



# Academic VOCABULARY Toolkit for Elementary

Grades 3–5

Mastering High-Use Words for Academic  
Achievement in Elementary School

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Program Overview

# Academic Vocabulary Toolkit



## Mastering High-Use Words for Academic Achievement

- Prepare young learners to build communication skills in the Common Core State Standards era
- Expand understanding of new words with embedded grammar and syntax targets
- Teach words in any order for cross curricular needs

### Meet the Program Authors



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## Program Overview

### Teach using Dr. Kinsella’s distinctive vocabulary routine.

- Each word is taught over a five-day instructional sequence, moving from structured partner interactions to increasingly complex discussions and written applications.
  - Day 1: **Introduce the word** Explore meaning, pronunciation, forms and word partners.
  - Day 2: **Talk about it** Exchange ideas applying the new word with a partner.
  - Day 3: **Collaborate – Our Turn** Write formal sentences with a partner and the teacher.
  - Day 4: **Be an Academic Author** Read a prompt and write a framed academic response.
  - Day 5: **Construct a Response** Read a prompt and write an original academic response.

- Students develop mastery of high-use academic words aligned with critical CCSS-based competencies.

CCSS Competency	Gr 3 Sample Words	Gr 4 Sample Words	Gr 5 Sample Words
Describe	behavior, event	trait, location	style, situation
Sequence	order, before	prior, afterward	previously, preceded
Create	organize, assemble	elaborate, revise	collaborate, propose
Cause-Effect	cause, consequence	occur, lead	impact, outcome
Analyze Text	topic, detail	focus, emphasize	evidence, significant
Compare-Contrast	alike, opposite	similarity, difference	comparison, identical
Infer	predict, clue	assume, conclude	interpret, context
Argue	believe, reason	convincing, fact	perspective, argue

- The new Teacher’s Guide is packed with routines, guided scripts, pacing options, and a DVD with model lessons taught by Dr. Kinsella and Ms. Hancock during ELA and ELD classes.
  - o Conduct daily formative assessments with Smart Starts to gauge student understanding
  - o Lead your students through engaging verbal and written tasks
  - o Ensure students are able to use vital vocabulary tools

## Academic Competency

- Emphasis today is on close analytical reading, evidence-based discussion, and text-dependent written responses. Students will be required to articulate their text comprehension, synthesize, and justify claims using complex and varied sentences, precise vocabulary, and grammatical accuracy.
  - o *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit* is divided into eight units that are recursive across grades 3, 4, and 5
  - o Each unit addresses a competency required for advanced literacy tasks and skillful communication
  - o The eight consistent units emerged from a detailed analysis of the shifts in the standards for literacy and language instruction and performance-based assessments
  - o Students need a practical toolkit of words at their disposal to describe, sequence, interpret, analyze, make inferences, and discuss cause and effect
  - o At each grade level, *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit* provides students with a new set of words to expand their communicative repertoire for the eight foundational competencies

## Create enthusiasm for language study

- Equip students with the communicative confidence and competence to meet the academic discourse demands of upper elementary coursework
- Propel students to reach not only their academic potential but their social potential as well



