

Foundation English I / Part A

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students build and reinforce foundational reading, writing, and basic academic skills needed for success in high school. Through carefully paced, guided instruction and graduated reading levels, students improve reading comprehension and strategies, focusing on literacy development at the critical stage between decoding and making meaning from text. Instruction and practice in writing skills help students develop their composition skills in a variety of formats. If needed, students can continue their remediation of reading and writing skills with English Foundations II.

PREREQUISITES: Teacher/school counselor recommendation

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: None

MATERIALS LIST: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Basic Concepts

- Main Ideas
- Syllables
- Story Details
- Word Families
- Sequencing and Classifying
- Writing Descriptions
- Verb Usage
- Noun Identification

Unit 2: Fact and Opinion

- Fact and Opinion
- Prefixes and Suffixes
- Cause and Effect
- Information
- Drawing Conclusions

- Five W Questions
- Sentences Defined
- Writing Complete Sentences
- Word Order in Sentences
- Subjects and Predicates
- Punctuating Complete Sentences
- Paragraph Types
- Developing Topic Sentences
- Ideas and Opinions

Unit 3: Summarizing

- Summarizing and Paraphrasing
- Compound Words
- Capitalization
- Contractions
- Special Uses of Capitalization
- Compound Words: A Review
- Ending Punctuation
- Questions and Exclamations
- Commas
- Simple and Compound Sentences
- Commas in Series
- Order within Paragraphs

Unit 4: Understanding Word Choice

- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Prewriting
- Linking Verbs
- Writing Drafts
- Transitive Verbs
- Forming Contractions
- Conjunctions

Unit 5: Inferences

- Feelings and Motives
- Sensory Words
- Figurative Language
- Context Clues
- Pronouns
- Homophones and Homographs
- Pronoun Cases
- Revising the Draft
- The Importance of Proofreading
- Publishing

Unit 6: Purpose in Writing

- Point of View
- Journals
- Purpose in Writing
- Letters
- Objective Pronouns
- Possessive Pronouns
- Personal Pronouns

Unit 7: Structure in Literature

- Story Elements and Setting
- Titles
- Understanding Narrative, Expository
- Story Endings
- Connotation and Denotation
- Narratives
- Tricky Words
- Adjectives
- Adjectives as Articles
- Adverbs

Unit 8: Reading Strategies

- Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Asking Important Questions
- Words and Pictures
- More Figurative Language
- Structure of Stories
- Outcomes and Conclusions