



# Grades 4–5 English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards with Correspondences to K–12 Practices and Grade 4 ELA Standards

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## Introduction

The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has utilized the services of WestEd and the Understanding Language Initiative at Stanford University to develop a new set of English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards. The ELP Standards, developed for K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grades, highlight and amplify the *critical language, knowledge about language, and skills using language* that are in college-and-career-ready standards and that are necessary for English language learners (ELLs) to be successful in schools.

The 10 ELP Standards highlight a strategic set of language functions (what students do with language to accomplish content-specific tasks) and language forms (vocabulary, grammar, and discourse specific to a particular content area or discipline) which are needed by ELLs as they develop competence in the practices associated with English language arts (ELA) & literacy, mathematics, and science (Bunch, Kiber, & Pimentel, 2013; CCSSO, 2012; Lee, Quinn, & Valdez, 2013; Moschkovich, 2012; van Lier & Walqui, 2012). The five ELP levels for each of the ELP Standards address the question, **“What might an ELL’s language use look like at each ELP level as he or she progresses toward independent participation in grade-appropriate activities?”**

### ***How to Navigate this Document***

The ELP Standards and supporting tools in this document are arranged in layers, with more detail added in each new layer. Use the hyperlinks either in the Table of Contents on pages 1–2 or in the bookmarks to the left of each page to navigate to the level of detail needed. The bookmark feature [in PDFs] and the navigation pane or Document Map [in Word documents] can be activated using the document tool bar. The ELP Standards with correspondences are labeled using the dot notation system (e.g., Standard 8 = ELP.4-5.8.).

### ***Guiding Principles***

#### **1. Potential**

ELLs have the same potential as native speakers of English to engage in cognitively complex tasks. Regardless of ELP level, all ELLs need access to challenging, grade-appropriate<sup>1</sup> curriculum, instruction, and assessment and benefit from activities requiring them to create linguistic output (Ellis, 2008a; 2008b). Even though ELLs will produce language that includes features that distinguish them from their native-English-speaking peers, “it is possible [for ELLs] to achieve the standards for college-and-career readiness” (NGA Center & CCSSO, 2010b, p. 1).

#### **2. Funds of Knowledge**

ELLs’ primary languages and other social, cultural, and linguistic background knowledge and resources (i.e., their “funds of knowledge” [Moll, Amanti, Neff, & Gonzalez, 1992]) are useful tools to help them navigate back and forth among their schools and their communities’ valuable resources as they develop the social, cultural, and linguistic competencies required for effective communication in English. In particular, an awareness of culture should be embedded within curriculum, instruction, and

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<sup>1</sup> Grade appropriate is defined by the English language arts, mathematics, and science standards for that grade.

assessment provided to ELLs since “the more one knows about the other language and culture, the greater the chances of creating the appropriate cultural interpretation of a written or spoken text” (National Standards in Foreign Language Education Project, 2006, p. 37).

**3. Diversity in ELL Progress in Acquiring English Language Proficiency**

A student’s ability to demonstrate proficiency at a particular ELP level will depend on context, content-area focus, and developmental factors. Thus, a student’s designated ELP level represents a typical current performance level, not a fixed status. An English language proficiency level does not identify a student (e.g., “Level 1 student”), but rather identifies what a student knows and can do at a particular stage of English language development, for example, “a student at Level 1” or “a student whose listening performance is at Level 1.” Progress in acquiring English may vary depending upon program type, age at which entered program, initial English proficiency level, native language literacy, and other factors (Bailey & Heritage, 2010; Byrnes & Canale, 1987; Lowe & Stansfield, 1988). Within these ELP Standards, we assume parallel development of language and content-area knowledge, skills, and abilities. ELLs do not need to wait until their ELP is sufficiently developed to participate in content area instruction and assessment. “Research has shown that ELLs can develop literacy in English even as their oral proficiency in English develops (Bunch, Kibler, & Pimentel, 2013, p. 15).

**4. Scaffolding**

ELLs at all levels of ELP should be provided with scaffolding in order to reach the next reasonable proficiency level as they develop grade-appropriate language capacities, particularly those that involve content-specific vocabulary and registers. The type and intensity of the scaffolding provided will depend on each student’s ability to undertake the particular task independently while continuing to uphold appropriate complexity for the student.

**5. Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education**

ELLs with limited or interrupted formal education must be provided access to targeted supports that allow them to develop foundational literacy skills in an accelerated time frame (DeCapua & Marshall, 2011). Educators can refer to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for ELA section “Reading: Foundational Skills” (NGA Center & CCSSO, 2010) for this purpose.

**6. Special Needs**

ELLs with disabilities can benefit from English language development services (and are required to have language development goals as part of their Individualized Education Plans [IEPs]). Educators should be aware that these students may take slightly different paths toward English language proficiency.

**7. Access Supports and Accommodations**

Based on their individual needs, all ELLs, including ELLs with disabilities, should be provided access supports and accommodations for assessments, so that their assessment results are valid and reflect what they know and can do. Educators should be aware

that these access supports and accommodations can be used in classroom instruction and assessment to ensure that students have access to instruction and assessment based on the ELP Standards. When identifying the access supports and accommodations that should be considered for ELLs and ELLs with IEPs or 504 plans during classroom instruction and assessment, it is particularly useful to consider ELL needs in relation to receptive and productive modalities. (See footnote in Table 2 for more information.)

#### **8. Multimedia, Technology, and New Literacies**

New understandings around literacy (e.g., visual and digital literacies) have emerged around use of information and communication technologies (International Reading Association, 2009). Relevant, strategic, and appropriate multimedia tools and technology, aligned to the ELP Standards, should be integrated into the design of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for ELLs.

#### ***Design Features of the Standards***

The 10 ELP Standards are designed for collaborative use by English as a second language (ESL)/English language development (ELD) and content area teachers in **both** English language development and content-area instruction. Explicit recognition that language acquisition takes place across the content areas fosters collaboration among educators and benefits ELLs' learning experiences.

At present, second language development is seen largely as the responsibility of the ESL/ELD teacher, while content development as that of the subject area teacher. Given the new [content] standards' explicitness in how language must be used to enact disciplinary knowledge and skills, such a strict division of labor is no longer viable. Content area teachers must understand and leverage the language and literacy practices found in science, mathematics, history/social studies, and the language arts to enhance students' engagement with rich content and fuel their academic performance. ESL/ELD teachers must cultivate a deeper knowledge of the disciplinary language that ELL students need, and help their students to grow in using it. Far greater collaboration and sharing of expertise are needed among ESL/ELD teachers and content area teachers at the secondary level. At the elementary level, far greater alignment and integration are needed across ESL/ELD and subject matter learning objectives, curriculum, and lesson plans that teachers in self-contained classrooms prepare and deliver (Understanding Language Initiative, 2012, p. 2).

The levels 1–5 descriptors for each of the 10 ELP Standards describe targets for ELL performance by the end of each ELP level at a particular point in time. However, students may demonstrate a range of abilities within each ELP level. By describing the end of each ELP level for each ELP Standard, the levels 1–5 descriptors reflect a linear progression across the proficiency levels of an aligned set of knowledge, skills, and abilities. This is done for purposes of presentation and understanding; actual second language acquisition does not necessarily occur in a linear fashion within or across proficiency levels.