## Academic Competency— Aligned Units across Grade Levels

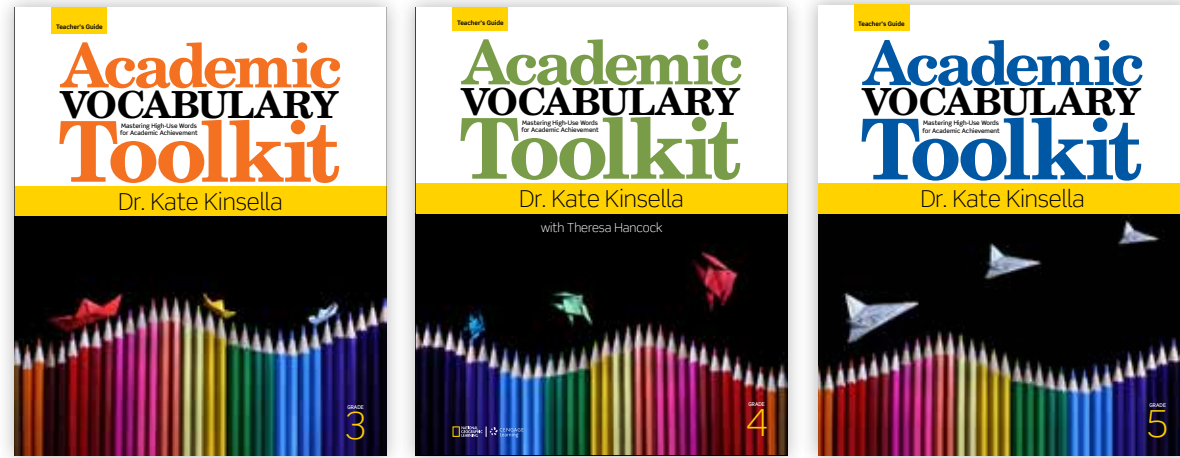
### Teacher's Guide

	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5	
<b>Unit 1</b> Describe	type behavior physical	personality contain event	character trait appearance	include experience location	description aspect quality	characteristic illustrate respond
<b>Unit 2</b> Analyze Informational Text	important topic detail	information fact example	focus essential emphasize	precise message major	significant section discuss	context excerpt concept
<b>Unit 3</b> Cause and Effect	cause effect problem	solution happen change	result consequence affect	lead occur reaction	impact factor result	alter influence outcome
<b>Unit 4</b> Sequence	order next before	after finally following	process final afterward	following previous prior	initially previously subsequently	eventually ultimately preceding
<b>Unit 5</b> Create	complete task prepare	provide organize response	present develop provide	revise demonstrate elaborate	produce propose collaborate	accomplish create strategy
<b>Unit 6</b> Compare and Contrast	alike different similar	difference similarity opposite	similar difference similarity	differently common unlike	comparison comparable contrast	identical unique differ
<b>Unit 7</b> Inference	decide predict figure out	probably clue prediction	conclude assume conclusion	assumption determine communicate	interpret infer deduce	context presume imply
<b>Unit 8</b> Argument	believe reason agree	disagree experience support	opinion fact argument	convince evidence convincing	perspective persuade position	reasonable support opposing



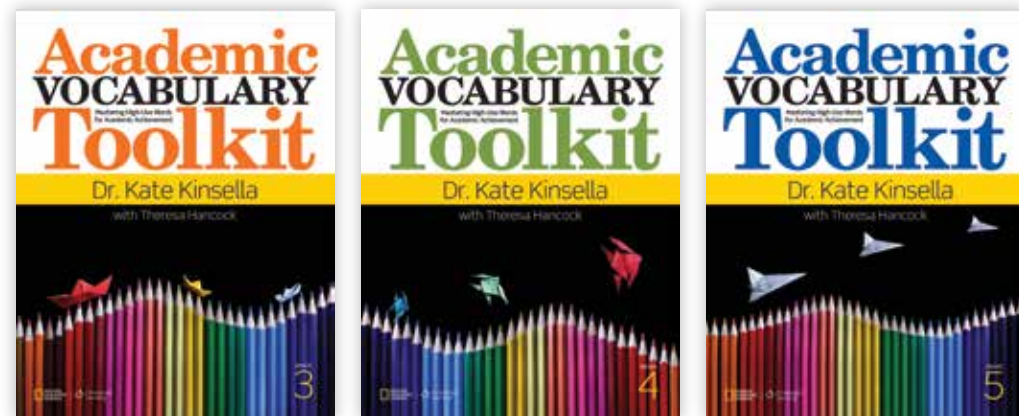
# Program Resources

## Teacher's Guide



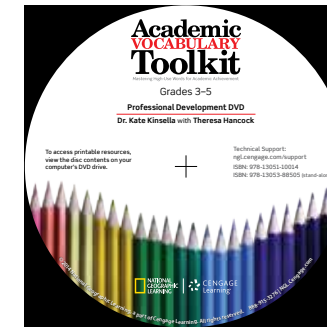
- Practical Implementation Tips
- Five-day pacing Plan to provide consistent, interactive instruction
- Explicit instructional guidance and modeling
- On-going progress monitoring to support learning
- Research Base and Best practices

## Student Edition



- Introduce standards-aligned concepts with the Unit Openers to provide context for academic vocabulary with daily formative assessments with Smart Starts to gauge student understanding
- Clear, student-friendly definitions, relevant example sentences
- Illustrative photographs
- Word forms, families, partners
- Immediate practice – verbal and writing
- Grammar tips included

## Professional Development DVD



- Features model lessons and guided cues for a successful implementation of the *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit*
- Showcases live-from-the-classroom model lessons from a variety of learning environments
- Promotes rich opportunities for discussion to support professional learning communities

## Online Support



- Access more teaching tools and resources to include:
  - o Reference Posters
  - o End of Unit Assessment Rubric
  - o End of Unit Assessment Classroom Summary
  - o Academic Interactions Card

## Student Edition

**Toolkit Unit 8 | Argument**

**Argument**  
To make an argument means to explain why you believe something is true by supporting it with convincing reasons, relevant examples, and personal experiences.

**Read It** Read the sentences. Underline the best reason, example, or experience to support each argument.

- Young children should get plenty of rest.
  - Research shows that 8 hours of sleep helps kids stay healthy.
  - One reason is that cold viruses make many people sleepy.
  - For example, some children enjoy staying up late playing video games.
  - One reason is that many children enjoy drinking milk.
  - For example, school lunches have too many sweets and desserts.
  - In my experience, I have friends who have cavities from eating too much candy.
- Eating too much sugar is unhealthy.
  - Schools should provide at least 15 minutes for recess. One important reason is that students need a break between subjects to stay focused after a break, and breaks are essential.

**Try It** Write one convincing reason to support the argument. Schools should provide at least 15 minutes for recess. One important reason is that students need a break between subjects to stay focused after a break, and breaks are essential.

**Rate Word Knowledge**  
Rate how well you know Toolkit words you'll use when you prepare to argue.

Word	Know It	Know It	Know It
believe	1 2 3 4	opinion	1 2 3 4
reason	1 2 3 4	fact	1 2 3 4
agree	1 2 3 4	argument	1 2 3 4
disagree	1 2 3 4	evidence	1 2 3 4
experience	1 2 3 4	convince	1 2 3 4
support	1 2 3 4	convincing	1 2 3 4

Introduce standards-aligned concepts with the **Unit Openers** to provide context for academic vocabulary

Introduce each **Toolkit word** in a meaningful way

**evidence**  
noun

Say it: ev • i • dence

Write it: \_\_\_\_\_ Write it again: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meaning**  
facts or information that prove something is true

**Synonyms**  
• proof; facts

**Examples**

- There is a lot of **evidence** that eating too much sugar leads to \_\_\_\_\_.
- One piece of **evidence** that the bicycle was in an accident was the seriously bent \_\_\_\_\_.

