## KINDERGARTEN PROFICIENCY DESCRIPTORS FOR SORTING ACTIVITY

	with prompting and supports, use a very limited set of strategies to:	with prompting and supports, use an increasing range of strategies to:	with prompting and supports, use a wide range of strategies to:	with prompting and supports,  • listen with occasional	with prompting and supports,  • participate in short	with prompting and supports,  • participate in conversations
KINDERGARTEN	identify a few key words/attributes  from read-alouds and oral presentations of information or stories	<ul> <li>identify main topics</li> <li>answer questions about key details or parts of stories or events</li> <li>retell events</li> <li>from read-alouds, picture books, and oral presentations</li> </ul>	identify main topics answer questions about key details retell stories and events  from read-alouds, picture books, and oral presentations	participation in short conversations using a limited number of words and phrases acquired in conversations and being read to • respond verbally and nonverbally to simple yes/no and some wh- questions about familiar topics	conversations using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to • respond to simple yes/no and wh- questions	and discussions using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to  ask and answer simple questions  follow increasing number of rules for discussion  make comments of his or her own  about a variety of topics
KINDERGARTEN	with prompting and supports,  communicate basic information or feelings using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to about familiar topics, experiences, or events	with prompting and supports,  communicate information or feelings using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to  about familiar topics, experiences, or events	with prompting and supports,  express an opinion or preference using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to  about a familiar topic, text, or experience	with prompting and supports,  introduce the topic  express an opinion or preference using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to about a variety of topics, texts, or experiences	with prompting and supports,  • participate in shared research projects to answer a question recall information from experience or from a provided source	with prompting and supports, participate in shared research projects to answer a question • recall information from experience or use information from a provided source label information

KINDERGARTEN	with prompting and supports,  • participate in shared research projects to answer a question  • recall information from experience or use information from provided sources • label information present findings to a peer or small group using drawings or	orally identify the opinion or preference of others	with prompting and supports,  identify the main point of an author or speaker	with prompting and supports,  • identify the main point of an author or speaker  • identify the reasons an author or speaker gives to support main point	<ul> <li>repeat and use frequently occurring words and phrases</li> <li>recognize the meaning of high frequency words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to</li> </ul>	with prompting and supports,  use words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to  demonstrate an awareness of differences between social language and language appropriate to the classroom
KINDERGARTEN	<ul> <li>illustrations, when useful</li> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>use words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>demonstrate a developing awareness of the difference social language and language for the classroom</li> </ul>	using prompting, context, visual aids, and knowledge of morphology in the native language,  • recognize the meaning of some frequently occurring words and phrases  in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about familiar topics, experiences, or events	using prompting, context, visual aids, and some knowledge of English morphology (e.g. frequently occurring root words and their inflectional forms),  • answer and sometimes ask questions about the meaning of words and phrases in simple oral presentations and read-alouds about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	with prompting and supports,  • put events in order from an experience or familiar story  • point to or match attributes of objects in the environment	with prompting and supports,  orally retell several events from an experience or a familiar story describe objects in the environment using visual supports use some frequently occurring linking words (e.g., and, so)	with prompting and supports,  • orally retell a simple sequence of events from an experience or a familiar story  • describe objects in the environment  • use frequently occurring linking words (e.g. and, so then)

	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	
KINDERGARTEN	<ul> <li>orally retell a short sequence of events from experience or a familiar story, with a beginning, middle, and end</li> <li>describe objects in the environment use frequently occurring linking words (e.g. and, so, then)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns and verbs</li> <li>understand and respond to simple yes/no questions</li> <li>in familiar shared language activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognize and use frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs, and prepositions</li> <li>use and respond to question words</li> <li>produce simple sentences in shared language activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>recognize and use frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs, and prepositions</li> <li>use and respond to question words</li> <li>produce and expand simple sentences in shared language activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>use frequently occurring regular plural nouns, verbs, prepositions, and question words</li> <li>ask and answer questions</li> <li>produce and expand simple sentences</li> <li>in shared language activities</li> </ul>	