An ELL at any given point along his or her trajectory of English learning may exhibit some abilities (e.g., speaking skills) at a higher proficiency level, while at the same time exhibiting other abilities (e.g., writing skills) at a lower proficiency level. Additionally, a student may successfully perform a particular skill at a lower proficiency level but need review at the next higher proficiency level

when presented with a new or more complex type of text. As a reminder, by definition, ELL status is a temporary status. Thus, an English language proficiency level does not identify a student (e.g., “a Level 1 student”), but rather identifies what a student knows and can do at a particular stage of English language development (e.g., “a student at Level 1” or “a student whose listening performance is at Level 1”).

**Organization of the Standards**

For the purposes of clarity, the 10 ELP Standards are organized according to a schema that represents each standard’s importance to ELLs’ participation in the practices called for by college- and-career-ready ELA & Literacy, mathematics, and science standards (G. Bunch, personal communication, August 15, 2013; Bunch, Kibler, & Pimentel, 2013).

**Table 1. Organization of the ELP Standards in Relation to Participation in Content-Area Practices**

<b>1</b>	construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing
<b>2</b>	participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions
<b>3</b>	speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics
<b>4</b>	construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence
<b>5</b>	conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems
<b>6</b>	analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing
<b>7</b>	adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing
<b>8</b>	determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text
<b>9</b>	create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text
<b>10</b>	make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing

Standards 1 through 7 involve the language necessary for ELLs to engage in the central content-specific practices associated with ELA & Literacy, mathematics, and science. They begin with a focus on extraction of meaning and then progress to engagement in these practices.

Standards 8 through 10 home in on some of the more micro-level linguistic features that are undoubtedly important to focus on, but only in the service of the other seven standards.

## Grades 4–5 English Language Proficiency Standards with Correspondences to the K-12 Practices and Grade 4 ELA Standards

The ELP Standards are interrelated and can be used separately or in combination. (In particular, as shown on the previous page, Standards 8–10 can be used to support the other seven standards.) These standards do not include curriculum statements, nor do they privilege a single approach to the teaching of social and expressive communication or the teaching of grammar; instead, the standards and descriptors for each proficiency level leave room for teachers, curriculum developers, and states to determine how each ELP Standard and descriptor should be reached and what additional topics should be addressed.

### **Alternate organization of the ELP Standards**

The ELP Standards might also be framed in relation to narrower domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing and also in relation to broader receptive,<sup>2</sup> productive, and interactive modalities. The interactive modalities category allows for emphasis on the need for ELLs to meaningfully engage with their native English-speaking peers during content area instruction. (Standards 9 and 10 address the linguistic structures of English and are framed in relation to the CCSS for ELA Language domain.)

<b>Receptive<sup>3</sup> modalities:</b> This mode refers to the learner as a reader or listener/viewer working with ‘text’ whose author or deliverer is not present or accessible. It presumes that the interaction is with authentic written or oral documents where language input is meaningful and content laden. The learner brings background knowledge, experience, and appropriate interpretive strategies to the task to promote understanding of language and content in order to develop a personal reaction. (Phillips, 2008, p. 96)	Listening and reading	1	construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing
		8	determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text
<b>Productive modalities:</b> The mode places the learner as speaker and writer for a ‘distant’ audience, one with whom interaction is not possible or limited. The communication is set for a specified audience, has purpose, and generally abides by rules of genre or style. It is a planned or formalized speech act or written document, and the learner has an opportunity to draft, get feedback, and revise, before publication or broadcast. (Phillips, 2008, p. 96)	Speaking and writing	3	speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics
		4	construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence
		7	adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing
<b>Interactive modalities:</b> Collaborative use of receptive and productive modalities. This mode refers to the learner as a speaker/listener [and] reader/writer. It requires two-way interactive communication where negotiation of meaning may be observed. The exchange will provide evidence of awareness of the socio-cultural aspects of communication as language proficiency develops. (Phillips, 2008, p. 96)	Listening, speaking, reading, and writing	2	participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions
		5	conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems
		6	analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing

<sup>2</sup> The terms receptive and productive language functions were used for the ELP standards schema, rather than the newer American Council of Foreign Language Teaching (ACTFL) terms used in Phillips (2008), in keeping with the functional language terms used in the CCSSO (2012) ELPD Framework (which employs the earlier ACTFL terminology).

<sup>3</sup> The ability to communicate via multiple modes of representation (e.g., non-verbal communication, oral, pictorial, graphic, textual) may be especially important for ELLs with certain types of disabilities. When identifying the access supports and accommodations that should be considered for ELLs and ELLs with IEPs or 504 plans, it is particularly useful to consider ELL needs in relation to broader receptive, productive, and interactive modalities when listening, speaking, reading, or writing are not the explicit focus of the construct(s) being instructed or assessed.

**Grades 4–5 ELP Standards**

**Standards 1 and 2**

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b> construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing.	use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words and phrases in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify the main topic and retell a few key details of read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use a developing set of strategies to determine the main idea or theme, and retell a few key details of read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations; and retell familiar stories.	use an increasing range of strategies to determine the main idea or theme, and explain how some key details support the main idea or theme in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and summarize part of a text.	use a wide range of strategies to determine two or more main ideas or themes, and explain how key details support them in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and summarize a text.
<b><u>2</u></b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b> participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges about familiar topics, actively listening to others and responding to simple questions and some wh- questions.	participate in short conversational and written exchanges about familiar topics, actively listening to others and responding to simple questions and wh- questions.	participate in short conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about familiar topics and texts, responding to others' comments and adding some comments of his or her own, and asking and answering questions about the topic or text.	participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own, asking and answering relevant questions, and adding relevant information and evidence.	participate in extended conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own ideas clearly, posing and responding to relevant questions, adding relevant and detailed information, using evidence, and summarizing the key ideas expressed.



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**Standards 3, 4, and 5**

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>3</b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b> speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics.	communicate simple information about familiar texts, topics, events, or objects in the environment.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences, including a few details.	deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, including some details.	deliver oral presentations and compose written narrative or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, developing the topic with details and examples.
<b>4</b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b> construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence.	express an opinion about a familiar topic.	construct a simple claim about a familiar topic, and give a reason to support the claim.	construct a claim about familiar topics, introducing the topic and providing a few reasons or facts to support the claim.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide several reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide logically ordered reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.
<b>5</b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b> conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from a few provided sources, and label some key information.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from provided sources, and record some information.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources to answer a question; and identify key information in orderly notes.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources to answer a question; record information in organized notes, with charts, tables, or other graphics, as appropriate; and provide a list of sources.	recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources; summarize key ideas and information in detailed and orderly notes, with graphics as appropriate; and provide a list of sources.

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**Standards 6, 7, and 8**

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b>  analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing.	identify a point an author or speaker makes.	identify a reason an author or speaker gives to support a main point, and agree or disagree.	tell how one or two reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make.	describe how reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make.	explain how an author or speaker uses reasons and evidence to support or fail to support particular points, (and at grade 5) identifying which reasons and evidence support which points).
<b>7</b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b>  adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing.	recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	adapt language choices to different social and academic contents, with emerging control, and use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.	adapt language choices according to purpose, task, and audience, with developing control, and use an increasing number of general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and expressions in conversation, discussions, and short written text.	adapt language choices and style (includes register) according to purpose, task, and audience, with increasing ease, and use a wider range of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and writing.	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, and use a wide variety of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and writing.
<b>8</b>	<b>An ELL can . . .</b>  determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text.	recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words, phrases, and formulaic expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, relying heavily on context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.	determine the meaning of some frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.	determine the meaning of frequently occurring words and phrases and some idiomatic expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology (e.g., affixes, roots, and base words).	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and a growing number of idiomatic expressions in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology.	determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases and figurative language (e.g., metaphors, similes, adages, and proverbs) in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology.

