

GRADES **2-3** WIDA ELD STANDARD 1 Social and Instructional Language

The Language Expectations and Language Functions of Standard 1 are interwoven and paired with those of Standards 2-5. For this reason, remember that there are no specific Language Features for Standard 1, and that the expectations for the interpretive and expressive communication modes are the same. As you can see from the reference codes, the Language Expectations are the same for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Narrate

ELD-SI.K-3.Narrate

- Share ideas about one's own and others' lived experiences and previous learning
- Connect stories with images and representations to add meaning
- Ask questions about what others have shared
- Recount and restate ideas
- Discuss how stories might end or next steps

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Inform

ELD-SI.K-3.Inform

- Define and classify objects or concepts
- Describe characteristics, patterns, or behavior
- Describe parts and wholes
- Sort, clarify, and summarize ideas
- Summarize information from interaction with others and from learning experiences

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Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Explain

ELD-SI.K-3.Explain

- Share initial thinking with others
- Follow and describe cycles in diagrams, steps in procedures, or causes and effects
- Compare and contrast objects or concepts
- Offer ideas and suggestions
- Act on feedback to revise understandings of how or why something works

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

Argue

ELD-SI.K-3.Argue

- Ask questions about others' opinions
- Support own opinions with reasons
- Clarify and elaborate ideas based on feedback
- Defend change in one's own thinking
- Revise one's own opinions based on new information

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-LA.2-3.Narrate.Interpretive

Interpret language arts narratives by

- Identifying a central message from key details
- Identifying how character attributes and actions contribute to event sequences
- Determining the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in texts, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language

ELD-LA.2-3.Narrate.Expressive

Construct language arts narratives that

- Orient audience to context
- Develop story with time and event sequences, complication, resolution, or ending
- Engage and adjust for audience

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Orient audience to context through...

- Pictures, descriptive title, opening statements (*It was a dark and stormy night; "What?!" exclaimed Mom*) to capture the reader's interest
- Expanded noun groups to introduce characters (*the old man on the block, the hungry little mouse*)
- Adverbials and prepositional phrases to establish time and location (*a hundred years ago, when I was six, on the playground, around the corner*)
- Statements to introduce problem or complication (*The boat began to leak. It all started when...*)

Develop story with time and event sequences, complication, resolution, or ending through...

- Saying verbs (*yelled, said, whispered*) to add details about characters in dialogs
- Verbs to describe what characters do, think, and feel
- Pronouns, renaming, and synonyms to reference characters, situations, or ideas across the text (*Miguel=my little brother=he; that night=the worst night*)
- Connectors to sequence time (*first, next, and then*) and events (*before, after, later*), and to combine and link event details (*and, but, so*)
- Verbs and adjectives to judge behavior and situation (*mended, destroyed, nasty, thoughtful*)
- Declarative statements to provide closure (*The End, It was over for good.*)

Engage and adjust for audience through...

- Language to address reader/listener and draw them in (*It was so exciting!*)
- Word choices to convey attitudes, develop suspense, share excitement (*my amazing adventure, super interesting, fantastic!*)
- Sensory and literary language (*yucky*), onomatopoeia (*BOOM! CRASH!*) to add interest
- Tone of voice, gesturing, acting behaviors to adjust for story audience
- Pictures and other graphics to complement storyline

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Language for Language Arts

Inform

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-LA.2-3.Inform.Interpretive

Interpret informational texts in language arts by

- Identifying the main idea and key details
- Referring explicitly to descriptions for themes and relationships among meanings
- Describing relationship between a series of events, ideas or concepts, or procedural steps

ELD-LA.2-3.Inform.Expressive

Construct informational texts in language arts that

- Introduce and define topic and/or entity for audience
- Add details to define, describe, compare, and classify topic and/or entity
- Develop coherence and cohesion throughout text

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce and define topic and/or entity for audience through...

