cause-and-effect relationships, analyze organizational patterns of text (compare and contrast), and summarize.	smre_itr_01413

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		Students read the informational text "The Ghost of Blythwood Square." Students also make inferences, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search), identify the main idea, summarize text, and analyze author's word choice.	smre_itr_01410
		Students read a passage and identify the main ideas and supporting details.	smre_pp_00500
	Craft and Structure		
RI.6.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.	Students read literary text, "Meeting Amelia Earhart." Students also distinguish denotative and connotative meanings; identify the main idea and supporting details; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and make inferences.	smre_itr_01405
		Students read sentences and determine if underlined words are denotative or connotative.	smre_pp_00536
		Students distinguish denotative and connotative meanings using the context of short sentences.	smre_ip_01305
		Students learn to distinguish denotative and connotative meanings.	smre_di_00405

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RI.6.6	Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and explain how it is conveyed in the text.	Students read the informational text, "Six Ways to Resolve Family Conflict." Then students determine the author's purpose, identify steps in a process, and answer literal questions. Students also use their knowledge of morphological families to understand academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02394
		Students read the informational text, "The Unanswered Questions of Easter Island." Students also determine the author's purpose, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), distinguish fact from opinion, draw conclusions, and identify main ideas.	smre_itr_01412
		Students read informational text, "Charles Dryden and the Tuskegee Airmen." Students also determine the meaning of multiple-meaning words in context, determine the author's purpose, draw valid conclusions, distinguish between fact and opinion, and use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Text and You).	smre_itr_01401
		Students will read the informational text "The Fastest Place on Earth" and answer Right There questions, make inferences, draw conclusions, determine the author's purpose, and identify clauses.	smre_itr_001281
		Students learn to determine the author's purpose.	smre_di_00412
		Students determine the author's purpose.	smre_ip_01312
		Students will read the informational text "The Original Bungee Jumpers" and answer Right There questions, make inferences, determine the author's purpose, and identify prepositions.	smre_itr_001277

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	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity		
RI.6.10	By the end of the year read and comprehend literary nonfiction (see Appendix A) at grade level text-complexity (see Appendix A) or above, with scaffolding as needed.	Students read a passage and use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast information.	smre_pp_00539
W	Writing		
	Text Types and Purposes		
W.6.2	Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.		
W.6.2.A	Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information, using text structures (e.g., definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect, etc.) and text features (e.g., headings, graphics, and multimedia) when useful to aiding comprehension.	Students learn to identify compare and contrast organizational patterns in an expository text.	smre_di_00414
	Research to Build and Present Knowledge		

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W.6.8	Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.	Students read a passage and paraphrase information.	smre_pp_00537
		Students learn to paraphrase information from a text.	smre_di_00406
		Students paraphrase information from paragraphs.	smre_ip_01306
		Students read a passage and paraphrase the information in their own words.	smre_pp_00505
		Students read the poem, "New Navigation." Students also paraphrase information, use question-and-answer relationships (Right There), summarize text, make inferences, and determine the author's purpose.	smre_itr_01406

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L	Language		
	Conventions of Standard English		
L.6.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.		
L.6.2.A	Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to set off nonrestrictive/parenthetical elements.	Students learn about the function of commas.	smre_di_00536
		Students will read the literary passage "Rain of Fish" and answer questions about setting; answer Right There questions; summarize text; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and understand the usage of commas.	smre_itr_001283
		Students will use commas correctly.	smre_pp_00561
		Students will identify the correct placement of commas in sentences.	smre_ip_001383
L.6.2.B	Spell correctly.	Students will read sets of words and sentences and identify correctly spelled words.	smre_ip_001386

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	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use		
L.6.4	Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.		
L.6.4.A	Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.	Students use context and knowledge of word relationships to determine the meaning of words.	smre_ip_02395
		Students read the informational text, "Helen Thayer and the Polar Quest." Students then identify the main idea and supporting details of the text, information from tables, maps and charts to learn about a topic, make inferences, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02396
		Students read the informational article, "More than Words." Then students identify the main idea, use information from charts to learn about a topic, summarize text, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_01409