Standards 9 and 10

		By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
		1	2	3	4	5
<u>9</u>	An ELL can . . .  create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text.	communicate simple information about an event or topic, with support (including context and visual aids), using non-verbal communication and, with limited control, a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences.	recount a simple sequence of events in order, and communicate simple information about a topic, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences), using, with emerging control, frequently occurring linking words (e.g., <i>and</i> , <i>then</i> ).	recount a short sequence of events in order, and introduce an informational topic, present one or two facts about it, and provide a concluding statement, with support (including modeled sentences), using, with developing control, an increasing range of temporal and other linking words (e.g., <i>next</i> , <i>because</i> , <i>and</i> , <i>also</i> ).	recount a more detailed sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and develop an informational topic with facts and details, and provide a conclusion, using, with increasingly independent control, transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas and opinions (e.g., <i>after a while</i> , <i>for example</i> , <i>in order to</i> , <i>as a result</i> ).	recount a more detailed sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce an informational topic, develop it with facts and details, and provide a concluding statement or section, using a variety of linking words and phrases to connect ideas, information, or events.
<u>10</u>	An ELL can . . .  make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing.	recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs; and understand and respond to simple questions with support (including context and visual aids).	recognize and use some frequently occurring nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions; and produce simple sentences in response to prompts, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences).	use some relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>that</i> ), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i> ), and prepositional phrases; produce and expand simple and compound sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>that</i> ), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i> ), subordinating conjunctions, and prepositional phrases; and produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences.	use relative pronouns (e.g., <i>who</i> , <i>whom</i> , <i>which</i> , <i>that</i> ), relative adverbs (e.g., <i>where</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>why</i> ), prepositional phrases, subordinating conjunctions, and the progressive and perfect verb tenses; and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.

# Supporting Tools

***Design Features of the Correspondences with English Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, and Science Standards***

To ensure the ELP standards specify the language that all ELLs must acquire in order to successfully engage with college-and-career-ready standards in ELA & Literacy, mathematics, and science, two methods of correspondence mappings have been conducted for these ELP Standards:

**1. Correspondences with the CCSS for Mathematics and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Practices**

Following the guidance found in the *CCSSO Framework for English Language Proficiency Development Standards Corresponding to the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards* (the “[CCSSO ELPD Framework](#)”) (CCSSO, 2012), one set of correspondences was created for the language demands associated with the mathematics, science, and ELA practices. The [CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practices a.k.a., the Mathematical Practices](#) are the first eight standards for the CCSS for Mathematics and the [NGSS Science and Engineering Practices](#) are one of three dimensions in every NGSS standard. A set of ELA “Practices” was created for the CCSSO ELPD Framework since the CCSS for ELA & Literacy did not include specific practices in their original form. (All three groups of practices are shown in Figure 1 below).

**2. Correspondences with the CCSS for ELA & Literacy Standards**

A second type of correspondence analysis was conducted to show the relationship between the ELP Standards and the language demands found in the CCSS for ELA & Literacy.<sup>4</sup> This second set of correspondences is particularly useful as the ELP Standards and the CCSS for ELA & Literacy Standards have a similar internal construction (based on reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language).

**What are the practices?**

The term *practices* refers to behaviors which developing student practitioners should increasingly use when engaging with the content and growing in content-area maturity and expertise throughout their elementary, middle, and high school years. The term “practices” is used rather than “processes” or “inquiry skills” to emphasize that engaging in [discipline-specific] investigation requires not only skill but also knowledge that is specific to each practice (NRC, 2012, p. 30).

The practices identified within the CCSS for Mathematics and the NGSS are key parts of the standards themselves.<sup>5</sup> Because the CCSS for ELA & Literacy does not explicitly identify key practices and core ideas in its original form, an analogous set of ELA “Practices” was created for the CCSSO ELPD Framework through a close analysis of the priorities contained within the ELA standards themselves (CCSSO, 2012, p. 16). Relationships and convergences among the mathematics, science, and ELA practices are shown in Figure 1.

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<sup>4</sup> As noted in the CCSS for ELA & Literacy, the K–5 standards focus on reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language across the curriculum, reflecting the fact that most or all of the instruction students in these grades receive comes from one teacher; grades 6–12 are covered in two content area–specific sections, the first for English language arts teachers and the second for teachers of history/social studies, science, and technical subjects.

<sup>5</sup> States who are applying for flexibility regarding specific requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, must have ELP Standards that correspond to the state’s college-and-career-ready standards.

**Figure 1. Venn diagram showing relationships and convergences among the mathematics science, and ELA practices**

# Relationships and Convergences

Found in:

- 1. CCSS for Mathematics (practices)
- 2a. CCSS for ELA & Literacy (student capacity)
- 2b. ELPD Framework (ELA “practices”)
- 3. NGSS (science and engineering practices)