## GRADE ONE PROFICIENCY DESCRIPTORS FOR SORTING ACTIVITY

GRADE ONE	with prompting and supports, use an emerging set of strategies to:  • identify key words, attributes, and phrases  from read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations	with guidance and supports, use a developing set of strategies to:  • identify main topics,  • answer questions about key details  • retell some key details or events  from read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations	use an increasing range of strategies to:  • identify main topics • ask and answer questions about an increasing number of key details • retell familiar stories or episodes of stories from read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations	with prompting and supports,  Iisten with occasional participation in short conversations using a limited number of words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to  respond verbally and nonverbally to simple yes/no and some whquestions	with guidance and supports,  participate in short discussions, conversations, and short written exchanges using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to  follow rules for discussion  ask and answer simple questions to gain information or clarify understanding	<ul> <li>participate in discussions, conversations, and written exchanges using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>follow rules for discussion</li> <li>ask and answer questions to gain information or clarify understanding</li> <li>respond to the comments of others</li> <li>make comments of his or</li> </ul>
	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	deliver oral presentations	about familiar topics  with prompting and supports,	about familiar topics  • introduce the topic	her own about a variety of topics and texts  • introduce the topic
GRADE ONE	communicate basic     messages using words and     phrases acquired in     conversations, reading, and     being read to  about familiar topics,     experiences, or events	<ul> <li>deliver short simple oral presentations</li> <li>compose short written texts including drawings or illustrations</li> <li>use words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>about familiar topics, stories, experiences, or events</li> </ul>	compose written texts with drawings or illustrations use words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to include key details about a variety of texts, topics, experiences, or events	express an opinion using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to  about familiar topics, experiences, or events	<ul> <li>express opinions</li> <li>give a reason for the opinion</li> <li>use words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>about a variety of texts topics, experiences, and events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>express opinions</li> <li>give a reason for the opinion</li> <li>provide a sense of closure</li> <li>use words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>about a variety of texts, topics, experiences, or events</li> </ul>

GRADE ONE	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>participate in shared research projects to answer a question</li> <li>recall information from experiences</li> <li>gather information from provided sources.</li> <li>label and sort information into provided categories</li> <li>present findings to a peer or small group using drawings or illustrations, when useful</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>participate in shared research projects to answer a question</li> <li>recall information from experiences</li> <li>gather information from provided sources</li> <li>label and sort information</li> <li>record some information/observations in simple notes</li> <li>present findings to a small or large group using drawings or illustrations, when useful</li> </ul>	use a few frequently occurring words and phrases to identify the main point of an author or speaker	with prompting and supports,  • identify the main point of an author or speaker identify a reason an author or a speaker gives to support a point	identify the main point of an author or speaker     identify one or two reasons an author or a speaker gives to support the main point	identify the main point of an author or speaker     identify reasons an author or a speaker gives to support the main point
GRADE ONE	<ul> <li>recognize and use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>recognize the meaning and the context of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to</li> <li>recognize the meaning and context of words to demonstrate awareness of the difference between social language and language for the classroom</li> </ul>	using context, visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology,  • answer and sometimes ask questions to help determine the meaning of frequently and some less frequently occurring words and phrases  in oral presentations, readalouds, and simple texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events	using sentence context, visual aids, and some knowledge of frequently occurring root words and their inflectional forms,  • answer and ask questions to help determine the meaning of less common words, phrases, and simple idiomatic expressions  in oral presentations and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	using context, some visual aids, and knowledge of morphology (e.g., simple inflectional endings such as - ed, -ing, and some common prefixes and suffixes),  • answer and ask questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words, phrases, and idiomatic expressions  in oral presentations and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>orally retell several events from an experience, event, or a familiar story</li> <li>present basic information use of some frequently occurring linking words (e.g. and, so)</li> </ul>