- Descriptive title, generalized nouns to introduce topic and/or entity (*The Mississippi River, Whales*)
- Opening statements to identify type of information (describing, comparing/contrasting, classifying)
- Relating verbs (*have, be, belong to*) to define or describe topic and/or entity (*Penguins are birds that cannot fly.*)
- Factual statements without evaluative language (*brown caribou versus really cool caribou*)

Add details to define, describe, compare, and classify topic or entity through...

- Noun groups to add description and precision that answer questions about what something is like, or the color, shape, size (*four bright blue eggs*)
- Prepositional phrases to describe place or location (*next to the water, inside the Earth*)
- Timeless present verbs (*swims, eats, migrates*) to indicate generalizable nature of information
- Visuals (drawings, labeled diagrams, graphics) to support key ideas
- Signal words to show comparisons (*bigger than, the fastest, more colorful, unlike, but, similar to, different from*)

Develop coherence and cohesion throughout text through...

- Headings to organize information (*Habitat, Diet, Parts of a Plant*)
- Pronouns (*he, it, they*), demonstratives (*this, these, that, those*), renaming (*penguins=flightless birds=they*) to reference ideas and entities across text
- Single nouns to represent abstract concepts (*habitat, ecosystem, watershed*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-MA.2-3.Explain.Interpretive

Interpret mathematical explanations by

- Identifying concept or entity
- Analyzing plan for problem-solving steps
- Evaluating simple pattern or structure

ELD-MA.2-3.Explain.Expressive

Construct mathematical explanations that

- Introduce concept or entity
- Describe solution and steps used to solve problem with others
- State reasoning used to generate solution

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce a concept or entity through...

- Generalized nouns to identify concept (*fractions, equations, plot graphs*)
- Relating verbs (*be, have*) to define or describe concept (*Fractions are pieces of a whole thing.*)
- Mathematical terms to describe concept, process, purpose, or action (*mean, quotient, divide, subtract, reduce*)

Describe solution and steps used to solve problem with others through...

- Abstract nouns to establish context (*process, answer, approach, solution*)
- Past tense doing (*added, grouped*) and thinking (*thought, remembered*) verbs to recount steps
- Visuals (charts, diagrams, manipulatives, drawings) to support approach and/or solution
- Connectors to order steps (*first, next, then*) and show causal relationships (*because, so, then*)
- Compare/contrast signal words to differentiate results, approaches, objects (*Our solution is... but your group has a different solution.*)

State reasoning used to generate solution through...

- If/then clause structures to show reasoning (*if a shape only has 3 sides, then it is a triangle*)
- Declarative statements to state conclusion with a neutral stance of authority (*This shows five 3rd-grade students jumped higher than the average of seven inches.*)
- Thinking verbs to reflect on process (*I wonder if we tried, if it would be different, I think we should have done...*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-MA.2-3.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret mathematics arguments by

- Identifying conjectures about what might be true
- Distinguishing connections among ideas in justifications
- Extracting mathematical operations and facts from solution strategies to create generalizations

ELD-MA.2-3.Argue.Expressive

Construct mathematics arguments that

- Create conjecture using definitions
- Generalize commonalities across cases
- Justify conclusion steps and strategies in simple patterns
- Identify and respond to others' arguments

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Create conjecture using definitions through...

- Relating verbs (*have, belong to, be*) to make claim (*A is bigger than B because it is taller.*)
- Adverbial phrases (qualities, quantities, frequency) to add precision related to conjecture (*All squares have 4 equal sides. Triangles always have 3 sides.*)

Generalize by finding commonalities across cases through...

- A variety of structures such as comparatives (*er, est; more, most*); demonstratives (*these, both, that*) to point out similarities (*Both squares and rhombuses have 4 equal sides, $\frac{1}{2}$ is bigger than $\frac{1}{4}$*)
- Conditional structures (*if/then, when*) to draw conclusions (*If $34+68=102$ then $102-68=34$, When a number is even you can divide it into two equal parts.*)

Justify conclusion steps and strategies in simple patterns through...