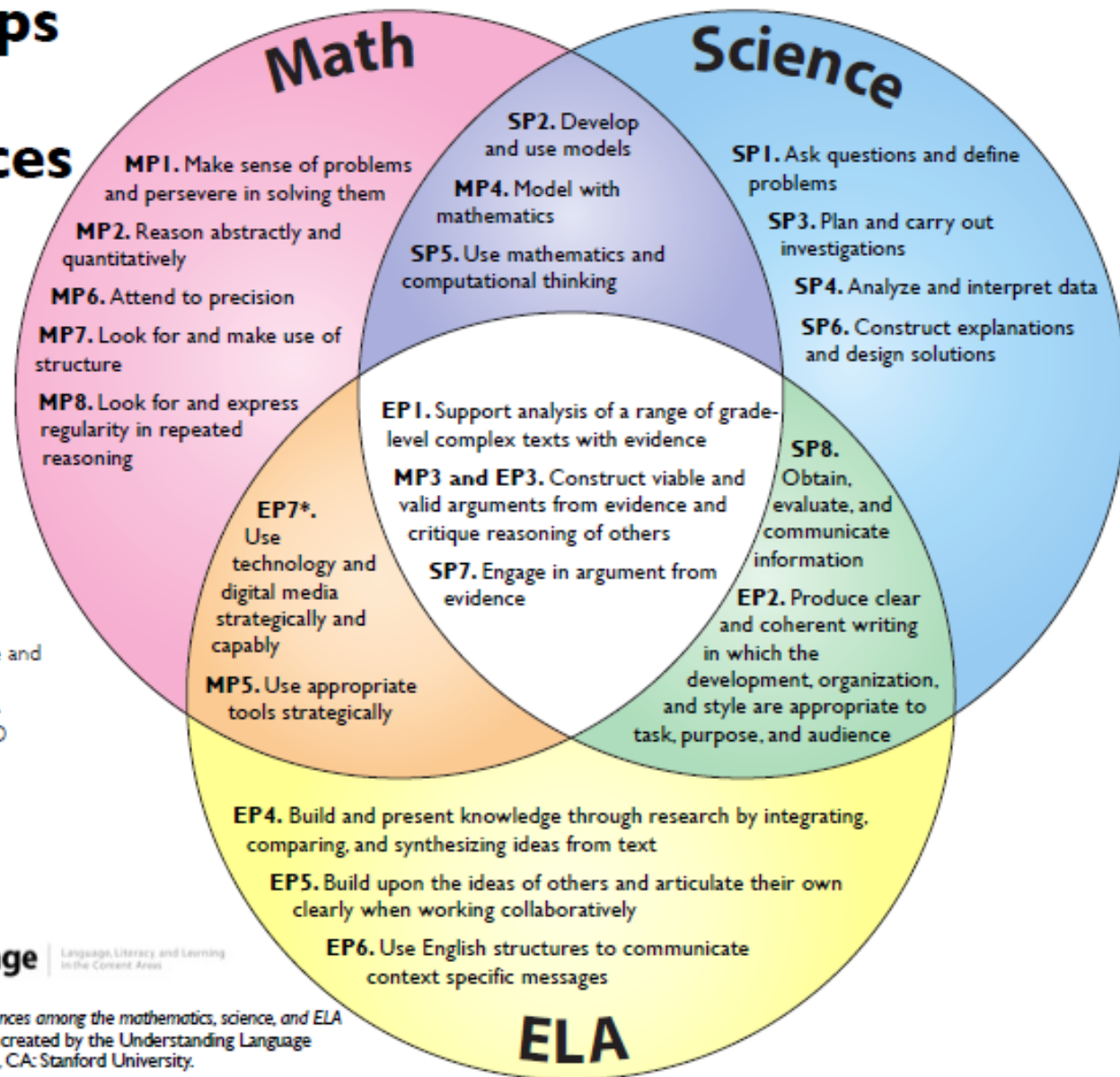
**Notes:**

- 1. MPI–MP8 represent CCSS Mathematical Practices (p. 6–8).
- 2. SPI–SP8 represent NGSS Science and Engineering Practices.
- 3. EPI–EP6 represent CCSS for ELA “Practices” as defined by the ELPD Framework (p. 11).
- 4. EP7\* represents CCSS for ELA student “capacity” (p. 7).



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**Why are no correspondence analyses shown between the ELP Standards and the CCSS for Standards for Mathematical Content and the NGSS Core Ideas?**

In coordination with the ELPD Framework authors, the WestEd ELP Standards development team followed the ELPD Framework method for ELP Standards-to-Content Standards correspondences. This method is based on an analysis of the language demands found within the mathematics, science, and ELA practices. (See Section 2.3 Standards Match.) The ELPD Framework correspondence approach of focusing on the practices is a useful way to approach ELP Standards correspondences with mathematics [and science] because . . .

The content of mathematics is not as fundamentally different from English language proficiency as much as it is a different granularity. Mathematics content is more interrelated and web-like and less hierarchic and linear than mathematicians used to think. If we think of the Mathematical Practices (MP) [the *Standards for Mathematical Practice*] as the reading and writing (R&W) of mathematics and the content standards (C) as the literature (L) —

**MP : C :: R&W : L, or, equivalently, MP : R&W :: C : L**

— then it makes more sense to correspond to the *Standards for Mathematical Practice* (R&W) as opposed to the *Standards for Mathematical Content* (C) (P. Daro, personal communication, July 19, 2013).

**How do the practices interrelate?**

The Understanding Language Initiative Venn diagram shown in Figure 1 (Cheuk, 2013) depicts the relationships and convergences among the *student actions* described by the practices.<sup>6</sup> For example, the central overlap of the three circles highlights the central role of evidence in the CCSS and the NGSS. In comparison, the ELP Standards address the types of *language proficiency* that ELLs need as they engage in content-area practices (and, therefore, may show slightly different groupings of practices with each ELP Standard than the groupings shown in Figure 1). “By explicitly calling attention to these practices, state ELP Standards [can be designed to] cultivate higher order thinking skills in ELLs and target their ability to comprehend and communicate about complex text” (CCSSO, 2012, p. 16).

**What is the purpose of the two correspondence matrices shown on pp. 16-17?**

The purpose of the K-12 Practices Matrix and the Grade 4 ELA Standards Matrix is to help teachers design lesson plans which leverage the strongest correspondences between the ELP Standards and the CCSS and NGSS. However, depending on the instructional activity, and as educators’ familiarity with the standards is built, educators may identify other correspondences that also make sense. The matrices are intended to help educators start with correspondence analyses—they are not an endpoint. The matrices do not contain a fixed set of correspondences.

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<sup>6</sup> See the “Found in” section of Figure 1 for information on the sources for this diagram. Background: The ELA “Practices” in the Venn diagram were originally based on an analysis of the CCSS for ELA student capacity portraits (Source 2a). For the purposes of the ELP Standards, the ELA “Practices” shown in the Venn diagram were reframed in relation to the particular ELA “Practices” created for the ELPD Framework (Source 2b).

## Grades 4–5 English Language Proficiency Standards with Correspondences to the K-12 Practices and Grade 4 ELA Standards

### K-12 Practices Matrix

Use the **K-12 Practices Matrix** to identify a practice and its corresponding ELP Standard. Click on the ELP Standard number to go to the standard.

Practices	ELP Standards									
ELA “Practices” <sup>7</sup> (EP)	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<b>EP1.</b> Support analyses of a range of grade-level complex texts with evidence.	EP1	EP1	EP1		EP1			EP1		
<b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.			EP2	EP2		EP2	EP2		EP2	EP2
<b>EP3.</b> Construct valid arguments from evidence and critique the reasoning of others.	EP3			EP3		EP3				
<b>EP4.</b> Build and present knowledge through research by integrating, comparing, and synthesizing ideas from texts.	EP4				EP4	EP4				
<b>EP5.</b> Build upon the ideas of others and articulate his or her own when working collaboratively.	EP5	EP5		EP5	EP5	EP5				
<b>EP6.</b> Use English structures to communicate context-specific messages.				EP6	EP6		EP6	EP6		EP6
Mathematical Practices (MP)	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.	MP1	MP1	MP1		MP1	MP1		MP1	MP1	
<b>MP2.</b> Reason abstractly and quantitatively.										
<b>MP3.</b> Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.				MP3		MP3			MP3	
<b>MP4.</b> Model with mathematics.										
<b>MP5.</b> Use appropriate tools strategically.										
<b>MP6.</b> Attend to precision.		MP6	MP6	MP6			MP6			MP6
<b>MP7.</b> Look for and make use of structure.										
<b>MP8.</b> Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.										
Science Practices (SP)	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">2</a>	<a href="#">3</a>	<a href="#">4</a>	<a href="#">5</a>	<a href="#">6</a>	<a href="#">7</a>	<a href="#">8</a>	<a href="#">9</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<b>SP1.</b> Ask questions and define problems.	SP1					SP1	SP1	SP1		
<b>SP2.</b> Develop and use models.										
<b>SP3.</b> Plan and carry out investigations.					SP3					
<b>SP4.</b> Analyze and interpret data.		SP4		SP4						
<b>SP5.</b> Use mathematics and computational thinking.										
<b>SP6.</b> Construct explanations and design solutions.		SP6	SP6		SP6	SP6	SP6			
<b>SP7.</b> Engage in argument from evidence.				SP7		SP7			SP7	
<b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.		SP8	SP8	SP8	SP8	SP8	SP8	SP8	SP8	SP8

<sup>7</sup> While the CCSS for mathematics and the NGSS explicitly state key practices and core ideas for their respective discipline, the corresponding features in the ELA charts were identified through a close analysis of the priorities contained within the standards themselves (because the CCSS for ELA do not explicitly identify key practices and core ideas) (CCSSO, 2012, p. 16).



## Grades 4–5 English Language Proficiency Standards with Correspondences to the K-12 Practices and Grade 4 ELA Standards

### Grade 4 ELA Standards Matrix

Use the **Grade 4 ELA Standards Matrix** to identify a CCSS for ELA Standard and its corresponding ELP Standard. Click on the ELP Standard number to go to the standard within this document. The reference codes for ELA Standards are a simplified version of those used in the CCSS documents; in particular, the grade level code was deleted since a teacher will be reading the matrix that pertains to her/his grade level.