## GRADES TWO to THREE PROFICIENCY DESCRIPTORS FOR SORTING ACTIVITY

	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	use an increasing range of	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	• participate in discussions,
	use an emerging set of	use a developing set of	strategies to:	actively listen to others	<ul> <li>participate in short</li> </ul>	conversations, and written
	strategies to: • identify some key words	strategies to:  • identify the main topic or	<ul> <li>determine the main idea or message</li> </ul>	occasionally participate in short conversations using a limited number of words	conversations, discussions,	exchanges using words and
	and phrases	message			and written exchanges using words and phrases	phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and
Щ	• identify the main topic or	answer questions	<ul> <li>identify or answer questions about some key</li> </ul>	and phrases acquired in	acquired in conversations,	being read to, and (at grade
TWO to THR	message/lesson	retell some key details	details that support the	conversations, reading, and being read to, and (at grade	reading, and being read to, and (at grade 3) academic	academic and domain specific words
to .	from read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral	from read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral	main idea/message • retell a variety of stories	3) academic and domain	and domain specific words	• follow the rules for
9	presentations	presentations	from read-alouds, written	specific words  • respond verbally and	<ul> <li>follow the rules for discussion</li> </ul>	discussion    ask and answer questions
≥	•		texts, and oral presentations	nonverbally to yes/no and	• ask questions to gain	to gain information or
GRADES				some wh- questions	information or clarify	clarify understanding
¥				about familiar topics	understanding • respond to the comments	build on the ideas of others     contribute his or her own
9					of others	<ul> <li>contribute his or her own ideas</li> </ul>
					• contribute his or her own	
					comments	
					about familiar topics and texts	about a variety of topics
		to all alternations all and the	South after a relevant account	th constant	th constant	and texts
	with guidance and supports,	including key details,	including relevant general and specific details,	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	<ul><li>introduce a topic</li><li>express opinions</li></ul>
	deliver short oral	deliver short oral	deliver oral presentations	verbally or nonverbally	express an opinion	create an organizational
ببر	<ul><li>presentations</li><li>compose written narratives</li></ul>	<ul><li>presentations</li><li>compose written narratives</li></ul>	• compose written narratives	express an opinion using words and phrases acquired	<ul> <li>use words and phrases acquired in conversations,</li> </ul>	structure
THREE	with drawings or	compose informational	<ul> <li>compose informational texts</li> </ul>	in conversations, reading,	reading, and being read to,	• give several reasons for the
I Ė	illustrations	texts	use illustrations, when	and being read to	and (at grade 3) academic	<ul><li>opinions</li><li>provide a concluding</li></ul>
to	compose informational	• use illustrations, when	useful		and domain specific words	statement
GRADES TWO to	texts with drawings and illustrations	<ul><li>useful</li><li>use words and phrases</li></ul>	• use words and phrases			<ul> <li>use words and phrases</li> </ul>
	use words and phrases	acquired in conversations,	acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to,			acquired in conversations,
)ES	acquired in conversations,	reading, and being read to,	and (at grade 3) academic	about familiar topics or		reading, and being read to, and (at grade 3) academic
I₩	reading, and being read to,	and (at grade 3) academic	and domain specific words	experiences	about familiar topics,	and domain specific words
9	and (at grade 3) academic and domain specific words	and domain specific words	about a variety of texts,		experiences, or events	about a variety of texts,
	and domain specific words		topics, experiences, or events			topics, experiences, or events
	about familiar texts, topics,	about a variety of texts,				
	experiences, or events	topics, experiences, or events				