**Forms**

- Singular:** evidence
- Plural:** evidence

**Word Partners**

- convincing evidence
- one piece of evidence

**Examples**

- My friend's perfect score on the spelling test was **convincing evidence** that she had studied every night.
- The smashed window is just **one piece of evidence** that the storm was powerful.

**Try It**  
The broken plate and frosting all over the floor were **convincing evidence** that my dog had eaten the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Access the Toolkit**

- Clear, student-friendly definitions
- Relevant example sentences
- Illustrative photographs
- Word forms
- Word families
- Word partners (high-frequency collocations)
- Immediate practice of the **Toolkit word** with the **Try It** activity

**Actively engage students with Verbal Practice** using sentence frames that ensure competent academic interactions

**VERBAL PRACTICE**

**Talk about it** Discuss ideas with your partner, listen to classmates, and then write your favorite idea.

Discuss Listen Write

- The researchers collected **evidence** to show that the water was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Constant yawning is convincing **evidence** that you are extremely \_\_\_\_\_.

**evidence**  
noun

**WRITING PRACTICE**

**Collaborate**  
Discuss ideas with your partner and agree on the best words to complete the frame.

Discuss Agree Write Listen

To convince our teacher to allow us to \_\_\_\_\_ during tests, we need strong \_\_\_\_\_ that it will help us relax and focus.

**Our Turn**  
Read the prompt. Work with the teacher to complete the frames. Write a thoughtful response that includes a convincing reason.

Discuss Listen Write

**PROMPT:** What is one thing you would change about your neighborhood? What is one piece of evidence you can use to show the change is needed?

One thing I would do to improve my neighborhood is to add more \_\_\_\_\_.

One piece of \_\_\_\_\_ that would convince leaders to make this addition is that it would help people \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author**  
Read the prompt and complete the frames. Strengthen your response with a convincing reason.

Write Discuss Listen

**PROMPT:** If you were selecting a student to lead a class project, what would you consider to be the most important skill? What convincing evidence would help you make your decision?

When selecting a student to lead a class project, one important skill is being able to \_\_\_\_\_.

Observing that student \_\_\_\_\_ would be convincing \_\_\_\_\_ to support my decision.

**Construct a Response**  
Read the prompt and construct a thoughtful response. Include a convincing reason to strengthen your response.

Write Discuss Listen

**PROMPT:** Do you believe that school lunches should include more healthy choices? What convincing evidence supports the argument that school lunch menus need to include more healthy foods?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Expand understanding with **Verbal and Writing Practice** using a gradual release model

- Collaborate:** partners discuss and complete sentence frames
- Our Turn:** with teacher guidance, students read and respond to a writing prompt to complete sentence frames
- Be an Academic Author:** students independently read and respond to a writing prompt to complete sentence frames
- Construct a Response:** students apply the Toolkit word and relevant content in a written response and then discuss that response

Conduct daily formative assessments with **Smart Starts** to gauge student understanding

**evidence**

**SMARTSTART**

**REVIEW: convince** verb

1 I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ my parents to let me \_\_\_\_\_.

**evidence** noun

2 After reviewing the \_\_\_\_\_, he found in the cafeteria, the janitor concluded that several \_\_\_\_\_ had a food fight during lunch.

3 The photos of the girl's injuries present convincing \_\_\_\_\_ that skateboarding can be \_\_\_\_\_.

4 The school principal accused the student of \_\_\_\_\_ but he could not provide one piece of \_\_\_\_\_ to support his claim.

5 The fact that you're becoming stronger, faster, and more flexible is all convincing \_\_\_\_\_ that your exercise plan is \_\_\_\_\_.

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**grammar tip**

**Noncount nouns** name things that can't be counted. Noncount nouns have the same form for "one" or "more than one." Do not add an -s to a noncount noun to make it plural.

**EXAMPLE:** When I get home from a trip, I have to unpack my **luggage** and make sure all of my **homework** is finished.



## Teacher's Guide

Follow the five-day pacing plan to provide consistent, engaging instruction and practice in developing academic vocabulary

Conduct lessons with explicit instructional guidance and model responses for each step of the lesson

### Unit 8: evidence

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#### TOOLKIT WORD

- Point to the Toolkit word** Today's Toolkit word is evidence. Listen: evidence, evidence. Now let's say it together: evidence.
- Say it** Listen as I say it in syllables. Point to the stressed syllable that I say louder. Now, repeat it and tap out the syllables.
- Part of speech** The word evidence is a noun. A noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. Evidence is an idea.
- Write it** Copy the word evidence carefully.
- Say** evidencia. Say the word with me (or invite a student to model): evidencia. Now let's write it under our Toolkit word.
- Brief verbal example** Last weekend, I thought I pushed start on my dishwasher. Unfortunately, when I began to empty the dishwasher, I discovered dirty, unwashed dishes. I had forgotten to start the dishwasher, and the dirty dishes were the evidence of my mistake.
- Meaning** Read it aloud. Have students chorally reread it.
- Synonyms** A synonym for the noun evidence is proof. In my example, I forgot to start the dishwasher, and the dirty dishes were the proof, or the... Students say: evidence.
- Pictures and Examples** Let's look at the first picture. We see a dentist looking into a boy's open mouth. Read the first Example sentence. Underline the Toolkit word evidence. Eating too much sugar can damage your teeth, so let's write the word cavities. Echo-read the sentence.

