

## Foundation English I

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Students build and reinforce foundational reading, writing, and basic academic skills needed for success in high school. Through carefully paced, guided instruction and graduated reading levels, students improve reading comprehension and strategies, focusing on literacy development at the critical stage between decoding and making meaning from text. Instruction and practice in writing skills help students develop their composition skills in a variety of formats. If needed, students can continue their remediation of reading and writing skills with English Foundations II.

**PREREQUISITES:** Teacher/school counselor recommendation

**COURSE LENGTH:** Two Semesters

**REQUIRED TEXT:** None

**MATERIALS LIST:** None

### **COURSE OUTLINE:**

#### **Semester 1**

##### **Unit 1: Basic Concepts**

- Main Ideas
- Syllables
- Story Details
- Word Families
- Sequencing and Classifying
- Writing Descriptions
- Verb Usage
- Noun Identification

##### **Unit 2: Fact and Opinion**

- Fact and Opinion
- Prefixes and Suffixes
- Cause and Effect
- Information
- Drawing Conclusions

- Five W Questions
- Sentences Defined
- Writing Complete Sentences
- Word Order in Sentences
- Subjects and Predicates
- Punctuating Complete Sentences
- Paragraph Types
- Developing Topic Sentences
- Ideas and Opinions

### **Unit 3: Summarizing**

- Summarizing and Paraphrasing
- Compound Words
- Capitalization
- Contractions
- Special Uses of Capitalization
- Compound Words: A Review
- Ending Punctuation
- Questions and Exclamations
- Commas
- Simple and Compound Sentences
- Commas in Series
- Order within Paragraphs

### **Unit 4: Understanding Word Choice**

- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Prewriting
- Linking Verbs
- Writing Drafts
- Transitive Verbs
- Forming Contractions
- Conjunctions

**Unit 5: Inferences**

- Feelings and Motives
- Sensory Words
- Figurative Language
- Context Clues
- Pronouns
- Homophones and Homographs
- Pronoun Cases
- Revising the Draft
- The Importance of Proofreading
- Publishing

**Unit 6: Purpose in Writing**

- Point of View
- Journals
- Purpose in Writing
- Letters
- Objective Pronouns
- Possessive Pronouns
- Personal Pronouns

**Unit 7: Structure in Literature**

- Story Elements and Setting
- Titles
- Understanding Narrative, Expository
- Story Endings
- Connotation and Denotation
- Narratives
- Tricky Words
- Adjectives
- Adjectives as Articles
- Adverbs

## **Unit 8: Reading Strategies**

- Main Ideas and Supporting Details
- Asking Important Questions
- Words and Pictures
- More Figurative Language
- Structure of Stories
- Outcomes and Conclusions

## **Semester 2**

### **Unit 1: Main Ideas**

- Main Ideas and Details
- Organizing Paragraphs
- Pronunciation and Syllables
- Action Verbs
- Sequencing-Classifying
- Root Words
- Nouns
- Predicting Outcomes
- Prefixes
- Suffixes

### **Unit 2: Developing Writing Skills**

- Fact and Opinion
- Writing Short Stories
- Cause and Effect
- Identifying Subjects and Predicates
- Writing Complete Sentence
- Problem Sentences
- Simple and Compound Sentences
- Five W Questions
- Ending Punctuation
- Newspaper Stories
- Punctuating Special Sentences
- Identifying Sentence Types

### **Unit 3: Summarizing**

- Summarizing-Paraphrasing
- Brainstorming
- Compound Words
- Simple and Compound Sentences
- Abbreviations
- Capitalizing Special Words
- Dialogue Punctuation
- Characterization
- Figurative Language
- Punctuating Appositives
- Commas and Semicolons
- Literary Conventions

### **Unit 4: Summarizing in Different Subjects**

- Reading Strategies in Math
- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- Writing Sentences
- Transitive and Intransitive Verbs
- Reading Strategies in Science
- Revising
- Linking Verbs
- Contractions
- Reading Strategies - Social Science
- Conjunctions
- Adjectives

### **Unit 5: Inferences**

- Prior Knowledge
- Sensory Words
- Drawing Conclusions
- Paragraph Types

- Topics and Details
- Multiple Meanings
- Context Clues
- Pronouns
- Homonyms and Homophones
- Editing and Proofreading
- Nominative Pronouns
- Various Pronoun Uses
- Comparative and Superlative Adjective
- Adverbs

#### **Unit 6: Purpose in Writing**

- Point of View
- Journals
- Purpose in Writing
- Letters
- Punctuation Usage
- Colons
- Compare and Contrast
- Possessive Pronouns
- Story Starters
- Prepositional Phrases
- Adverbial Forms

#### **Unit 7: Genre in Literature**

- Story Elements
- Titles
- Literary Forms
- Narratives
- Fiction and Nonfiction
- Connotation and Denotation
- Personal Narratives
- Reality and Fantasy
- Folktales and Fantasy