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GRADES TWO to THREE	with prompting and supports,  conduct short individual or shared research projects to answer a question  recall information from experience gather information from provided sources  label information  record some information/observations in simple notes	with guidance and supports,  conduct short individual or shared research projects to answer a question  recall information from experience  gather information from provided sources  label and sort information into provided categories  record information/ observations in orderly notes.  present findings to a peer or small group in an oral or written text using drawings or illustrations, when useful	<ul> <li>conduct short individual or shared research projects to answer a question</li> <li>recall information from experience</li> <li>gather information from multiple print and digital sources</li> <li>sort evidence into categories.</li> <li>record key information/ observations in orderly notes.</li> <li>present findings to a small or large group in an oral or written text using drawings or illustrations, when useful</li> </ul>	use a few frequently occurring words and phrases to identify a point an author or a speaker makes	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>identify the main point of an author or speaker</li> <li>identify a reason an author or a speaker gives to support the main point</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>identify the main point of an author or speaker</li> <li>tell how one or two reasons support the main point an author or a speaker makes</li> </ul>
GRADES TWO to THREE	identify the main point of an author or speaker     tell how one or two reasons support the specific points an author or a speaker makes	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>repeat and use frequently occurring words and phrases</li> <li>recognize the meaning of high frequency words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to</li> </ul>	recognize and use some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to     recognize the meaning and context of words to demonstrate awareness of the difference between social language and language for the classroom	<ul> <li>adapt language choices, as appropriate, to formal and social contexts</li> <li>(at Grade 3), use general academic and content-specific words in conversations and discussions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>adapt language choices, as appropriate, to formal and social contexts</li> <li>(at Grade 3), use a wide variety of general and content-specific academic words and phrases in conversations or in short written texts</li> </ul>	using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and a developing knowledge of English morphology,  • determine the meaning of less-frequently occurring words and phrases, content-specific words, and some idiomatic expressions in oral discourse, read-alouds, and written texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events

using context, some visual aids, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of morphology (root words, some prefixes),  • determine the meaning of less-frequently occurring words and phrases and some idiomatic expressions • (at Grade 3) determine the meaning of some general academic and content-specific vocabulary • in oral discourse, readalouds, and written texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>communicate basic information about a topic</li> <li>retell a short sequence of events or familiar story</li> <li>use frequently occurring linking words (e.g., and, then)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>present information about a topic</li> <li>retell a short sequence of events from experience or a story, or explain a process, description, or comparison and contrast</li> <li>use common linking words (e.g., and, but, next, after) to connect ideas or events</li> </ul>	introduce an informational topic     present facts about the topic     recount a sequence of events, using temporal words (before, after, soon) including key details, or explain a process, description, or comparison and contrast     use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect ideas or events     provide some sense of closure	with guidance and supports,  use some collective nouns  use the past tense of some frequently occurring irregular verbs  use some frequently occurring adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions  produce and expand simple and some compound sentences	<ul> <li>use collective nouns</li> <li>use the past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs</li> <li>use an increasing number adjectives, adverbs, and conjunctions</li> <li>(at Grade 3) use comparative and superlative adjectives and adverbs</li> <li>produce and expand simp compound, and (at Grade a few complex sentences</li> </ul>
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## GRADES FOUR to FIVE PROFICIENCY DESCRIPTORS FOR SORTING ACTIVITY

GRADES FOUR to FIVE	with prompting and supports, use an emerging set of strategies to:  • identify the main topic  • retell/describe a few key details  from read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations	with guidance and supports, use a developing set of strategies to:  • determine the main idea or theme  • retell/describe a few key details  • retell familiar stories  from read-alouds, simple written texts, and oral presentations	use an increasing range of strategies to:  • determine the main idea or theme • explain how some key details support the main idea or theme • summarize part of a text from read-alouds, written texts, and oral presentations	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>participate in short         conversations, discussions,         and short written         exchanges using academic         and domain specific         vocabulary</li> <li>respond to others'         comments</li> <li>add some comments of his         or her own</li> <li>ask and answer questions         to gain information or         clarify understanding         about familiar topics and         texts</li> </ul>
GRADES FOUR to FIVE	with prompting and supports,  • deliver short oral presentations  • compose written texts with drawings or illustrations  • use academic and domain specific vocabulary  about familiar texts, topics, and experiences	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>deliver short oral presentations</li> <li>compose written narratives or informational texts</li> <li>use academic and domain specific vocabulary including a key details about familiar texts, topics, and experiences</li> </ul>	including relevant general and specific details,  • deliver oral presentations  • compose written narratives or informational texts  • integrate graphics or multimedia, when useful  • use academic and domain specific vocabulary about a variety of texts, topics, and experiences	including relevant details and examples to fully develop a topic,  • deliver oral presentations  • compose written narrative or informational texts  • integrate graphics or multimedia, when useful  • use academic and domain specific vocabulary about a variety of texts, and topics	with prompting and supports,  verbally or nonverbally express an opinion about a familiar topic using a limited number of words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to	with guidance and supports,  express an opinion about familiar topics, texts or events  introduce the topic  provide a few reasons or facts to support the opinion  use academic and domain specific vocabulary