- Repeat step 8 with the second picture and example.
- Forms and Family** Evidence is a noun that can be counted. It has a singular form with no -s. Say it: evidence. This noun is not pluralized with an -s. Rather, you can say lots of evidence or pieces of evidence.
- Word Partners** Echo-read the first sentence. Underline the word partners convincing evidence in the sentence. We use this set of word partners when we want to talk or write about having information or proof that something is true. Now let's look at another set of word partners. Read the sentence with me. Underline the word partners one piece of evidence in the sentence. When the plural form of a noun is the same as the singular form, we often use the phrase one piece of to signal one part of the information. In this sentence, the storm probably caused a lot of damage, but the smashed window is just one piece of evidence.

- Try it**
  - Introduce the frame.** Have students read along silently. Provide and explain the example *cake*. Have students echo-read the example sentence. Provide additional examples.
  - Have students think about how to complete the frame with relevant content.** Direct students to share completed frames. *As* go first. Read your sentence to your partner twice. First, read it fluently. Second, make eye contact and say it with expression. Then, switch roles. *As* share your sentence twice, and *As* listen.
  - Preselect 2 students to begin the class discussion.** Call on 3 more students. Listen as your classmates share ideas. Record and display a list of shared examples. Write one additional idea next to your own.

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Cognates/Home Language

Repeat Steps

Academic Interactions Card

Grammar Tip

[ngl.cengage.com/avt/elementary](http://ngl.cengage.com/avt/elementary)

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**evidence** noun

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**Meaning** Facts or information that prove something is true

**Examples**

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- My friend's perfect score on the spelling test was convincing evidence that she had studied every night.
- The smashed window is just one piece of evidence that the storm was powerful.

**Try it** The broken plate and frosting all over the floor were convincing evidence that my dog had eaten the cake (cupcake, cookie).

**VERBAL PRACTICE**

**Talk about it** Discuss ideas with your partner, listen to classmates, and then write your favorite idea.

**1.** The researchers collected evidence to show that the water was polluted (bat clean).

**2.** Constant yawning is convincing evidence that you are extremely tired (bored, sleepy).

DAY 2 SMART START p. T160

Repeat Day 1, steps 1–4. Review the meaning and the first example.

#### VERBAL PRACTICE

##### Talk About It

- Echo-read the directions.** Introduce the first frame and explain the grammatical cue. Underline was. Was is a past-tense verb. After was, we need to write an adjective that describes water that researchers would collect. Provide and explain the example *polluted*. Have students echo-read the example sentence. Provide additional examples. Think about how you could complete the frame.
  - Discuss** Direct students to share ideas. *As* go first. Read your sentence aloud to your partner. Then, make eye contact and repeat your sentence with expression. *As* listen carefully. Then, switch roles. Keep sharing ideas back and forth. You will complete the frame after we've had our class discussion.
  - Listen** Preselect 2 students to begin. Call on 2–3 more. Remind students to compare ideas, listening for similarities.
  - Write** Record and display a list of shared examples. Have students write one. Write your own, a partner's, or one from the class discussion.
- Repeat the process for sentence frame #2. Underline the words yawning and you are extremely. We need to think of an adjective to describe someone who yawns, such as *tired*. Provide additional examples.

**evidence** noun

**WRITING PRACTICE**

**Collaborate** Discuss ideas with your partner and agree on the best words to complete the frames.

To convince our teacher to allow us to listen to music, we can make convincing evidence that it will help us relax and focus. We need strong evidence that it will help us relax and focus.

**Our Turn** Read the prompt. Work with the teacher to complete the frames. Write a thoughtful response that includes a convincing reason.

**prompt:** What is one thing you would change about your neighborhood? What is one piece of evidence you can use to show the change is needed?

One thing I would do to improve my neighborhood is to add more street lights, sidewalks, parks, and trees.

One piece of evidence that would convince leaders to make this addition is that it would help people see at night, walk their dogs, play with friends, and enjoy their neighborhood.

**Be an Academic Author** Read the prompt and complete the frames. Strengthen your response with a convincing reason.

**prompt:** If you were selecting a student to lead a class project, what would you consider to be the most important skill? What convincing evidence would help you make your decision?

When selecting a student to lead a class project, one important skill is being able to listen to others, organize materials, draw pictures, and ask questions (gather supplies, sketching examples).

Observing that student evidence would be convincing to support my decision.

**Construct a Response** Read the prompt and construct a thoughtful response. Include a convincing reason to strengthen your response.

**prompt:** Do you believe that school lunches should include more healthy choices? What convincing evidence supports the argument that school lunch menus need to include more healthy foods?

I believe that school lunches need to include healthy choices. One piece of evidence that supports this argument is that all of my school students rarely have any fresh fruit or vegetables on the menu.

