

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade IXL Language Arts and Math

### IXL Sixth language arts

Here is a list of language arts skills students learn in eighth grade! These skills are organized into categories. To start practicing, log into your IXL account. IXL will track your score, and the questions will automatically increase in difficulty as you improve!

## Reading strategies

### Main idea

1. **A.1**\_Determine the main idea

### Theme

1. **B.1**\_Match the quotations with their themes
2. **B.2**\_Determine the themes of short stories

### Author's purpose and tone

1. **C.1**\_Identify author's purpose
2. **C.2**\_Which sentence is more formal?
3. **C.3**\_Compare passages for tone

## Writing strategies

### Organizing writing

1. **J.1**\_Order topics from broadest to narrowest
2. **J.2**\_Organize information by main idea
3. **J.3**\_Transitions with conjunctive adverbs

### Developing and supporting arguments

1. **K.1**\_Identify thesis statements
2. **K.2**\_Distinguish facts from opinions
3. **K.3**\_Choose evidence to support a claim
4. **K.4**\_Identify supporting details in informational texts
5. **K.5**\_Identify supporting details in literary texts
6. **K.6**\_Classify logical fallacies

## Grammar and mechanics

### Nouns

1. **BB.1**\_Form and use plurals: review
2. **BB.2**\_Form and use plurals of compound nouns
3. **BB.3**\_Identify plurals, singular possessives, and plural possessives
4. **BB.4**\_Form the singular or plural possessive
5. **BB.5**\_Identify and correct errors with plural and possessive nouns
6. **BB.6**\_Identify and correct errors with compound and joint possession

### Pronouns and antecedents

1. **CC.1**\_Identify pronouns and their antecedents
2. **CC.2**\_Use the pronoun that agrees with the antecedent

3. **CC.3** Correct inappropriate shifts in pronoun number and person
4. **CC.4** Identify vague pronoun references
5. **CC.5** Identify all of the possible antecedents

### Verb types

1. **EE.1** Identify transitive and intransitive verbs
2. **EE.2** Identify linking verbs, predicate adjectives, and predicate nouns

### Subject-verb agreement

1. **FF.1** Correct errors with subject-verb agreement
2. **FF.2** Correct errors with indefinite pronoun-verb agreement
3. **FF.3** Use the correct verb – with compound subjects

### Verb tense

1. **GG.1** Irregular past tense: review
2. **GG.2** Simple past, present, and future tense: review
3. **GG.3** Identify and correct inappropriate shifts in verb tense
4. **GG.4** Form the progressive verb tenses
5. **GG.5** Form the perfect verb tenses
6. **GG.6** Identify participles and what they modify
7. **GG.7** Identify gerunds and their functions
8. **GG.8** Identify infinitives and infinitive phrases

## IXL Math

The students are to use IXL, an on-line program where the students can practice math concepts over the summer. I am asking that students practice an hour a week or at least ten hours over the summer months. Students can practice what they need, but knowing how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers, fractions, mixed numbers and decimals (and integers for students entering 7th and 8th grade) will be helpful in ensuring success. Thank you for your help and support in making our summer reading and math programs successful.