GRADES FOUR to FIVE	<ul> <li>express an opinion about a variety of topics, texts, or events</li> <li>introduce the topic</li> <li>provide logically ordered reasons or facts to support the opinion</li> <li>provide a concluding statement or section</li> <li>use academic and domain specific vocabulary</li> </ul>	with prompting and supports,  conduct short individual or shared research projects to answer a question  recall information from experience  gather information from provided sources record some information	<ul> <li>conduct short research projects to answer a question</li> <li>recall information from experience</li> <li>gather information from print and digital sources</li> <li>summarize key ideas and information in organized notes, with charts, tables, or other graphics, as appropriate</li> <li>present findings to a small or large group in an oral or written text</li> <li>provide a list of sources</li> </ul>	with prompting and supports,  identify a point an author or speaker makes  identify a reason an author or speaker gives to support a main point	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>identify the main point of an author or speaker</li> <li>tell how one or two reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>identify the main point of an author or speaker</li> <li>describe how reasons support the specific points an author or speaker makes or fails to make</li> </ul>
GRADES FOUR to FIVE	<ul> <li>with guidance and supports,</li> <li>adapt language choices to different social and academic contexts</li> <li>use high frequency general academic and content-specific words, phrases, and expressions</li> <li>in conversation, discussions, and short written text</li> </ul>	adapt language choices according to purpose, task, and audience     use a wide range of general academic and content-specific words and phrases  in speech and writing	with prompting and supports,     use frequently occurring words and phrases     recognize the meaning of some words learned through conversations, reading, and being read to	using context, reference materials, and an increasing knowledge of English morphology (e.g. common root words and frequently occurring prefixes,  • determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words, phrases  • determine the meaning of a growing number of idiomatic expressions  in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	using context, reference materials, and knowledge of English morphology (e.g., root words, simple inflectional endings such as -ed, -ing, and some common prefixes and suffixes),  • determine the meaning of academic and content-specific words and phrases • determine the meaning of figurative language (e.g., metaphors, similes, adages, and proverbs)  in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>communicate basic information about an event or topic</li> <li>use a narrow range of vocabulary and syntactically simple sentences acquired from conversations, reading, and being read to</li> </ul>

	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	• introduce an	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	• use relative pronouns (e.g.,
ADES FOUR to FIVE	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	<ul> <li>introduce an informational topic</li> <li>develop the topic with facts and details</li> <li>recount a detailed sequence of events, or explain a process, description, or comparison and contrast</li> <li>use transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas, and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs</li> <li>understand and respond to simple yes/no questions about familiar topics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>use some relative pronouns         (e.g., who, whom, which,         that),</li> <li>use some relative adverbs         (e.g., where, when, why),</li> <li>use familiar prepositional         phrases</li> <li>produce and expand simple         and compound sentences</li> <li>recognize fragments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>use relative pronouns (e.g., who, whom, which, that),</li> <li>use relative adverbs (e.g., where, when, why),</li> <li>use prepositional phrases</li> <li>use subordinating conjunctions</li> <li>produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences</li> <li>recognize fragments and run-ons</li> </ul>
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# GRADES SIX to EIGHT PROFICIENCY DESCRIPTORS FOR SORTING ACTIVITY