**grammar tip** Noncount nouns name things that can't be counted. Noncount nouns have the same form for "one" or "more than one." Do not add an -s to a noncount noun to make it plural. **EXAMPLE:** When I get home from a trip, I have to unpack my luggage and make sure all of my homework is finished.

DAY 3 SMART START p. T160

#### WRITING PRACTICE

##### Collaborate

- Explain the grammar tip.** Direct attention to the grammar tip and have students read along silently.
- Introduce the frame.** Draw attention to evidence as a noncount noun. Point out the adjective strong. The adjective strong is similar to the word partner convincing. Have students write the TW, evidence. In the first blank, the preposition to signals that we need to add an idea with a verb in the base form, such as listen to music. Have students echo-read the example sentence aloud. Provide additional examples. Cue students to think about how to complete the frame with relevant content.
- Discuss, Agree, & Write** Rehearse language for collaboration. Let's review the process. A asks the question: What should we write? B replies: We could write... B then asks: What do you think makes sense? A replies: Let's write... Direct students to brainstorm ideas, agree on one, and both write it. After you have each shared at least two ideas, agree on one, write it, and take turns reading it aloud.
- Listen** Preselect 2 students to share sentences aloud. Call on 2–3 more. Remind students to listen for similarities. Listen to your classmates and compare ideas. Record and display shared examples. Write one additional idea.

#### Our Turn

- Echo-read the directions.** Introduce the prompt and the frames. Cue students to read along silently. Review the grammar tip and point out the word partner One piece of. Have students write the TW, evidence.
- Discuss & Listen** Explain the first frame. For the first blank, point out the adjective more. Explain that a plural noun is needed, such as street lights. Provide additional examples. Have partners brainstorm ideas. Call on 2–3 students to report using the frame One idea we had was... In the next frame, underline the words that would help people. We need to add a reason that explains how the plural noun in the first frame is helpful. We need to start our idea with a verb in the base form, such as see at night. Prompt students to echo-read the example. Provide additional examples.
- Write** Cue students to think about how to complete the frames with relevant content, then write a strong response.
- Discuss** Direct students to share and restate responses multiple times using the frame So you're saying that... .
- Listen** Preselect 2 students to begin. Call on 2–3 more students. Prompt students to listen for an additional idea and similarities: I have a similar opinion. Record and display shared examples. Write one additional idea. Have partners compare ideas using the frame I selected... .

DAY 4 SMART START p. T160

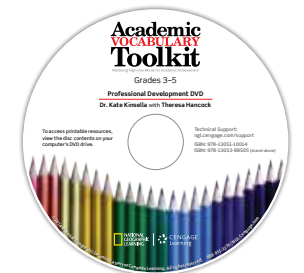
#### Be an Academic Author

- Echo-read the directions and prompt. Introduce the frames.** Cue students to read along silently. Point out key words in the prompt. Underline: selecting a student, important skill, and convincing evidence to make a decision. Point out the word partner convincing before the last blank. Cue students to write the TW, evidence. Explain the first frame. Point out the preposition to. In the first blank we need to add an idea that begins with a verb in the base form, such as listen to others. Have students echo-read the example sentence in addition on 3–4 students to report using the frame We thought of... Have students echo-read the example sentence. Provide additional examples.
- Write** Direct students to complete the frames.
- Discuss** Direct students to share and restate responses.
- Listen** Preselect 2 students to begin the class discussion. Call on 2–3 more students. Record and display shared responses. Write one additional reason that you agree with, above your own.

DAY 5 SMART START p. T160

#### Construct a Response

- Echo-read the directions and prompt.** phrase and underline key words: One piece of... .
- Write** Stress the grammar tip and cue students to think about how to complete the frame with relevant content.
- Discuss** Direct students to share responses and restate responses.
- Listen** Preselect 2 students and call on 2–3 more students. Record and display shared responses. Write one additional idea.



Observe Academic Vocabulary Toolkit lessons taught by the authors

Assess and analyze results to monitor and support learning

Summary to record

Unit 8	Unit 9	Unit 10	Unit 11	Unit 12
Unit 8 (100)	Unit 9 (100)	Unit 10 (100)	Unit 11 (100)	Unit 12 (100)

Unit 8 | Argument

fact argument convince convincing

Directions: Use one Toolkit Word from this unit and add your own idea to complete the frame.

- In my teacher's \_\_\_\_\_, doing homework is essential if I want to pass the next \_\_\_\_\_ about the solar system is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- One important \_\_\_\_\_ is one of several planets that orbit around the Sun. \_\_\_\_\_.
- To get the principal to agree that the cafeteria should serve \_\_\_\_\_ with statements from health experts every day, support your \_\_\_\_\_ with my brother to \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is usually easy for me to \_\_\_\_\_ with me after school every day. \_\_\_\_\_.
- The steak bone on the sidewalk was one piece of \_\_\_\_\_ that had gotten into the garbage can. \_\_\_\_\_.
- One \_\_\_\_\_ reason for having the sports contest on Monday instead of Friday is that students need the weekend to \_\_\_\_\_ their speeches.
- Directions: Read the prompt and add the best Toolkit word from the word bank. Then complete the frame. Strengthen each response with a relevant example or convincing reason.
- Directions: Imagine that some teachers asked your school to buy an electronic tablet for every student in your school. What is one \_\_\_\_\_ reason to buy the tablet? One \_\_\_\_\_ reason to buy the tablets is that students can do science research. \_\_\_\_\_ more effectively if they don't have to take turns sharing the class computer. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Directions: Write one \_\_\_\_\_ that students play outdoors after school every day? \_\_\_\_\_ should kids play outdoors after school every day? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Directions: Write one \_\_\_\_\_ that students play outdoors after school every day? \_\_\_\_\_ should kids play outdoors after school every day? \_\_\_\_\_.

