## New & Improved!

A new look; teaching scripts, grading rubrics, weekly overview summaries and more!

# LANGUAGE ARTS Instructor's Guides

# Teach writing naturally and with confidence!

Sonlight Language Arts IGs walk you through how to teach your children all the vital skills they will need. From Phonics, letter formation, and reading in the very earliest grades, to writing instruction (formal, informal, poetry, prose, fiction, non-fiction, and more), grammar, and all of the other skills that students need to communicate in adulthood.

# Language Arts Instructor's Guides include:

#### Clear Language Arts instruction

• Our Language Arts programs help you get the most from your studies each day. Simply follow the daily schedule for a well-organized, balanced, complete year of learning. Assignments are as clear and engaging as possible, with an appropriate level of grammar instruction and copywork or dictation. Extensive teaching notes help you instruct your students with excellence, answer questions, and ensure that they grasp key concepts. These explanatory notes help you know both why to teach this way and what your goals are.

#### 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!).

#### Overview summaries

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Each week, read the summary of what you'll be doing and the concepts you'll cover. Be ready for your assignments, week by week. No surprises.

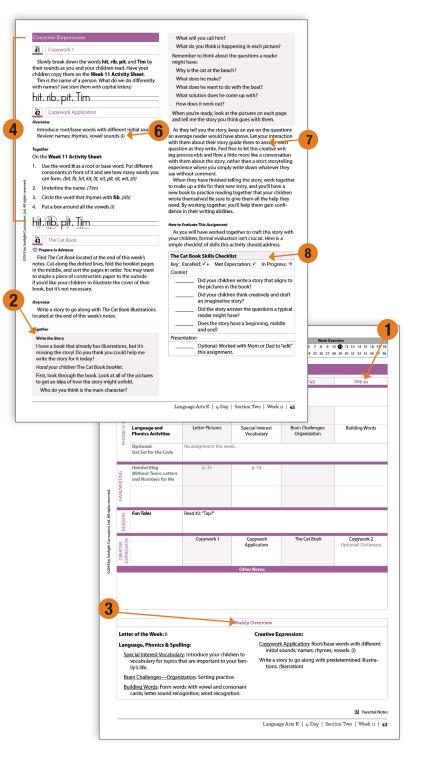
The assignments progress in a logical order, starting with the simple and moving to the more complex. This applies both within each year, and to all the years as a whole.

#### Copywork/Dictation assignments

Weekly copywork or dictation assignments help children learn the basics of writing by modeling master communicators. Assignments are based on your children's ages and ability levels, and most passages come from their Readers.

#### Schedule & Notes (Sonlight levels A-C for Reader Levels K-4)

Pick the Language Arts program that is closest to your children's ability level. Take the Language Arts assessment at sonlight.com/assessment to assess their ability level. Then add the same level Readers for each child. Your Language Arts Guide includes the Schedule and Notes for those corresponding Readers.



#### 5 Spelling

Language Arts 1-4 includes Sonlight's phonetic-based Spelling program. For Language Arts D-F, choose from the programs we offer and record in the provided space in your IG.

# 6 Grammar and writing mechanics

Each week in the Language Arts programs below the 100 level, you receive clear grammar instruction about specific concepts that tie in to the week's copywork or dictation passage—proper capitalization, apostrophe placement, tricky homonyms, etc. Then your students complete a few exercises to practice and reinforce what they learned so they can communicate effectively. Weekly notes provide answers to grammar questions.

#### 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; pre-planning for writing on Day 3; writing assignment on Day 4.

#### Evaluative rubrics

Easily determine how to evaluate your children's work. Are they on track? What areas could use additional practice?

> Not sure what level your child needs? Take a free Language Arts assessment.

> sonlight.com/assessment

### 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. Reproduction rights mean these sheets are good for the entire family. Weekly notes provide answers to grammar questions and suggested responses for Creative Writing assignments. Schedules for optional workbooks

All levels include schedules for optional workbooks. These workbooks offer your children additional practice in areas where they may struggle, such as phonics, grammar, and vocabulary.

#### Your choice of a 5- or 4-Day schedule

In most grades, choose complete instruction for either four or five days each week.  $\blacklozenge$ 

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