GRADES SIX to EIGHT	with prompting and supports, use an emerging set of strategies to:  • identify the main topic in oral communication and simple written texts  • retell a few key details	with guidance and supports, use a developing set of strategies to:  • determine the central idea or theme in simple oral presentations or written text  • explain how the central idea or theme is supported by specific details  • summarize part of the text	use an increasing range of strategies to:  • determine two or more central ideas or themes in oral presentations or written text • explain how the central ideas/themes are supported by specific textual details • summarize a text	with prompting and supports,              actively listen to others             participate in short             conversational and written             exchanges on familiar             topics using academic and             domain specific vocabulary             present basic information             respond verbally and             nonverbally to simple             questions and some wh-             questions	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,  • participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges on familiar topics and texts using academic and domain specific vocabulary  • build on the ideas of others • express his or her own ideas • ask and answer relevant questions • add relevant information
GRADES SIX to EIGHT	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,  deliver short oral presentations  compose written narratives or informational texts  integrate graphics or multimedia, when useful  use academic and domain specific vocabulary  include relevant general and some specific details about familiar texts, topics, or events	including relevant details and examples to fully develop a topic,  • deliver oral presentations  • compose written narratives or informational texts  • integrate graphics or multimedia, when useful  • use academic and domain specific vocabulary  about a variety of texts, topics, and events	with guidance and supports,	<ul> <li>construct a claim about a variety of topics, texts, or events</li> <li>introduce the topic</li> <li>provide sufficient evidence, reasons, or facts to support the claim</li> <li>acknowledge opposing ideas</li> <li>provide a concluding statement or section</li> <li>use academic and domain specific vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>construct a claim about a variety of topics, texts, or events</li> <li>introduce the topic</li> <li>provide compelling and logically ordered evidence, reasons, or facts that effectively support the claim</li> <li>establish a formal style</li> <li>address the counterargument</li> <li>provide a concluding section</li> <li>use academic and domain specific vocabulary</li> </ul>

1	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	<ul> <li>conduct short research</li> </ul>	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,
GRADES SIX to EIGHT	<ul> <li>conduct short individual or shared research projects to answer a question</li> <li>gather information from a few provided sources</li> <li>label collected information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>conduct short research projects to answer a question</li> <li>gather information from a variety of provided print and digital sources</li> <li>summarize or paraphrase observations, ideas, and information, with labeled illustrations, diagrams, or other graphics, as appropriate</li> <li>present findings to a small or large group in an oral or written text</li> <li>cite sources</li> </ul>	projects to answer a question  • gather information from multiple print and digital sources  • use search terms effectively  • quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others, using charts, diagrams, or other graphics, as appropriate  • present findings in an organized oral or written text  • cite sources  • use a standard format for citations	• identify a point an author or a speaker makes	identify the main argument an author or a speaker makes     identify one reason an author or a speaker gives to support the argument	explain the argument an author or a speaker makes     distinguish between claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from those that are not
GRADES SIX to EIGHT	analyze the argument and specific claims made in texts or speech     determine whether the evidence is sufficient to support the claims     cite textual evidence to support the analysis	adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience     use a wide range of general academic and content-specific academic words and phrases     maintain consistency in style and tone throughout most of oral or written text	<ul> <li>adapt language choices and style according to purpose, task, and audience,</li> <li>use a wide variety of complex general academic and content-specific academic words to precisely express ideas</li> <li>maintain an appropriate and consistent style and tone throughout an oral or written text</li> </ul>	using context, visual aids, reference materials, and knowledge of morphology in the native language,  • determine the meaning of frequently occurring words, phrases, and 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 and roots words),  • determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases and frequently occurring expressions in texts about familiar topics, experiences, or events	<ul> <li>with prompting and supports,</li> <li>introduce an informational topic</li> <li>explain a brief sequence of events, process, description, or compare and contrast</li> <li>present one or two facts about the topic</li> <li>use some commonly occurring linking words (e.g., next, because, and, also)</li> <li>provide a concluding statement</li> </ul>