## Assessment

### Assess with a Variety of Formative, Interval and Summative Assessments

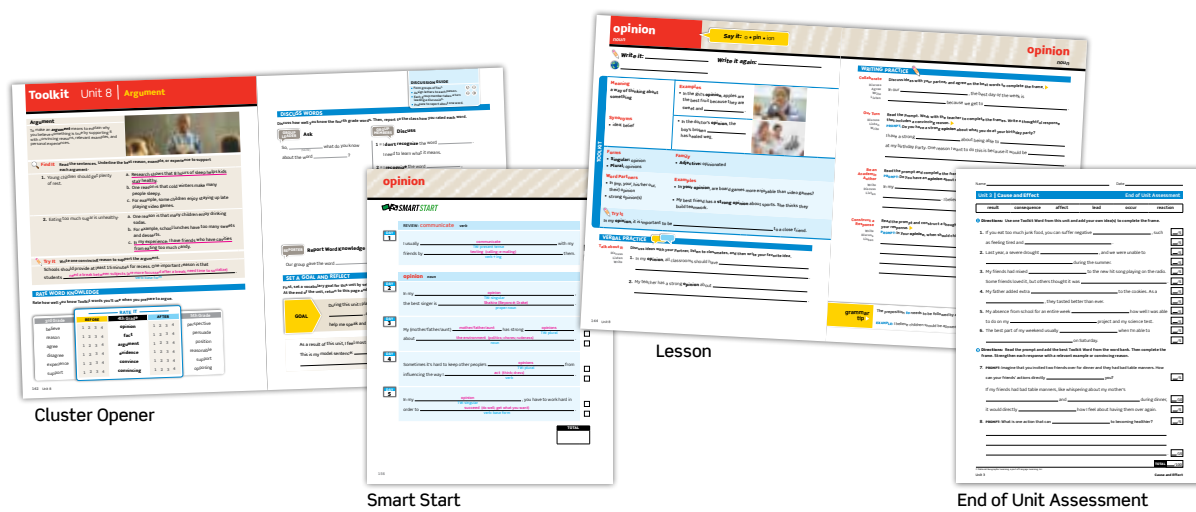
Next generation assessments require students to demonstrate understanding with constructed responses, performance-based tasks that include listening, speaking, and writing, and demanding collaboration tasks. The *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit's* highly interactive lessons provide daily opportunities for students to collaborate and develop listening, speaking, and writing skills using competency-aligned academic vocabulary. The *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit* assessments will help inform your instruction and evaluate student progress throughout the year using daily formative, interim monitoring, and summative measures that require students to demonstrate understanding with constructed responses and performance-based tasks.

The daily and weekly formative assessments and interval assessments are provided in the *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit* Student Edition. The End of Unit Assessments are provided in the *Academic Vocabulary Toolkit* Teacher's Guide.

Each End of Unit Assessment:

- assesses vocabulary and relevant academic language required for each competency
- reflects literacy and language shifts of new standards
- provides ample opportunities for students to prepare for constructed responses and performance-based task demands of next generation assessments.

These standards-aligned unit assessments allow teachers to formally monitor students' command of academic language, high-utility vocabulary, and effective verbal and written expression for advanced communication and literacy demands of intermediate grades curricula.



### Daily and Weekly Formative Assessments

- › **Smart Start** brief, focused daily assessment frames inform instruction
- › **Verbal Practice** lesson sentence frames deepen understanding and develop listening and speaking fluency
- › **Writing Practice** lesson sentence frames provide practice with writing performance tasks that require students to interpret prompts, state claims, and develop ideas using appropriate syntax, precise vocabulary, and correct grammar

### Interval Assessments

- › **Rate Word Knowledge** pre-assessments and post-assessments reflect gains in word mastery
- › **Set a Goal and Reflect** student-informed learning goals and record of academic vocabulary achievement tracks individual progress toward mastery
- › **Construct a Response** writing performance task assesses word knowledge and informational writing skills and offer students opportunities to practice interpreting prompts, stating claims, and developing ideas while applying precise vocabulary, appropriate syntax, and correct grammar
- › **End of Unit Assessment** constructed response tasks give students the opportunity to interpret prompts, state claims, and demonstrate understanding of standards-aligned, competency-based vocabulary, using appropriate syntax and correct grammar every six weeks

### Summative Assessments

- › **Mid and End of Grade Summary** score summaries at mid- and end-of-year help evaluate progress (PD27)

# Additional Grammar Support

## Addressing Student Needs

- 8 lessons designed to address grammatical errors commonly made by English learners and less proficient readers
- Develop a clearer understanding of essential grammar rules
- Provides enhancement to embedded grammar tips presented throughout the student edition