	ELP Standards	Corresponding CCSS for ELA Standards				
		RL	RI	W	SL	L
<a href="#">1</a>	construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing	1, 2, 3, 7	1, 2, 3, 7		2	
<a href="#">2</a>	participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions			6	1	
<a href="#">3</a>	speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics			2, 3	4	
<a href="#">4</a>	construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence			1	4	6
<a href="#">5</a>	conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems			7, 8, 9	4	
<a href="#">6</a>	analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing		8	1b	3	6
<a href="#">7</a>	adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing			5	6	6
<a href="#">8</a>	determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text	4	4			4, 5
<a href="#">9</a>	create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text			1c, 2c, 3c, 4	4, 6	
<a href="#">10</a>	make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing					1, 3

#### Legend for Domains

RL	Reading for Literature	SL	Speaking and Listening
RI	Reading for Informational Texts	L	Language
W	Writing		

**Grades 4-5 ELP Standards with Correspondences**

**Standard 1.**

ELP.4-5.1.	By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>construct meaning from oral presentations and literary and informational text through grade-appropriate listening, reading, and viewing . . .</p>	use a very limited set of strategies to identify a few key words and phrases in read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use an emerging set of strategies to identify the main topic and retell a few key details of read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations.	use a developing set of strategies to determine the main idea or theme, and retell a few key details of read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations; and retell familiar stories.	use an increasing range of strategies to determine the main idea or theme, and explain how some key details support the main idea or theme in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and summarize part of a text.	use a wide range of strategies to determine two or more main ideas or themes, and explain how key details support them in read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations; and summarize a text.
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP1.</b> Support analyses of a range of grade-level complex texts with evidence.</p> <p><b>EP3.</b> Construct valid arguments from evidence and critique the reasoning of others.</p> <p><b>EP4.</b> Build and present knowledge from research by integrating, comparing, and synthesizing ideas from texts.</p> <p><b>EP5.</b> Build upon the ideas of others and articulate his or her own ideas when working collaboratively.</p>			<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p>		<p><b>SP1.</b> Ask questions and define problems.</p>
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>Literature</b></p> <p><b>RL.2.</b> Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.</p> <p><b>RL.3.</b> Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).</p> <p><b>RL.7.</b> Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.</p>			<p><b>Informational Text</b></p> <p><b>RI.2.</b> Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.</p> <p><b>RI.3.</b> Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.</p> <p><b>RI.7.</b> Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.</p>		
<p><b>RL.1., RI.1.</b> Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.</p>					
<p><b>SL.2.</b> Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.</p>					

# Grades 4–5 English Language Proficiency Standards with Correspondences to the K-12 Practices and Grade 4 ELA Standards

## Standard 2.

ELP.4-5.2.	By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>participate in grade-appropriate oral and written exchanges of information, ideas, and analyses, responding to peer, audience, or reader comments and questions . . .</p>	<p>participate in short conversational and written exchanges about familiar topics, actively listening to others and responding to simple questions and some wh- questions.</p>	<p>participate in short conversational and written exchanges about familiar topics, actively listening to others and responding to simple questions and wh- questions.</p>	<p>participate in short conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about familiar topics and texts, responding to others' comments and adding some comments of his or her own, and asking and answering questions about the topic or text.</p>	<p>participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own, asking and answering relevant questions, and adding relevant information and evidence.</p>	<p>participate in extended conversations, discussions, and written exchanges about a variety of topics and texts, building on the ideas of others and expressing his or her own ideas clearly, posing and responding to relevant questions, adding relevant and detailed information, using evidence, and summarizing the key ideas expressed.</p>
<p><b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b></p>					
<p><b>EP1.</b> Support analyses of a range of grade-level complex texts with evidence.</p> <p><b>EP5.</b> Build upon the ideas of others and articulate his or her own ideas when working collaboratively.</p>		<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p> <p><b>MP6.</b> Attend to precision.</p>		<p><b>SP4.</b> Analyze and interpret data.</p> <p><b>SP6.</b> Construct explanations and design solutions.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<p><b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b></p>					
<p><b>W.6.</b> With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting.</p> <p><b>SL.1.</b> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on <i>grade 4 topics and texts</i>, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.</li> <li>Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.</li> <li>Pose and respond to specific questions to clarify or follow up on information, and make comments that contribute to the discussion and link to the remarks of others.</li> <li>Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.</li> </ol>					

**Grades 4–5** English Language Proficiency Standards with Correspondences to the K-12 Practices and Grade 4 ELA Standards

**Standard 3.**

By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .					
ELP.4-5.3.	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>Speak and write about grade-appropriate complex literary and informational texts and topics . . .</p>	<p>communicate simple information about familiar texts, topics, events, or objects in the environment.</p>	<p>deliver short oral presentations and compose written texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences.</p>	<p>deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about familiar texts, topics, and experiences, including a few details.</p>	<p>deliver short oral presentations and compose written narratives or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, including some details.</p>	<p>deliver oral presentations and compose written narrative or informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences, developing the topic with details and examples.</p>
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP1.</b> Support analyses of a range of grade-level complex texts with evidence.</p> <p><b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p>		<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p> <p><b>MP6.</b> Attend to precision.</p>		<p><b>SP6.</b> Construct explanations and design solutions.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>Literature</b></p> <p><b>W.3.</b> Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.</li> <li>b. Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.</li> <li>c. Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.</li> <li>d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.</li> <li>e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.</li> </ul> <p><b>SL4.</b> Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.</p>			<p><b>Informational Text</b></p> <p><b>W.2.</b> Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</li> <li>c. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., <i>another, for example, also, because</i>).</li> <li>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> </ul>		

**Standard 4.**

By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .					
ELP.4-5.4.	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>construct grade-appropriate oral and written claims and support them with reasoning and evidence . . .</p>	express an opinion about a familiar topic.	construct a simple claim about a familiar topic, and give a reason to support the claim.	construct a claim about familiar topics, introducing the topic and providing a few reasons or facts to support the claim.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide several reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.	construct a claim about a variety of topics: introduce the topic, provide logically ordered reasons or facts to support the claim, and provide a concluding statement.
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><b>EP3.</b> Construct valid arguments from evidence and critique the reasoning of others.</p> <p><b>EP5.</b> Build upon the ideas of others and articulate his or her own ideas when working collaboratively.</p> <p><b>EP6.</b> Use English structures to communicate context-specific messages.</p>		<p><b>MP3.</b> Construct viable arguments and critique reasoning of others.</p> <p><b>MP6.</b> Attend to precision.</p>		<p><b>SP4.</b> Analyze and interpret data.</p> <p><b>SP7.</b> Engage in argument from evidence.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>W.1.</b> Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer’s purpose.</p> <p>b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</p> <p>c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., <i>for instance, in order to, in addition</i>).</p> <p>d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</p> <p><b>SL.4.</b> Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.</p> <p><b>L.6.</b> Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., <i>wildlife, conservation, and endangered</i> when discussing animal preservation).</p>					

