



FOREWORD

Language and Reading English Workbook helps grade two students solve the mysteries of good grammar and master the tools they need for effective reading and communication. This handbook encourages both teachers and parents to help them extend skills lessons in entertaining and instructive ways.

Grammar skills are developed through fun-to-read rhymes. The short rhymes incorporate rules of grammar in a light, easy-to-remember way. These small kernels of information and gentle reminders are meant to supplement other lessons or texts in some cases and to stand alone in others. Of course, teachers or parents can extend the grammatical point under review or even discuss with students the meaning and application of the theory behind each rule. Sample sentences provide ideas and clues and students identify parts of speech and practice applying the skills. Then students create their own piece of writing, incorporating what they have learned and demonstrating their mastery of skills.

This workbook aims to (1) clarify the importance of correct grammar and effective reading and their usefulness in students' lives, (2) further students' knowledge of and facility with specific grammatical rules, (3) promote an interest in language and reading, (4) provide opportunities for positive reading experiences and (5) build skills that ensure greater success in many academic areas.

How does this workbook work toward these goals? To begin, it strives to show a connection between written and oral language and other pursuits in a child's life that have a particular structure or order. To a broad extent, we use the idea of rules or patterns to help demystify grammar. For each class or each child, teachers or parents are encouraged to find similar examples that help children grasp the concept of language structure in a personal way. The simulations and exercises in this workbook should be supplemented with a variety of group activity and role-playing. Students need to experience a variety of perspectives and should be placed in various roles. It would enrich the lessons to include artwork projects focusing on value themes. Effective reading and clear communication is our primary goal for students. They have to write and read in such a way that they present their ideas - imaginative or factual - in precise and pleasing language?

I urge students to carefully use this workbook to its fullest and hope that it helps you to continue the ongoing process of improving their language and reading skills.

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