### Teacher's Guide

**grammar**

► Adjectives and Adverbs

**Introduce the Grammar**

- Preview** Today we are going to learn about adjectives and adverbs. Read the meaning of *adjective* aloud, and have students follow along silently. An *adjective* describes a noun. A *noun* is a person, a place, a thing, or an idea. Provide an example of a noun, such as a car. How can you describe a car? Cue students to provide words to describe a car, such as *big*, *shiny*, or *new*. These words are all examples of adjectives. Direct attention to the meaning of the word *adverb*, and read it aloud as students follow along silently. An *adverb* describes a verb, an action, such as talk. What are different ways that people talk? Cue students to provide words that describe talking, such as *often* or *quietly*. These words are examples of adverbs.
- Focus on the chart** Direct attention to the chart. On the left, we see the word *adjective*. Read each of the sentences in this column aloud, stressing the adjective. Have students echo-read. Underline the adjectives *beautiful*, *loud*, and *careful*. Help students identify the nouns being described in each sentence: *song*, *family*, and *driver*. Now let's look at the adverbs. Read the sentences aloud, having students echo-read. Cue students to identify the verbs being described: *sang*, *speaks*, and *drives*. Point out that the adjectives and adverbs in the examples are members of the same word families. Notice that the adverbs in the chart are the same as the adjectives, plus an *-ly* ending.
- Read the grammar notes under the chart** Read the notes aloud as students read along silently. Have students identify the noun being described in the example in the first note, *New York City*. Underline the verb *is* in the sentence, which is a form of the verb *be*. When this verb appears in a sentence, the adjective comes after it. Provide additional examples, using different forms of the verb *be*. Often, the adjective comes before the noun, such as a big city. Provide additional examples. Direct attention to the second note. Many adverbs end in *-ly*. Underline the *-ly* in each adverb from the chart as a reminder. Provide additional examples of adverbs ending in *-ly*.

**Find It**

- Introduce & Model** Echo-read the directions. Let's look at the first frame. Point out the word *students*. In this sentence, we want to describe *students*, which is a noun, *people*. Direct attention to the words in parentheses. Remember, an adjective describes a noun, so we need to choose the adjective from this pair of words. Remind students that only adverbs end in *-ly*. Cue students to complete the frame with the adjective *nervous*. Have students echo-read the example.
- Discuss, Agree, & Write** Guide students to complete the remaining frames. First, look at each frame. Think about what word is being described. If it is a noun, a person, place, or thing, you will write the adjective, without the *-ly*. If it is a verb, an action, that is being described, you should choose the adverb, which ends in *-ly*. Cue partners to identify what is being described, underline it, and then choose the appropriate word to complete each frame. Rehearse language for collaboration. A asks *What should we write?* B suggests an idea using the frame *Let's write \_\_\_\_\_*. Have students switch roles for each of the remaining frames in the **Find it** task. Then, review responses as a class, making sure that students choose the appropriate adjective or adverb, as well as the word being described. Call on students to report to the class using the frame *Our response is \_\_\_\_\_*.

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An adjective describes a noun. An adverb describes a verb.

Adjective	Adverb
She sang a beautiful song.	She sang beautifully.
I have a loud family.	My brother speaks loudly.
My older sister is a careful driver.	She drives carefully.

- An adjective usually comes before the noun it describes. An adjective can also come directly after the verb *be*: *New York City is big*.
- An adverb usually comes after the verb it describes. Most adverbs are formed by adding *-ly* to an adjective: *careful* → *carefully*

**Find It**

Complete the sentences with either the adjective or the adverb.

- On the first day of school there are always many (nervous/nervously) \_\_\_\_\_ students.
- She speaks so (quick/quickly) \_\_\_\_\_ that it's sometimes difficult to understand her.
- Mary is an (honest/honestly) \_\_\_\_\_ person who would never lie.
- The car skidded (wild/wildly) \_\_\_\_\_ and almost crashed.

**Try It**

Complete the sentences using the correct form (adjective or adverb) of the word.

- I was a (shy) \_\_\_\_\_ child a few years ago, but now I am much more outgoing.
- Can you please speak more (slow) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Gorillas are (intelligent) \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
- My teacher always reminds us to write (neat) \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Try It**

- Introduce & Model** Echo-read the directions. Direct attention to the first frame. For this activity, we must write either an adjective or an adverb. Direct attention to the word *shy* in parentheses, before the blank. Each frame has an adjective in parentheses. We need to decide what is being described. If a noun is being described, we can write the word from the parentheses without changing it. If a verb is being described, we must add *-ly* to the adjective in parentheses to make it an adverb. In this sentence, the word *child* is being described. Cue students to say that *child* is a noun. The word *child* is a noun, a person, so we need to add an adjective. Guide students to complete the frame with the word *shy*. Because we are describing a noun, *child*, we do not need to add *-ly*. Guide students to complete the second frame, and model adding the *-ly* ending to the word in parentheses to form the adverb *slowly*. Guide students to complete the remaining frames.
- Discuss & Write** Display, rehearse, and direct partners to compare responses using the frames *My response is similar to/different from \_\_\_\_\_*. Monitor partner interactions.
- Listen** Preselect students to read the third frame aloud. Cue the student to say what is being described and to identify the correct form of the word in parentheses, *intelligent*. Have students echo-read the completed frame. Call on another student to do the same for the fourth frame.