- Technical nouns to add precision and details (*place value, communicative property, angles, measurement, fractions, even/odd*)
- Causal connectors (*because, so, that means*) to present case to others (*The taller rectangle isn't always bigger because you have to look at the area inside.*)
- Drawings, manipulatives, models, diagrams to support thinking

Identify and respond to others' arguments through...

- Questions (*how, what, why*) to ask for clarification or information (*How did you get your answer?*)
- Declarative statements to disagree/debate (*I disagree, I'm not sure, I got a different answer...*)
- Declarative statements to counter claim or reasoning (*5-3 is not the same as 3-5, Just because it has 4 sides that doesn't make it a square, the sides have to be equal*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SC.2-3.Explain.Interpretive

Interpret scientific explanations by

- Defining investigable questions or simple design problems based on observations, data, and prior knowledge about a phenomenon
- Obtaining and combining information from observations, and using evidence to help explain how or why a phenomenon occurs
- Identifying information from observations as well as evidence that supports particular points in explanations

ELD-SC.2-3.Explain.Expressive

Construct scientific explanations that

- Describe observations and/or data about a phenomenon
- Develop a logical sequence between data or evidence and claim
- Compare multiple solutions to a problem considering how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Describe observations and/or data about a phenomenon through...

- Abstract nouns and to introduce concepts (*habitat*)
- Declarative statements to present facts
- Cohesion to reference ideas, people across text (pronouns, renaming subject, demonstratives: *this, that*)
- Relating verbs to state relationships or attributes (*have, be, belong to*)

Develop a logical sequence between data or evidence and claim through...

- Timeless verbs to state on-going facts about phenomenon (*Rain forests create oxygen.*)
- Connectors to sequence and order events across paragraphs (*first, second, begins, ends*)
- Causal connectors to link events (*because, so that, when*)
- Prepositional phrases to provide details (*where, when, how*)
- Clauses to express sequences in time (*after digestion, when the air cools*)
- Comparatives to show similarities and differences

Compare multiple solutions to a problem considering how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution through...

- Technical terminology (*food chain, biome*) to add precision
- Comparatives to show similarities and differences
- Connectors to sequence and order events across paragraphs (*first, second, begins, ends*)
- Causal connectors to link events (*because, so that, when*)
- Prepositional phrases to provide details about where, when, how
- Clauses to express sequences in time (*after digestion, when the air cools*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SC.2-3.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret scientific arguments by

- Identifying potential evidence from data, models, and/or information from investigations of phenomena or design solutions
- Analyzing whether evidence is relevant or not
- Distinguishing between evidence and opinions

ELD-SC.2-3.Argue.Expressive

Construct scientific arguments that

- Introduce topic/phenomenon for an issue related to the natural and designed world(s)
- Make a claim supported by relevant evidence
- Establish a neutral tone
- Signal logical relationships among reasoning, evidence, data, and/or a model when making a claim

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce topic/phenomenon for an issue related to the natural and designed world(s) through...

- Generalized nouns to interpret observations and evidence (*heating, cooling, temperatures, Heating butter makes it melt.*)
- Relating verbs (*have, belong to, be*) to define topic/phenomenon
- Nouns and adjectives to add precise technical descriptions (*solid, liquid*)

Make a claim supported by relevant evidence through...

- A variety of clause structures to connect and combine ideas (*If I add heat, I can melt butter. The butter melted because it got hot.*)
- Labeled pictures, diagrams to support claim
- Verb groups to add precision to the claim and/or evidence (*soften, harden, melt, cook, burn*)

Establish a neutral tone through...

- Declarative statements to state claim, observations, conclusion (*Temperature changes materials.*)
- Technical nouns to add precision and details (*materials, reversible/irreversible changes*)

Signal logical relationships among reasoning, evidence, data, and/or a model when making a claim through...

