



“I Can” Common Core!

4th Grade Language



I Can Use What I Know About Grammar When I Write and Speak

- I can use relative pronouns (*who, whose, whom, which, that*) and relative adverbs (*where, when, why*) correctly when I speak or write. L.4.1
- I can correctly write and use progressive verb tenses (*e.g., I was talking, I am talking, I will be talking*). L.4.1
- I can use auxiliary words to show different conditions (*e.g., can, may, must*). L.4.1
- I can correctly order adjectives within sentences according to conventional standard English. L.4.1
- I can correctly write and use prepositional phrases. L.4.1
- I can write complete sentences. L.4.1
- I can recognize inappropriate sentence fragments and run on sentences. L.4.1
- I can correctly use frequently confused words (*e.g., to, too, two; their & there*). L.4.1
- I can correctly use capitalization in all of my writing. L.4.2
- I can use commas and quotation marks appropriately in dialogue. L.4.2
- I can correctly use a comma and conjunction when connecting two simple sentences. L.4.2
- I can use an appropriate reference to help me spell fourth grade words. L.4.2

I Can Use What I Know About Language in Different Situations

- I can choose interesting words and phrases to help others understand my ideas better. L.4.3
- I can choose various punctuation to help me convey different moods L.4.3
- I can figure out when I need to use formal speech and when I can use informal speech. L.4.3

I Can Figure Out What Words Mean and Use Them in Different Situations

- I can determine the meanings of unknown multiple-meaning words by using context clues. L.4.4
- I can determine the meanings of unknown words by using what I know about common Greek and Latin prefixes, suffixes and roots. L.4.4
- I can use print and computer dictionaries to help me find the pronunciations and clarify meanings of new words or phrases. L.4.4
- I can understand figurative language, word relationships and small shades of differences in word meanings. L.4.5
- I can explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors in context. L.4.5
- I can recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages and proverbs. L.4.5
- I can understand words by relating them to their antonyms and synonyms. L.4.5
- I can figure out and use fourth grade words that show specific actions, emotions or states of being. L.4.6
- I can figure out and use fourth grade words that are centered around a specific topic. L.4.6