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**Discuss and Write**

**Collaborate** Work with a partner. Write the sentence, including the adverb or adjective provided.

**Discuss** 1. (difficult) There were some questions on the test.  
**Agree** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Write** *There were some difficult questions on the test.*  
**Listen** \_\_\_\_\_

2. (talented) She is a musician who has won many awards for her music.  
*She is a talented musician who has won many awards for her music.*

3. (loudly) They screamed when they learned that they won the contest.  
*They screamed loudly when they learned that they won the contest.*

**Your Turn** Work independently. Use the correct form (adjective or adverb) of the word and your own words to complete the sentences.

**Think** 1. (delicious) Her grandparents cook the most \_\_\_\_\_.  
*delicious*  
*chicken (vegetable soup; meals)*  
*noun*

2. (nervous) He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ when he told his parents that he broke the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*nervously*  
*window (computer; mirror)*  
*noun*

3. (beautiful) My mother knits \_\_\_\_\_.  
*beautiful*  
*sweaters (scarves; hats)*  
*plural noun*

4. (soft) The nurse spoke \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ child.  
*softly*  
*sick (hurt; scared)*  
*adjective*

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- Listen** Preselect students to share each sentence aloud. Ask reporters to explain correct forms and any relevant spelling rules. Record and display correct sentences. Cue students to compare and correct their sentences.

**Your Turn**

- Introduce & Model** Read the directions aloud, and have students follow along silently. In this activity, you see an adjective in parentheses before each frame. You must read each frame, decide what word is being described by the word in parentheses, then write the correct form of that word in the blank. If what's being described is a noun, do not change the word. If what is being described is a verb, add *-ly* to the word in parentheses to form an adverb. Model completion of the first frame. Underline the word *cook*. For the last blank, we need to write a noun, something that a person would cook, such as *chicken*. In the first blank, we need to write the correct form of the word in parentheses. We are describing the noun we wrote in the last blank. Since *chicken* is a noun, a thing, we need an adjective. Since *delicious* is an adjective, we can write the word in the blank without making any other changes. Have students echo-read the completed frame.
- Think & Write** Have students complete the remaining frames individually.
- Discuss** After students have completed the frames, direct partners to compare responses. We'll use these two frames: *My response is similar to/different from \_\_\_\_\_*.
- Listen** Preselect students to share each sentence aloud. Ask reporters to explain their decisions about using adjectives and adverbs. Record and display correct sentences. Cue students to compare their sentences with the displayed sentences and make any necessary corrections. Invite 1–2 volunteers to share sentences with different but equally appropriate content.

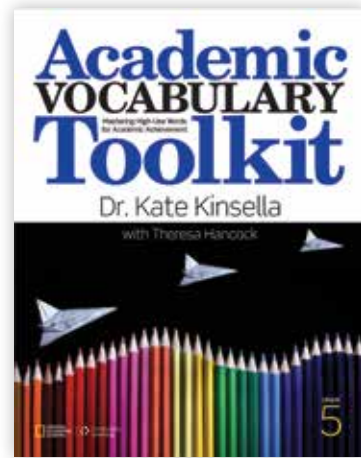
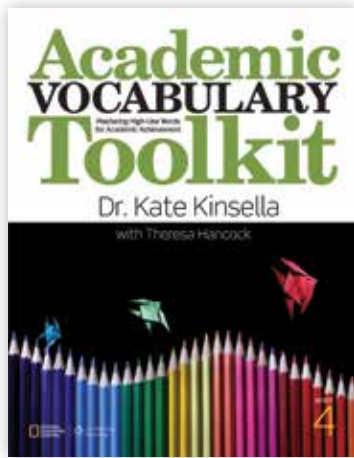
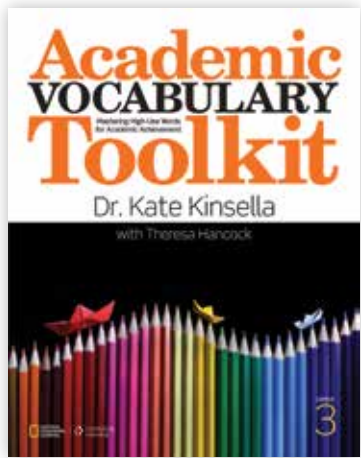
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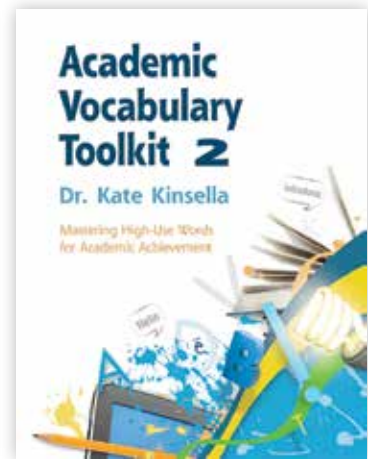
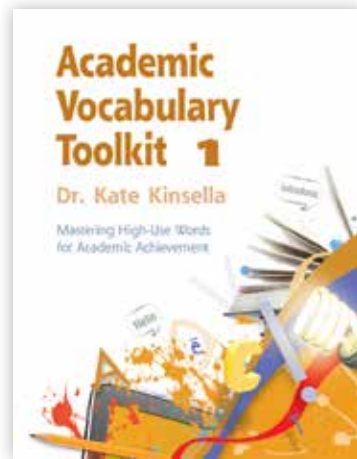
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