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**Standard 5.**

By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .					
ELP.4-5.5.	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>conduct research and evaluate and communicate findings to answer questions or solve problems . . .</p>	<p>recall information from experience and/or gather information from a few provided sources, and label some key information.</p>	<p>recall information from experience and/or gather information from provided sources, and record some information.</p>	<p>recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources to answer a question; and identify key information in orderly notes.</p>	<p>recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources to answer a question; record information in organized notes, with charts, tables, or other graphics, as appropriate; and provide a list of sources.</p>	<p>recall information from experience and/or gather information from print and digital sources; summarize key ideas and information in detailed and orderly notes, with graphics as appropriate; and provide a list of sources.</p>
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP1.</b> Support analyses of a range of grade-level complex texts with evidence.</p> <p><b>EP4.</b> Build and present knowledge from research by integrating, comparing, and synthesizing ideas from texts.</p> <p><b>EP5.</b> Build upon the ideas of others and articulate his or her own ideas when working collaboratively.</p> <p><b>EP6.</b> Use English structures to communicate context-specific messages.</p>		<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p>		<p><b>SP3.</b> Plan and carry out investigations.</p> <p><b>SP6.</b> Construct explanations and design solutions.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>W.7.</b> Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.</p> <p><b>W.8.</b> Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.</p> <p><b>W.9.</b> Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</p> <p><b>SL.4.</b> Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.</p>					

**Standard 6.**

By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .					
ELP.4-5.6.	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>analyze and critique the arguments of others orally and in writing . . .</p>	<p>identify a point an author or speaker makes.</p>	<p>identify a reason an author or speaker gives to support a main point, and agree or disagree.</p>	<p>tell how one or two reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make.</p>	<p>describe how reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make.</p>	<p>explain how an author or speaker uses reasons and evidence to support or fail to support particular points, (and at grade 5) identifying which reasons and evidence support which points).</p>
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><b>EP3.</b> Construct valid arguments from evidence and critique the reasoning of others.</p> <p><b>EP4.</b> Build and present knowledge from research by integrating, comparing, and synthesizing ideas from texts.</p> <p><b>EP5.</b> Build upon the ideas of others and articulate his or her own ideas when working collaboratively.</p>		<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p> <p><b>MP3.</b> Construct viable arguments and critique reasoning of others.</p>		<p><b>SP1.</b> Ask questions and define problems.</p> <p><b>SP6.</b> Construct explanations and design solutions.</p> <p><b>SP7.</b> Engage in argument from evidence.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>RI.8.</b> Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.</p> <p><b>W.1b.</b> Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</p> <p><b>SL.3.</b> Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.</p> <p><b>L.6.</b> Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., <i>wildlife</i>, <i>conservation</i>, and <i>endangered</i> when discussing animal preservation).</p>					

**Standard 7.**

ELP.4-5.7.	By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>adapt language choices to purpose, task, and audience when speaking and writing . . .</p>	<p>recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.</p>	<p>adapt language choices to different social and academic contents, with emerging control, and use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to.</p>	<p>adapt language choices according to purpose, task, and audience, with developing control, and use an increasing number of general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and expressions in conversation, discussions, and short written text.</p>	<p>adapt language choices and style (includes register) according to purpose, task, and audience, with increasing ease, and use a wider range of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and writing.</p>	<p>adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience, and use a wide variety of general academic and content-specific words and phrases in speech and writing.</p>
<p><b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b></p>					
<p><b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><b>EP6.</b> Use English structures to communicate context-specific messages.</p>		<p><b>MP6.</b> Attend to precision.</p>		<p><b>SP1.</b> Ask questions and define problems.</p> <p><b>SP6.</b> Construct explanations and design solutions.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<p><b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b></p>					
<p><b>W.5.</b> With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</p> <p><b>SL.6.</b> Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation.</p> <p><b>L.6.</b> Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., <i>wildlife</i>, <i>conservation</i>, and <i>endangered</i> when discussing animal preservation).</p>					



**Standard 8.**

ELP.4-5.8.	By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>determine the meaning of words and phrases in oral presentations and literary and informational text . . .</p>	<p>recognize the meaning of a few frequently occurring words, phrases, and formulaic expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, relying heavily on context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.</p>	<p>determine the meaning of some frequently occurring words, phrases, and expressions in simple oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology in his or her native language.</p>	<p>determine the meaning of frequently occurring words and phrases and some idiomatic expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events, using context, visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology (e.g., affixes, roots, and base words).</p>	<p>determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and a growing number of idiomatic expressions in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology.</p>	<p>determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases and figurative language (e.g., metaphors, similes, adages, and proverbs) in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events, using context, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology.</p>
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP1.</b> Support analyses of a range of grade-level complex texts with evidence. <b>EP6.</b> Use English structures to communicate context-specific messages.</p>		<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p>		<p><b>SP1.</b> Ask questions and define problems. <b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>Literature</b></p> <p><b>RL.4.</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Hercules).</p> <p><b>L.4.</b> Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>a. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>telegraph</i>, <i>photograph</i>, <i>autograph</i>).</p> <p>c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.</p> <p><b>L.5.</b> Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., <i>as pretty as a picture</i>) in context.</p> <p>b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.</p> <p>c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).</p>			<p><b>Informational Text</b></p> <p><b>RI.4.</b> Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a <i>grade 4 topic or subject area</i>.</p>		

**Standard 9.**

ELP.4-5.9.	By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>create clear and coherent grade-appropriate speech and text . . .</p>	<p>communicate simple information about an event or topic, with support (including context and visual aids), using non-verbal communication and, with limited control, a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences.</p>	<p>recount a simple sequence of events in order, and communicate simple information about a topic, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences), using, with emerging control, frequently occurring linking words (e.g., <i>and, then</i>).</p>	<p>recount a short sequence of events in order, and introduce an informational topic, present one or two facts about it, and provide a concluding statement, with support (including modeled sentences), using, with developing control, an increasing range of temporal and other linking words (e.g., <i>next, because, and, also</i>).</p>	<p>recount a more detailed sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce and develop an informational topic with facts and details, and provide a conclusion, using, with increasingly independent control, transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas and opinions (e.g., <i>after a while, for example, in order to, as a result</i>).</p>	<p>recount a more detailed sequence of events, with a beginning, middle, and an end, and introduce an informational topic, develop it with facts and details, and provide a concluding statement or section, using a variety of linking words and phrases to connect ideas, information, or events.</p>
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p>		<p><b>MP1.</b> Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p> <p><b>MP3.</b> Construct viable arguments and critique reasoning of others.</p>		<p><b>SP7.</b> Engage in argument from evidence.</p> <p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>Literature</b></p> <p><b>W.3c.</b> Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.</p> <p><b>W.1c.</b> Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., <i>for instance, in order to, in addition</i>).</p> <p><b>W.4.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><b>SL.4.</b> Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.</p>			<p><b>Informational Text</b></p> <p><b>W.2c.</b> Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., <i>another, for example, also, because</i>).</p>		

