

**READING VIII  
GRADE LEVEL 8**

#	Lesson Title	Lesson Content
<b>Reviews</b>		
1	Consonants Quick Review	Students identify consonant-vowel patterns that help determine pronunciation; letters with two sounds; blends, digraphs, and diphthongs
2	Verbs Quick Review	Identify the principle parts of verbs; action and state of being verbs; tenses; participles
<b>Word Analysis</b>		
3	Sight Vocabulary	High frequency words that students recognize on sight
4	Common Misspellings	Understanding changes with plurals, verbs, vowel sounds; rules for spelling tricky words; exceptions to spelling rules
5	Root Words	Root words without spelling changes, root words with spelling changes
6	Prefixes	Correctly use the prefixes /pre/, /en/, /non/, /mis/, /non/, /in/, /dis/, /anti/, /sub/, /re/, etc.; meanings of prefixes
7	Suffixes	Definition and examples of suffixes, meaning of various suffixes; correctly use the suffixes /ible/, /able/, /ful/, /ment/, /y/, /ly/ and /ily/
8	Greek and Latin Words	Examples and definitions of root words with Greek and Latin derivatives
9	Compound Words	Definition and examples of compound word; students identify compound words
10	Synonyms	Definition of synonyms; students practice finding synonyms for words; using the thesaurus as a source for synonyms
11	Antonyms	Definition and examples of antonyms; students identify antonyms in sentences
12	Homonyms	Definition of homonyms, homographs, and homophones
13	Word Similarities	Review of homographs; using context to determine meaning and word pronunciation
14	Contractions	Contractions by verb groups – has, will, us, are, would, have; negative contractions
15	Word Families	Changing the first letter of letters to form word families
16	Analogies	Discovering the commonality that creates an analogy; analogies on standardized tests
17	Connotation & Denotation	Recognize the definition of a word in a sentence, recognize the exact definition of a word in a sentence; make an inference based on feelings and motives
18	Multiple Meanings	Increasing reading comprehension by understanding words with multiple meanings; using context clues to determine word meaning
19	Alphabetization	Tips for alphabetizing abbreviations
20	Core Subject Words	Definition and examples of core subject words, including math, science, language arts, computer, social studies, art and drama
<b>Comprehension</b>		
21	Order and Sequence	Students determine order of events; students read clues and decide what could happen next in a story
22	Main Ideas and Details	Identify main idea and details, recognize the title as a source of the main idea, determine the key words and topic sentence; the position of the topic sentence in a paragraph
23	Fact and Opinion	Identify facts and opinions, idioms, and sense words, choose significant details which do or do not support the main idea, identify information which gives support for opinions; verifying facts
24	Cause and Effect	Definitions of cause and effect; students identify various causes and effects by reading clues; short and long term effects
25	Compare and	Definition and examples of comparing and contrasting ideas, events, characters,

	Contrast	etc. the thesis statement; similarities and differences
26	Classifying Information	Definition of classifying; student classify various groups of items
27	Characterization	Identifying clues about character traits
28	Summarizing	Definition and examples of summary; student read a story and identify points to be included in a summary, the process of going from a specific account to general statements; students will retell a story in their own words; paraphrasing; avoiding plagiarism; generalizations
29	Predicting Outcomes	Make an inference based on drawing conclusions; logic and character's actions in making inferences
30	Common Expressions	Everyday humorous sayings, proverbs and common abbreviations; using euphemisms in informal language
31	Newspaper Writing	Elements of newspaper reporting; answer the who, what, when, where, why and how questions in a reading; identify propaganda and bias; headlines, bylines, datelines; propaganda techniques including loaded words, transfer, unreliable testimonials
32	Elements of Fiction	Categories of fiction; elements of fiction including rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, characters, setting, theme; historical science and realistic fiction
33	Purpose in Writing	Distinguish the author's purpose; writing for a specific or a general purpose
34	Non-fiction	Identify elements of non-fictional writing; the biography, autobiography, essay, newspaper, and historical accounts
35	Point of View	Recognizing point of view, first person, second person, third person and narrator; understand elements of non-fiction; third person omniscient narrator and third person limited narrator
	<b>Literary Skills</b>	
36	Folklore	Definition and examples of fables, folktales and tall tales; tricksters; symbols
37	Biography/Autobiography	Definition and examples of autobiography and biography; chronology in accounting; detecting authenticity in writing
38	Poetry 1	Poetry, ballad, sonnet, lyric, narrative, limerick, free verse; identify the elements of a farce and satire; irony and parody; oxymoron; rhythm patterns in poetry
39	Poetry 2	Characteristics of narrative poetry; heroic adventures; importance of rhyming in narrative poetry
40	Plays	Identify the elements of a drama, tragedy and comedy; scenes and acts
41	Literary Devices	Identify elements of mood and tone; identify flashback as a literary tool; identify foreshadowing and imagery as literary tool; mood and tone
42	Figurative Language	Identifying and correctly using metaphors and similes; identifying and correctly using similes, hyperbole and personification; using alliteration and onomatopoeia
43	Figure of Speech Review	Review of overstatement and understatement; analogy; irony, hyperbole, personification, clichés, euphemisms, and doublespeak