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L.6.4.B	Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., audience, auditory, audible).	Students learn to use Greek and Latin roots to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.	smre_di_00403
		Students practice using Greek and Latin roots to better understand the meaning of words.	smre_pp_00611
		Students use Greek and Latin roots to determine the missing words in short sentences.	smre_ip_01303
L.6.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.		
L.6.5.A	Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.	Students determine the meaning of metaphors using the context of short sentences.	smre_ip_01317
		Students determine the meaning of similes by using the context of short sentences.	smre_ip_01315
		Students learn to determine the meaning of similes.	smre_di_00415
		Students read literary text, "Ra and Isis: An Egyptian Myth." Students also determine the meaning of similes; identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; use question-and-answer relationships (Think and Search); draw valid conclusions; and summarize.	smre_itr_01415
		Students learn to determine the meaning of metaphors.	smre_di_00417
		Students read Greek myth, "Prometheus." Students also determine the meaning of metaphors; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There, Think and Search); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; analyze how characters in literature deal with conflict, solve problems, and relate to real-life situations; and draw valid conclusions.	smre_itr_01417

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L.6.5.C	Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwhasteful, thrifty).	Students read literary text, "Meeting Amelia Earhart." Students also distinguish denotative and connotative meanings; identify the main idea and supporting details; use question-and-answer relationships (Right There); identify characters' actions, motives, emotions, traits, and feelings; and make inferences.	smre_itr_01405
		Students read sentences and determine if underlined words are denotative or connotative.	smre_pp_00536
		Students distinguish denotative and connotative meanings using the context of short sentences.	smre_ip_01305
		Students learn to distinguish denotative and connotative meanings.	smre_di_00405
L.6.6	Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.	Students learn the meaning of academic and domain-specific vocabulary terms.	smre_di_02396
		Students learn about word relationships to understand the meaning of academic and domain-specific vocabulary terms.	smre_di_02395
		Students read the informational text, "Six Ways to Resolve Family Conflict." Then students determine the author's purpose, identify steps in a process, and answer literal questions. Students also use their knowledge of morphological families to understand academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02394
		Students learn about morphological families to determine the meaning of academic and domain-specific vocabulary terms.	smre_di_02394

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		Students practice using word relationships to better understand the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_pp_02398
		Students determine the missing academic vocabulary in short sentences.	smre_ip_01309
		Students practice using word relationships to better understand the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_pp_02395
		Students read the informational text, "Helen Thayer and the Polar Quest." Students then identify the main idea and supporting details of the text, information from tables, maps and charts to learn about a topic, make inferences, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_02396
		Students complete sentences using academic and domain-specific vocabulary words.	smre_ip_02396
		Students learn about word relationships to understand the meaning of academic and domain-specific vocabulary terms.	smre_di_02398

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		Students read the informational article, "More than Words." Then students identify the main idea, use information from charts to learn about a topic, summarize text, and answer literal questions. Students will also use context clues to determine the meaning of academic vocabulary words.	smre_itr_01409
		Students will use a graphic organizer to plan ideas to write an introduction speech for an adventurer. Students will write the speech using at least three academic vocabulary words from the lesson.	smre_pp_02397
		Students learn the meaning of academic terms: estimate, indicate, and identify.	smre_di_00409
		Students use a graphic organizer to list their thoughts and ideas about body language. Students then use at least three academic vocabulary words from the lesson to write an advice column about how to read and interpret body language.	smre_pp_00610
		Students use a graphic organizer to list their thoughts and ideas about resolving conflicts. Students then use at least three academic vocabulary words from the lesson to write a letter responding to a student asking how to resolve a conflict.	smre_pp_02394
		Students use a graphic organizer to list information about Helen Thayer. Students then use at least three academic vocabulary words from the lesson to write a short biography about her.	smre_pp_02396