

Grade 3 Reading Language Arts

STAAR Strand 2 – Comprehension Skills	
Grade 3 TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/STAAR-Tested Student Expectations	
<p>Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (E) make connections to personal experiences, ideas in other texts, and society; (F) make inferences and use evidence to support understanding; (G) evaluate details read to determine key ideas (H) synthesize information to create new understanding; and (I) monitor comprehension and make adjustments such as re-reading, using background knowledge, asking questions, and annotating when understanding breaks down. 	
Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
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STAAR Strand 3 – Response Skills	
Grade 3 TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/STAAR-Tested Student Expectations	
<p>Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:</p> <p>(C) use text evidence to support an appropriate response; and (D) retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order.</p>	
Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment	
	<p>Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed. The student is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use text evidence to support an appropriate response (2) • retell and paraphrase texts in ways that maintain meaning and logical order (2) • use text evidence to support an appropriate response (1) • retell texts in ways that maintain meaning (1) • wug"vgzv"gxkfgpeg"vq"uwr rqtv"cp"cr rtqr tkcvg"tgu rqpug"*M+ • tgvgnn"vgzvu"kp"yc{u"vjcv"o ckpvckp" o gcpkpi "*M+

STAAR Strand 4 – Literary Elements and Genres

Grade 3 TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/STAAR-Tested Student Expectations

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts—literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:

- (A) infer the theme of a work, distinguishing theme from topic;
- (B) explain the relationships among the major and minor characters;
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Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts—genres. The student recognizes and analyzes genre-specific characteristics, structures, and purposes within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse texts. The student is expected to:

- (B) explain rhyme scheme, sound devices, and structural elements such as stanzas in a variety of poems;
- (C) discuss elements of drama such as characters, dialogue, setting, and acts;
- (D) recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
 - (i) the central idea with supporting evidence; and
 - (iii) organizational patterns such as cause and effect and problem and solution.

Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

Multiple genres: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts—literary elements. The student recognizes and analyzes literary elements within and across increasingly complex traditional, contemporary, classical, and diverse literary texts. The student is expected to:

- discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance (2)
- describe the main character’s (characters’) internal and external traits (2)
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- describe the importance of the setting (2)
- discuss topics and determine theme using text evidence with adult assistance (1)
- describe the main character(s) and the reason(s) for their actions (1)
- describe plot elements, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution, for texts read aloud and independently (1)
- describe the setting (1)
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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

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- describe the elements of plot development, including the main events, the problem, and the resolution for texts read aloud with adult cuukuvcepeg"*M+
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- explain visual patterns and structures in a variety of poems (2)
- discuss elements of drama such as characters, dialogue, and setting (2)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
 - (i) the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance (2)
 - (ii) features and graphics to locate and gain information
 - (iii) organizational patterns such as chronological order and cause and effect stated explicitly (2)
- discuss rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration in a variety of poems (1)
- discuss elements of drama such as characters and setting (1)
- recognize characteristics and structures of informational text, including:
 - (i) the central idea and supporting evidence with adult assistance (1)
 - (ii) features and simple graphics to locate or gain information (1)
 - (iii) organizational patterns such as chronological order and description with adult assistance (1)
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STAAR Strand 5 – Author’s Purpose and Craft

Grade 3 TEKS Knowledge and Skills Statement/STAAR-Tested Student Expectations

Author’s purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors’ choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author’s craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:

(A) explain the author’s purpose and message within a text;

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Prerequisite Skills/Links to TEKS Vertical Alignment

Author’s purpose and craft: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses critical inquiry to analyze the authors’ choices and how they influence and communicate meaning within a variety of texts. The student analyzes and applies author’s craft purposefully in order to develop his or her own products and performances. The student is expected to:

- discuss the author’s purpose for writing text (2)
- discuss the author’s purpose for writing text (1)
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- discuss how the author uses words that help the reader visualize (1)
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