#### **INSTRUCTOR'S GUIDES**

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

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Teach writing naturally and with confidence using Sonlight's unique Language Arts Instructor's Guides. LA Guides also include:

#### 1 TEACHING SCRIPTS (IN THE EARLY GRADES)

Read the teaching scripts in the IG when you introduce new ideas, concepts, and assignments. Great for parents just starting to homeschool or to provide extra confidence when teaching!

#### **2** OVERVIEW SUMMARIES

Weekly overviews summarize the concepts, skills and assignments for each week.

#### 3 COPYWORK/DICTATION ASSIGNMENTS

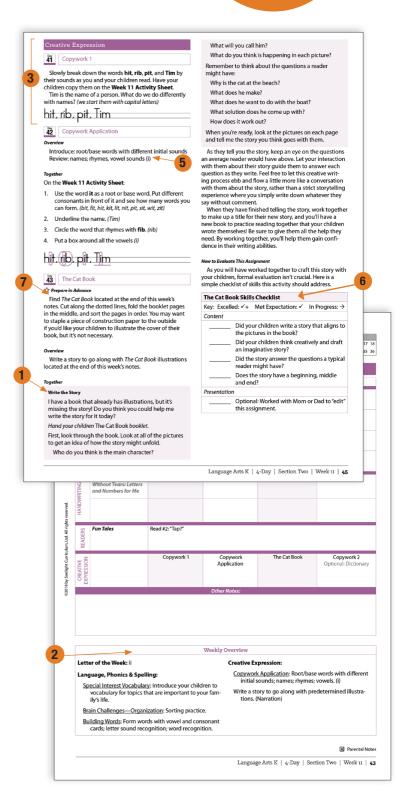
With weekly copywork or dictation assignments, children model master communicators to learn the basics of writing. Assignments are based on your children's ages and ability levels, and most passages come from their Readers.

#### 4 SPELLING/PHONICS

Phonics instruction is included in the LA Guides for levels K-4. Spelling instruction is included in the LA Guides for levels 1-4. In language arts levels D-F, choose one of our stand-alone spelling programs (p. 81).

#### 5 GRAMMAR AND WRITING MECHANICS

Receive clear grammar instruction about specific concepts from the week's copywork or dictation passage, then complete a few exercises to practice and reinforce the concepts. Answers included. Your children will learn to communicate effectively.



#### **6** EVALUATIVE RUBRICS

Easily determine how to evaluate your children's work. Are they on track? What areas could use additional practice? What are the expectations in this assignment?

### **7** EFFECTIVE CREATIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION

Step-by-step creative writing instruction encourages exploration and sets your children free to develop their creative side. They become superb written communicators, too.

Your IG includes assignments in a wide variety of styles and genres, including imaginative, persuasive, expository, narrative, journaling, etc. Each assignment includes instruction and a sample of what your student might produce.

The writing assignments follow a consistent pattern each week: copywork or dictation on Days 1 and 5; mechanics instruction and practice on Day 2; preplanning for writing on Day 3; writing assignment on Day 4.

#### **8** ACTIVITY SHEETS AND ANSWERS

Activity sheets reinforce your teaching and provide assignments that make your children eager to learn how to write well. A variety of activity options coordinate with your students' language arts studies and draw on a range of skills and interests. Weekly notes provide answers to grammar questions and suggested responses for creative writing assignments.

#### HANDWRITING/VOCABULARY

All levels include schedules for optional workbooks. These workbooks offer your children additional practice in areas where they may struggle, such as phonics, handwriting, grammar, and vocabulary. See pp. 80-82 for these supplemental materials.