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## **Standard 10.**

ELP.4-5.10.	By the end of each English language proficiency level, an ELL can . . .				
	1	2	3	4	5
<p><b>An ELL can . . .</b></p> <p>make accurate use of standard English to communicate in grade-appropriate speech and writing . . .</p>	recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs; and understand and respond to simple questions with support (including context and visual aids).	recognize and use some frequently occurring nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions; and produce simple sentences in response to prompts, with support (including visual aids and modeled sentences).	use some relative pronouns (e.g., who, whom, which, that), relative adverbs (e.g., where, when, why), and prepositional phrases; produce and expand simple and compound sentences, with support (including modeled sentences).	use relative pronouns (e.g., who, whom, which, that), relative adverbs (e.g., where, when, why), subordinating conjunctions, and prepositional phrases; and produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences.	use relative pronouns (e.g., who, whom, which, that), relative adverbs (e.g., where, when, why), prepositional phrases, subordinating conjunctions, and the progressive and perfect verb tenses; and produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences.
<b>when engaging in one or more of the following content-specific practices:</b>					
<p><b>EP2.</b> Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p><b>EP6.</b> Use English structures to communicate context-specific messages.</p>		<p><b>MP6.</b> Attend to precision.</p>		<p><b>SP8.</b> Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.</p>	
<b>when engaging in tasks aligned with the following Grade 4 ELA Standards:</b>					
<p><b>L.1.</b> Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use relative pronouns (<i>who, whose, whom, which, that</i>) and relative adverbs (<i>where, when, why</i>).</li> <li>b. Form and use the progressive (e.g., <i>I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking</i>) verb tenses.</li> <li>c. Use modal auxiliaries (e.g., <i>can, may, must</i>) to convey various conditions.</li> <li>d. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., <i>a small red bag</i> rather than <i>a red small bag</i>).</li> <li>e. Form and use prepositional phrases.</li> <li>f. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.</li> <li>g. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., <i>to, too, two; there, their</i>).</li> </ul> <p><b>L.3.</b> Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.</li> <li>b. Choose punctuation for effect.</li> <li>c. Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).</li> </ul>					

## Glossary

**Content-specific:** Specific to a given discipline, content area, domain, or subject area. (Within the literature and among researchers, the term “discipline-specific” is more commonly used.) CCSSO (2012) defines it as “the language used, orally or in writing, to communicate ideas, concepts, and information or to engage in activities in particular subject areas (e.g., science)” (p. 107).

**Coherence:** A central, main theme or topic maintained across multiple sentences. One test of coherence is that sentences cannot be reordered without changing meaning.

**Cohesion:** Intra- and intersentence language connections made by using cohesive devices (e.g., pronoun or synonym replacement, logical connectors, conclusions that refer to prior content).

**Context:** This term is derived from Latin, meaning “a joining together” of external sources of information (schemas) with internal concepts (e.g., memories). It is also defined as a frame (e.g., background information, schema) that surrounds an event being examined and provides resources for appropriate interpretation (Duranti & Goodwin, 1992). As Fillmore observed, “When you pick up a word, you drag along with it a whole scene” (Fillmore, 1975, p. 114). Cummins (2000) describes effects of context on communication:

- **Context-embedded communication:** Participants can actively negotiate meaning (e.g., by providing feedback that the message has not been understood), and the language is supported by a wide range of meaningful interpersonal and situational cues.
- **Context-reduced communication:** Participants rely primarily on linguistic cues to meaning, and thus, successful interpretation of the message depends heavily on knowledge of the language itself. (p. 68)

**Culture:** (a) Different tools, thoughts, and experiences associated with a particular community of practice or certain situations (Brown, Collins, & Duguid, 1989); or (b) “an adaptive *process* [as opposed to an object that one might hold] that accumulates partial solutions to frequently encountered problems” (Hutchins, 1995, p. 354). “Human growth and creativity tend to occur not within separate and isolated cultures, but within their meeting and intermixture” (Wax, 1993, p. 108).

**ELPD Framework:** [The Framework for English Language Proficiency Development Standards Corresponding to the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards](#) (CCSSO, 2012), which provides guidance to states on how to use the expectations of the Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards as tools for the creation and evaluation of ELP standards.

**English language proficiency (ELP):** “A socially constructed notion of the ability or capacity of individuals to use language for specific purposes” (CCSSO, 2012, p. 107). Also referred to by some as English language development (ELD), ELP embodies the belief that language development is ongoing. Multiple pathways to ELP are possible, but the end goal for students’ progress in acquiring English

is to ensure full participation of ELLs in school contexts. **EP:** ELA “Practices,” which describe ways in which developing student practitioners of ELA should increasingly engage with the subject matter as they grow in content-area maturity and expertise throughout their elementary, middle, and high school years. The practices are student actions, not teaching practices. Developed for the ELPD Framework by CCSS for ELA writer Susan Pimentel as analogous to the existing mathematics and science & engineering practices, but not found in the original CCSS for ELA.

**Evidence:** Facts, figures, details, quotations, or other sources of data and information that provide support for claims or analyses and that can be evaluated by others. Evidence should appear in a form, and be derived from a source, that is widely accepted as appropriate to a particular discipline, such as details or quotations from a text in the study of literature or experimental results in the study of science. (See [Appendix A of the CCSS for ELA & Literacy](#).)

**Formulaic expressions:** See **Idioms**.

**Frequently occurring words and phrases:** As used in the ELP Standards, this refers to words and phrases used commonly in the classroom and to everyday language used in schools. It is important to note that this does *not* refer to the [Top 100 High-Frequency Words](#) (e.g., “the,” “a,” “and,” “but”). The term “basic” is not used in the ELP Standards because a term that is basic to one person may not be basic to another; acquisition of specific words and phrases depends on exposure and experiences.

**Grade appropriate:** As used in the ELP Standards, this refers to level of content and text complexity in relation to CCR standards’ requirements for a particular grade level or grade span. (See [Appendix A of the CCSS for ELA & Literacy](#) and [Defining the Core](#).)

**Idioms:** An idiom is an expression that cannot be understood from the meanings of its component words but has a meaning of its own. Usually that meaning is derived from the history of the language and culture in which it is used. Students’ acquisition of idioms progresses from literal meanings to figurative and metaphorical meanings.

- **Formulaic expressions:** Expressions produced in accordance with a mechanically followed rule or style. In the initial stages of English language acquisition, formulaic expressions are learned as a “chunk” in reference to familiar topics or objects in the immediate environment. Examples of formulaic expressions used during the initial phase of English language acquisition in schools include “go to the bathroom,” “stand in line,” and other habitually-used phrases. These prefabricated units are important because they serve as a bridge to connect vocabulary and grammar. Cowie (1998) argues that formulaic expressions are a crucial step in helping student move towards the acquisitions of idioms and the development of native-like proficiency.
- **Transparent idioms** are expressions in which the literal meaning is clearly linked to the figurative meaning, e.g., *give the green light, break the ice*.
- **Semi-transparent idioms** are expressions in which the link between literal and figurative meaning is less obvious, e.g., *beat a dead horse, save one’s breath*.

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- **Opaque idioms** are expressions with an undetectable link between literal and figurative language, e.g., *pull one’s leg, kick the bucket*.

**Informational text:** Text with a primary purpose to inform the reader about the natural or social world (includes explanatory text). See [Appendix A of the CCSS ELA & Literacy Standards](#).

**Interactive language skills:** Skills involved in producing language in spoken or written form during collaborative, interactive activities, including collaborative use of receptive and productive modalities. This modality “refers to the learner as a speaker/listener and as a reader/writer. It requires two-way interactive communication where negotiation of meaning may be observed. The exchange will provide evidence of awareness of the sociocultural aspects of communication as language proficiency develops” (Phillips, 2008, p. 96).

**Language forms:** Vocabulary, grammar, and discourse specific to a particular content area or discipline. This term refers to the surface features of language and how they are arranged according to the grammar of the language. As a means of connecting sound with meaning, it incorporates morphology, syntax, and phonology.

**Language functions:** What students do with language to accomplish content-specific tasks. As defined by Gibbons (1993), language functions can be used to describe the purposes for which language is used in the classroom. Their use offers a simple and practical way to ensure that content and language are integrated.

**Linguistic Output:** Refers to the production of language. Educators should provide ELLs with communicative tasks that require students to create the sustained output necessary for second language development. (See [Principle 7 in Principles of Instructed Second Language Acquisition](#).)