GRADES SIX to EIGHT	<ul> <li>introduce and develop an informational topic with facts and details</li> <li>explain a detailed sequence of events, process, description, comparison and contrast, or analysis</li> <li>use a variety of transitional words and phrases to connect events, ideas, and opinions (e.g., however, on the other hand, from that moment on)</li> <li>provide a concluding</li> </ul>	with prompting and supports,  • recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, and verbs  • understand and respond to simple questions	with prompting and supports,  • use frequently occurring nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, and prepositional phrases  • produce simple and compound sentences	with guidance and supports,  use relative pronouns (e.g., who, whom, which, that), relative adverbs (e.g., where, when, why), subordinating conjunctions, and prepositional phrases  recognize phrases and clauses within a sentence produce and expand simple, compound, and a few complex sentences	<ul> <li>use an increasing number of intensive/reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves) and verbs in the active and passive voices</li> <li>recognize and explain the function on phrases and clauses within a sentence</li> <li>recognize and correct most misplaced and dangling modifiers</li> <li>produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>use intensive/reflexive pronouns</li> <li>use verbs in the active and passive voices</li> <li>place phrases and clauses within a sentence</li> <li>recognize and correct misplaced and dangling modifiers</li> <li>(at Grade 8) use verbals (e.g. gerunds, participles, and infinitives)</li> <li>produce and expand simpl compound, and complex</li> </ul>
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## GRADES NINE to TWELVE PROFICIENCY DESCRIPTORS FOR SORTING ACTIVITY

	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	use an increasing range of	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,
GRADES NINE to TWELVE	use an emerging set of strategies to:  • identify the main topic  • retell a few key details in oral presentations and simple oral and written texts  • explain how details support the main topic	use a developing set of strategies to:  • determine the central idea or theme in oral presentations and written texts • explain how the theme is developed by specific details in the texts • summarize parts of the text	strategies to:  • determine two central ideas or themes in oral presentations and written texts  • analyze the development of the themes/ideas  • cite specific details and evidence from the texts to support the analysis  • summarize a text	<ul> <li>actively listen to others</li> <li>participate in short         conversational and written         exchanges on familiar         topics using academic and         domain specific vocabulary</li> <li>present basic information</li> <li>respond verbally and         nonverbally to simple         yes/no questions and some         wh- questions</li> </ul>	actively listen to others     participate in short     conversational and written     exchanges on familiar     topics and texts using     academic and domain     specific vocabulary     present information and     ideas     respond to simple     questions and wh-     questions	<ul> <li>participate in conversations, discussions, and written exchanges on familiar topics, texts, and issues using academic and domain specific vocabulary</li> <li>build on the ideas of others</li> <li>express his or her own ideas</li> <li>ask and answer relevant questions</li> <li>add relevant information and evidence</li> <li>restate some of the key ideas expressed</li> </ul>
GRADES NINE to TWELVE	with prompting and supports,  communicate information using words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to about familiar texts, topics, and experiences	with guidance and supports,  • deliver short oral presentations • compose written informational texts • integrate graphics or multimedia, when useful • use academic and domain specific vocabulary • include relevant general and some specific details  about mix of familiar and new texts, topics, or events	including relevant details, concepts, information, and examples to fully develop a topic,  • deliver oral presentations • compose written informational texts • integrate graphics or multimedia, when useful • use academic and domain specific vocabulary  about a variety of texts, topics, or events	with prompting and supports,  • verbally or nonverbally express an opinion about a familiar topic or event using a limited number of words and phrases acquired in conversations, reading, and being read to	with prompting and supports,  construct a claim about familiar topics or events  introduce the topic  give a reason to support the claim  provide a concluding statement  use academic and domain specific vocabulary	with guidance and supports,  construct a claim about familiar topics or events  introduce the topic  provide sufficient evidence, reasons, or facts to support the claim  acknowledge opposing ideas  provide a concluding statement  use academic and domain specific vocabulary