- Reference devices (pronouns, synonyms, renaming subject) to create cohesion across text (*Ice melts when it gets heated. It becomes water. Water turns to ice when it gets cold.*)
- A variety of clause structures to explain phenomenon (*because, but, when, like, so, so that*)

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SS.2-3.Explain.Interpretive

Interpret social studies explanations by

- Determining types of sources for answering compelling and supporting questions about phenomena or events
- Analyzing sources for event sequences and/or causes/effects
- Evaluating disciplinary concepts and ideas associated with a compelling or supporting question

ELD-SS.2-3.Explain.Expressive

Construct social studies explanations that

- Introduce phenomena or events
- Describe components, order, causes, or cycles
- Generalize possible reasons for a development or event

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce phenomena or events through...

- Language to speak to the reader directly and draw them in (*Did you know?*)
- Prepositional phrases of time, place to contextualize phenomena or events
- Relating verbs (*be, have*) to define phenomena or events (*Deserts are the driest places on earth*)
- Pronouns and renaming to reference ideas and people across the text (*explorers=Spaniards=they*)
- Single nouns to represent abstract concepts (*habitat, pollution*)

Describe components, order, causes, or cycles through...

- Connectors to establish relationships among ideas: sequence examples (*first, another*); time markers (*after an earthquake, millions of years later*); causality (*because, so that*)
- Prepositional phrases to add spatial and directional details (*The river flows down the mountain.*)
- Expanded noun groups that include adjectives to answer questions about how many, and what something is like (*seven continents, longest river*)
- Past tense verbs to describe events
- Adverbials to place event in time (*last year, a long time ago, everyday*)

Generalize possible reasons for a development or event through...

- Declarative statements to evaluate and interpret events (*The fish are dying because people throw trash in the ocean.*)
- Verbs and adjectives to judge behavior or moral character (*wasting, destroying, bad*)
- Verbs to highlight agents and recipients
- Evaluative language to summarize event (*best, important, dangerous, sad*)

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Argue

Language Expectations: Multilingual learners will...

ELD-SS.2-3.Argue.Interpretive

Interpret social studies arguments by

- Identifying topic and purpose (argue in favor or against a position, present a balanced interpretation, challenge perspective)
- Analyzing relevant information from one or two sources to develop claims in response to compelling questions
- Evaluating source credibility based on distinctions between fact and opinion

ELD-SS.2-3.Argue.Expressive

Construct social studies arguments that

- Introduce topic
- Select relevant information to support claims with evidence from one or more sources
- Show relationships between claim, evidence, and reasoning

Language Functions and Sample Language Features

Introduce topic through...

- Title, generalized nouns to introduce topic (*Important People, Nurses, Community Helpers*)
- Declarative statement to present position and/or provide background information (*Nurses are the most important people in our community.*)
- Pronouns (*they, we, us*), demonstratives (*these, this, that, those*), and renaming subject (*nurses=they=helpers*) to reference topic across text
- Text connectors to sequence ideas, support (*Three reasons why nurses are important. First..., Next..., Finally*)

Select relevant information to support claims with evidence from one or more sources through...

- Prepositional phrases to identify time, place, (*last year, in January, in our town, at school*)
- Past tense verbs to describe events (*helped, fixed, took care of*)
- Evaluative verbs, adverbs, and adjectives to add author's perspective (*helped, nicely, best*)

Show relationships between claim, evidence, and reasoning through...


- Connectors (*because, so, and*) to link claims with evidence and reasoning (*Nurses are important because they help sick people feel better.*)
- Connectors show concession or comparison/contrast (*if, but; Some people don't like shots but nurses do other things to help people.*)
- Summary statements to reiterate position (*That's why nurses are important community helpers.*)

Annotated Language Samples

Annotated Language Samples exemplify the WIDA ELD Standards Framework in action. In particular, they show an ELD Standards Statement, a Key Language Use, a Language Expectation, as well as its Language Functions and Language Features contextualized in authentic grade-level texts. The samples, drawn from the work of teachers and students from across the WIDA Consortium, help make more visible the language for content learning. In this way, educators can envision how to highlight language and plan for its systematic development during content learning.