**Linking words (a.k.a. cohesive devices):** Words or phrases that can be used as sentence connectors to develop coherence within a paragraph by linking one idea/argument to another. Examples include *however, in conclusion, basically, as it turns out, at last, eventually, after all, rarely, normally, at first, often, further, and firstly*.

**Modalities (modes of communication):** “Characteristics of the ‘channels’ through which language is used, as in oral and written language versus receptive and productive language skills” (CCSSO, 2012, p. 107).

**Modeled sentences:** As used in the ELP Standards, this term refers to the provision of exemplar speech and text to students as part of the instructional process. Examples of modeled sentences in the ELP Standards include sentence frames, sentence stems, and sentence models.

**MP:** The CCSS for Mathematical Standards for Practice or Mathematical Practices. The practices describe ways in which developing student practitioners of mathematics should increasingly engage with the subject matter as they grow in content-area maturity and expertise throughout their elementary, middle, and high school years. The *Standards for Mathematical Practice* are descendants of

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the [Adding It Up proficiencies](#) (Kilpatrick, Swafford, & Findell, 2001) and the [NCTM process standards](#) (NCTM, 2000). They also descend from work on [Habits of Mind](#) (Driscoll, 1995) and the national syllabi of Singapore, Japan, and Finland. For more examples of the Mathematical Practices, see <http://www.insidemathematics.org/index.php/common-core-math-intro>.

**Nonverbal communication:** As used in the ELP Standards, this term refers the process of communication through sending and receiving wordless (mostly visual) cues between people. Examples of nonverbal communication in the ELP Standards may include gestures, nods, thumbs up or down, or facial expressions.

**Organize:** In the ELP Standards, refers to discourse that conveys temporal, causal, categorical, or other logical relationships that are consistent with the author’s apparent purpose in conveying information, narrating a story, making a persuasive argument, or some other emergent discourse form.

**Productive language skills:** Skills involved in producing language in spoken or written form. This modality “places the learner as speaker [and/or] writer for a ‘distant’ audience (one with whom interaction is not possible or is limited). The communication is set for a specified audience, has purpose, and generally abides by rules of genre or style. It is a planned or formalized speech act or written document, and the learner has an opportunity to draft, get feedback, and revise it before publication or broadcast” (Phillips, 2008, p. 96).

**Receptive language skills:** Skills involved in interpreting and comprehending spoken or written language. This modality “refers to the learner as a reader [and/or] listener/viewer working with ‘text’ whose author or deliverer is not present or accessible. It presumes that the interaction is with authentic written or oral documents where language input is meaningful and content laden. The learner brings background knowledge, experience, and appropriate interpretive strategies to the task, to promote understanding of language and content in order to develop a personal reaction” (Phillips, 2008, p. 96).

**Referent:** The thing that a word or phrase denotes or stands for; examples may include abstractions or physical examples.

**Recognize:** As used in the ELP Standards, this verb refers to instances when a student might recognize the meaning of the words, using verbal communication or non-verbal communication.

**Registers:** Distinguishable patterns of communication based upon well-established language practices, such as the language used in subject-area classrooms. Registers are a “recognizable kind of language particular to specific functions and situation. A well-known non-academic example is *sports announcer talk*” (Ferguson, 1983, p. 155).

### Research projects:

- **Short research project:** An investigation intended to address a narrowly tailored query in a brief period of time, as in a few class periods or a week of instructional time.

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- **More sustained research project:** An investigation intended to address a relatively expansive query using several sources over an extended period of time, as in a few weeks of instructional time.

**Scaffolding:** As defined in [Appendix A of the CCSS ELA & Literacy Standards](#), this refers to guidance or assistance provided to students by a teacher, another adult, or a more capable peer, enabling the students to perform tasks that they otherwise would not be able to perform alone, with the goal of fostering the students' capacity to perform the tasks on their own later on. Pedagogically, a scaffold is the support offered to students so that they can successfully engage in activity beyond their current ability to perform independently. Specific scaffolds temporarily support the development of understandings as well as disciplinary (and language) practices. Once the development takes place, the scaffolds are removed and new ones may be erected, if needed, to support new needed developmental work. For more information, see Walqui et al. (2013).

**Sentence structures:** As used in the ELP Standards and the Proficiency Level Descriptors, language structures include simple, compound, complex sentences, and the range of other language structures.

**Simple:** As used in the ELP Standards, this generally refers to the grammatical structure of a phrase, sentence, or text relative to its complexity or density. A “simple” sentence may use subject+verb+object construction without any embellishments.

**Source:** As used in the ELP Standards, this refers to speech or text used largely for informational purposes, as in research.

**SP:** The NGSS *Science and Engineering Practices*. The practices describe the behaviors that scientists engage in as they investigate and build models and theories about the natural world and the key set of engineering practices that engineers use as they design and build models and systems. The *Science and Engineering Practices* “describe behaviors that scientists engage in as they investigate and build models and theories about the natural world” (NGSS, 2013). As noted in [Appendix F of the NGSS](#) (NGSS Lead States, 2013), chapter three of the [Science Framework for K-12 Science Education](#) (NRC, 2012) provides background on the development of the *Science and Engineering Practices*. For more information and examples, see [Bybee \(2011\)](#).

**Variety of topics:** As used in the ELP Standards this refers to a range of topics that may be either familiar or unfamiliar to the student (i.e., requiring support to build the student's background knowledge or particular context knowledge).

**Visual aids:** As used in the ELP Standards, this refers to pictures, realia (objects used in real life), sketches, diagrams, pictures, labeled pictures, and picture dictionaries.

**Vocabulary:** A set of words, phrases, or expressions, within a language, that is familiar to a person. (See the PLDs for specific vocabulary expectations by the end of each ELP level.)

- **Frequently occurring vocabulary:** This includes common words and phrases, as well as idiomatic expressions.
- **Academic vocabulary** (see also [Appendix A of the CCSS for ELA & Literacy](#), p. 33):



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- **General academic words and phrases:** Vocabulary common to written texts but not commonly a part of speech; as used in the ELP Standards, analogous to Tier Two words and phrases. Bailey & Heritage (2010) refer to this as “school navigational language.”
- **Content-specific words and phrases:** Words and phrases appropriate to the topic or specific to a particular field of study. Sometimes referred to as “terms.” (*Terms* are words and phrases that are given specific meanings in specific contexts.) Bailey & Heritage (2010) refer to this as “curriculum content language.” As defined in [Language standard 6](#) of the CCSS, this refers to grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, analogous to Tier Three words. (However, the ELP Standards do not suggest that vocabulary taught to ELLs should be limited to only that defined by the CCSS.)
  - [Three Tiers of Vocabulary:](#)
    - Tier One: Words acquired through everyday speech, usually learned in the early grades.
    - Tier Two: Academic words that appear across all types of text. These are often precise words that are used by an author in place of common words (e.g., “gallop” instead of “run”). They change meaning with use.
    - Tier Three: Domain-specific words that are specifically tied to content (e.g., “Constitution,” “lava”). These are typically the types of vocabulary words that are included in glossaries, highlighted in textbooks, and addressed by teachers. They are considered difficult words that are important to understanding content.
- **Social vocabulary/language:** Cummins (2000) refers to this as “surface proficiency” and, in earlier iterations of his work, as Basic Interpersonal Communicative Skills (BICS).

**Wh- questions:** “Who,” “what,” “where,” “when,” “why,” and “how” questions.

**With prompting and support/with (some) guidance and support:** See **Scaffolding**.

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