	• construct a claim about a	construct a substantive	with guidance and supports,	conduct both short and	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,
	variety of topics or events	claim about a variety of	gardance and supports)	more sustained research	• identify the main argument	<ul><li>explain the reasons an</li></ul>
	• introduce the topic	topics or events	conduct short research	projects to answer a	an author or speaker makes	author or a speaker gives to
Ę.	<ul> <li>provide logically ordered</li> </ul>	introduce the claim	projects to answer a	question	<ul> <li>identify one reason an</li> </ul>	support a claim
TWELVE	reasons or facts that	<ul> <li>distinguish it from a</li> </ul>	question	<ul> <li>gather and synthesize</li> </ul>	author or a speaker gives to	<ul> <li>distinguish between claims</li> </ul>
NE	effectively support the claim	counter-claim	gather information from	information from multiple	support the argument	that are supported by
	<ul> <li>establish a formal style</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>provide logically ordered</li> </ul>	multiple provided print and	print and digital sources	support the argument	evidence from those that
t	<ul><li>address the</li></ul>	and relevant reasons and	digital sources	<ul> <li>use search terms effectively</li> </ul>		are not
NINE	counterargument	evidence to support the	<ul> <li>evaluate the reliability of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>evaluate the reliability of</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>cite textual evidence to</li> </ul>
Ξ	<ul> <li>provide a concluding</li> </ul>	claim and to refute the	each source	each source		support the analysis
	statement or section	counter-claim	<ul> <li>paraphrase key information</li> </ul>	integrate information into		
	use academic and domain	<ul> <li>provide a conclusion that summarizes the argument</li> </ul>	in a short written or oral	an organized oral or written		
GRADES	specific vocabulary	presented	report	report • cite sources appropriately		
0		use academic and domain	diagrams, or other graphics,	• cite sources appropriately		
		specific vocabulary	when useful			
		opcome recasanary	<ul> <li>provide a list of sources</li> </ul>			
	analyze and evaluate the	with prompting and supports,	with prompting and supports,	with guidance and supports,	adapt language choices and	using context, increasingly
	reasoning and use of rhetoric				style according to purpose,	complex visual aids, reference
Æ	in persuasive texts, including	<ul> <li>use frequently occurring</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>adapt language choices to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>adapt language choices and</li> </ul>	task, and audience with	materials, and an increasing
TWELVE	documents of historical and	words and phrases	task and audience with	style according to purpose,	ease	knowledge of English
WE	literary significance	<ul> <li>recognize the meaning of</li> </ul>	emerging control	task, and audience with	use a wide variety of	morphology,
	determine whether the	some words learned	use some frequently	developing ease	complex general academic	<ul> <li>determine the meaning of</li> </ul>
to	evidence is sufficient to support the claim	through conversations,	occurring general academic	use an increasing number	and content-specific words and phrases	general academic and
Z	• cite specific textual evidence	reading, and being read to	and content-specific words	of general academic and content-specific words and	employ both formal and	content-specific words and
Ξ	to thoroughly support the		in conversation and	expressions in speech and	more informal styles	phrases, figurative and
ES	analysis		discussion	written text	effectively, as appropriate	connotative language, and a growing number of
4	anarysis			<ul> <li>show developing control of</li> </ul>	chectively, as appropriate	idiomatic expressions
GRADES NINE				style and tone in oral or		·
				written text		• in texts about a variety of
						topics, experiences, or
						events

GRADES NINE to TWELVE	using context, complex visual aids, reference materials, and consistent knowledge of English morphology,  • determine the meaning of general academic and content-specific words and phrases, figurative and connotative language (e.g., irony, hyperbole), and idiomatic expressions  in texts about a variety of topics, experiences, or events	with prompting and supports,  introduce an informational topic  explain a brief sequence of events, process, description, or compare and contrast  provide facts about the topic  use common linking words to connect events and ideas (e.g., first, next, because)  provide a concluding statement	introduce and develop an informational topic with facts, details, and evidence     explain a detailed sequence of events, process, description, comparison and contrast, or analysis     use a variety of more complex transitions to link the major sections of text and speech and to clarify relationships among events and ideas     provide a concluding section	<ul> <li>recognize and use a small number of frequently occurring nouns, noun phrases, verbs, conjunctions, and prepositions</li> <li>understand and respond to simple yes/no questions about familiar topics</li> </ul>	with prompting and supports,     use frequently occurring nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, and prepositional phrases     produce simple and compound sentences about familiar topics	<ul> <li>use complex phrases and clauses</li> <li>use parallel structure</li> <li>produce and expand simple, compound, and complex sentences</li> </ul>
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