LEGEND FOR THE ANNOTATED TEXTS

Several different conventions are used to indicate example Language Features in the annotated text:

- **Language Functions (bold white text on a purple background)**
- **Connectors, sequence words (in bold)**
- Nouns and noun groups (in red with dashed underline)
- Verbs and verb groups (in green with dotted underline)
- Prepositional and adverbial phrases (in blue with diamond underline)
- *Objective/evaluative language (words or phrases) (in italics)*
- Cohesive devices (circles and arrows within the text) 
- *Clauses (underlined and italics)*
- Sentences (highlighted with boxes around them)

Note: Examples of sentences are declarative statements, statements of claims, statements foreshadowing events. See individual texts for more detail.

GRADES **2-3** WIDA ELD STANDARD 2 Language for Language Arts

Narrate

Annotated Language Sample


Context: This text was written by a multilingual student in grade 2. As part of the language arts program, the teacher asks students to write every day in a journal. This is a piece from that journal.

Prompt: It is journal writing time. You can write about whatever you would like. Maybe you want to write a story, or some of you might want to write about characters from movies you like.

Language Expectation: ELD-LA.2-3.Narrate.Expressive

Multilingual learners use language to construct language arts narratives that

- Orient audience to context
- Develop story with time and event sequences, complication, resolution or ending
- Engage and adjust for audience

Functions & Features	Olaf	Functions & Features
Orient audience to context through... Pictures Noun groups to introduce characters • <u>Olaf</u> Prepositional phrases to establish time and location • <u>in Summer</u> Engage and adjust for audience through... Word choices to convey attitudes • <u>haveing fun</u>	<p> This is <u>Olaf</u> <u>he is playing</u> <u>in Summer</u> with flowers and different animals <u>he likes</u> Summer <u>he is haveing</u> <u>fun in Summer!</u> </p> <p>Example of Student Writing</p> <div>  </div> <p> This is Olaf he is playing in Summer with flowers and different animals he like Summer he is naving fun in Summer! </p>	Develop story with time and event sequences, complication, resolution or ending through... Verbs to describe what characters do • <u>is playing</u> • <u>is haveing fun</u> Verbs to describe what characters feel • <u>likes</u> Pronouns to reference characters • Olaf ... he he ... he

Annotated Language Sample

Context: This text was written by a multilingual third grader. As the teacher worked on supporting students to develop explanations, she showed them how critical information was concentrated in the noun groups. Together, the class learned how to expand the noun groups to include details such as fewer sticky toe pads, the green anoles, etc. Students jointly constructed noun groups, comparing and contrasting which ones included sufficient information needed to communicate hereditary traits. After that, students wrote independently.

Prompt: Which green anoles (a type of lizard) were most likely to be caught by the brown anoles? Why is that?

Language Expectation: ELD-SC.2-3.Explain.Expressive

Multilingual learners use language to construct scientific explanations that

- Describe observations and/or data about a phenomenon
- Develop a logical sequence between data or evidence and claim
- Compare multiple solutions to a problem considering how well they meet the criteria and constraints of the design solution

Functions & Features	Green and Brown Anoles	Functions & Features
<p>Describe observations and/or data about a phenomenon through...</p> <p>Declarative statements to state present facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The green anoles that were born ... good. <p>Cohesion to reference ideas across text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a brown anole ... the brown anoles (renaming subject) <p>Relating verbs to state attributes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are 	<p>The green anoles that were born with fewer sticky toe scales are most likely to get caught by a brown anole because the brown anoles can't climb that good.</p>	<p>Develop a logical sequence between data or evidence and claim through...</p> <p>Causal connectors to link events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • because <p>Prepositional phrases to provide details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with fewer sticky toe scales • by a brown anole <p>Comparatives to show similarities and differences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fewer • most likely • that good