

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 1

Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

The Reading Informational Standard 1 emphasizes reading closely, making inferences, and citing textual evidence. The Reading Informational Standard 1 emphasizes reading closely, making inferences, and citing textual evidence. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 1 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students begin independently asking and answering who, what, where, when, why, and how questions to demonstrate understanding of key text details.

Key Words/Terms:

Close reading, ask and answer questions, key details, text-based evidence, explicit reference, cite, inference

Reading Informational Text Standard 1 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.1 With modeling, prompting, and support, answer questions about details in an informational text.	RI.K.1 With modeling, prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in an informational text.	RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
• Listen to a wide variety of increasingly complex informational texts (e.g., trade books, magazines, multimedia resources, recipes and labels related to personal interests and reflecting a wide variety of cultures). • Examine the title, cover, illustrations/photographs/text. • Use prior knowledge and experiences to make connections to informational text. • Make predictions and/or ask questions about the text by examining the title, cover, illustrations/photographs and/or text, text features, graphic aides. • During Interactive Read Alouds of informational text listen, ask and answer questions as appropriate • Engage in conversations to facilitate recall of details in order to answer questions. • After reading, respond to text through discussions, dramatizing, drawing and/or developmentally	• Listen to a wide variety of increasingly complex informational texts (e.g., trade books, magazines, multimedia resources, recipes and labels related to personal interests and reflecting a wide variety of cultures). • Set a purpose for reading and identify type of text. • Use prior knowledge and experiences to make connections to informational text. • Make predictions and/or ask questions about the text by examining the title, cover, illustrations/photographs and/or text, text features, graphic aides. • Confirm predictions using details from the text. • Use text features and graphic aids to facilitate understanding. • Recall and discuss what is understood about the content of the text. Identify and question what did not make sense. • Engage in conversations to retell	• Listen to or read a wide variety of increasingly complex informational texts (e.g., trade books, magazines, multimedia resources, recipes and labels related to personal interests and reflecting a wide variety of cultures). • Set a purpose for reading and identify type of text. • Use prior knowledge and experiences to make connections to informational text. • Make predictions and/or ask questions about the text by examining the title, cover, illustrations/photographs and/or text, text features, graphic aides. • Confirm predictions using details from the text. • Engage in conversations to retell the text. • Engage in conversations to ask and answer text-based questions. • Describe what is directly stated in the text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
appropriate writing including the use of technology.	details in the text. • Engage in conversations to ask and answer text-based questions. • After reading, respond to text through discussions, dramatizing, drawing and/or developmentally appropriate writing including the use of technology.	• Identify what did not make sense. • Distinguish between key details and irrelevant information in a text. • Answer simple questions orally and in writing using key details in the text.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 2: Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

The Reading Informational Standard 2 emphasizes reading closely, focusing on asking and answering questions to show understanding of informational text. Asking and answering questions requires students to make inferences and cite textual evidence. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 2 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students identify the main topic and retell details, progressing to understanding how specific details support the main idea.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students determine the main idea of a text, explain how supporting details develop that idea, and summarize without personal opinion.

Key Words/Terms: Close reading, ask and answer questions, key details, text-based evidence, explicit reference, making inferences, citing textual evidence, main idea, text structure, retell, text support, main topic, theme

Reading Informational Text Standard 2 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.2 With modeling and support, recall detail(s) related to the main topic from an informational text.	RI.K.2 With modeling, prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of an informational text.	RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell key details of an informational text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
• Listen to a wide variety of complex informational texts. • Use text and graphic features as sources to identify the main topic. • Participate in discussion about the main topic in order to recall detail(s) from the text and to respond to questions about the topic and details. • Retell details and concepts in familiar text (journaling, dramatization, arts).	• Listen to a wide variety of complex informational texts. • Use text and graphic features as sources to identify the main topic. • Participate in discussion about the main topic in order to recall detail(s) from the text and to respond to questions about the topic and details. • Determine the key details from the text. • Connect the key details to determine the main topic of a text. • Retell the main topic and key details.	• Listen to or read a wide variety of complex informational texts. • Use text and graphic features as sources to identify the main topic. • Participate in discussion about the main topic in order to recall detail(s) from the text and to respond to questions about the topic and details. • Determine the key details from the text. • Connect the key details to determine the main topic of a text. • Retell the main topic and key details. • Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 3:

Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of text.

The Reading Informational Standard 3 emphasizes understanding main topics and ideas supported by key text details to understand relationships among historical events, ideas, and concepts. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 3 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students describe relationships among ideas or events using language like “because,” “first,” “next,” or “then.”
- **Grades 3–5:** Students explain how individuals, events, or concepts relate, using text-based evidence to describe cause/effect, sequence, or comparison.

Key Words/Terms: Close reading, ask and answer questions, key details, text-based evidence, explicit reference, making inferences, and citing textual evidence, main idea, text structure, retell, text support

Reading Informational Text Standard 3 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.3 With modeling and support, connect individuals, events, and pieces of information in text to life experiences.	RI.K.3 With modeling, prompting and support, describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas , or pieces of information in a text.	RI.1.3 Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
• Access prior knowledge and personal experiences in order to identify, describe, and discuss how events and individuals in their own lives are similar and different from the text. • Begin to demonstrate an understanding of sequential order ('first' and 'last') in the text. • Retell details and concepts in familiar text (journaling, dramatization, arts).	• Access prior knowledge and experiences in order to identify and discuss how personal experiences, events and individuals in their own lives are similar and different from the text. • Retell two events, ideas, or pieces of information, or identify two individuals in a text. • Explain the relationship between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information (e.g., compare/contrast, cause/effect). • Demonstrate an understanding of sequential order in order to make connections between ideas or events.	• Retell two events, ideas, or pieces of information, or identify two individuals in a text. • Explain the relationship between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information (e.g., compare/contrast, cause/effect). • Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly. • Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts when explaining connections.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 4:

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

The Reading Informational Standard 4 emphasizes vocabulary development and word-meaning strategies. Students learn to understand words and phrases in context- whether technical, figurative, or everyday language. Students learn how word choices shape meaning or tone in a text and begin to notice how language adds meaning or emotion to writing. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 4 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students use context clues and background knowledge to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases, especially in academic and domain-specific contexts.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students determine word meanings using context, affixes, and word parts, and begin to analyze how vocabulary choices shape meaning.

Key Words/Terms: Context, academic vocabulary, morphology, root word, affixes, figurative language, determine meaning, clarify, context clues, vocabulary in context

Reading Informational Text Standard 4 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.4 With modeling and support, answer questions about unknown words in a text.	RI.K.4 With modeling, prompting and support, ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text.	RI.1.4 Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
• Activate prior knowledge and experiences to determine the meaning of unknown words. • Use text, illustrations, graphic aides (e.g. print features, size of print, illustrations/photographs, drawings, maps, graphs and diagrams) to identify meaning of unknown words. • Answer questions to support learning of new words.	• Identify unfamiliar words. • Activate prior knowledge and experiences to determine the meaning of unknown words. • Use text, illustrations, graphic aides (e.g. print features, size of print, illustrations/photographs, drawings, maps, graphs and diagrams) to identify meaning of unknown words. • Retell two events, ideas, or pieces of information, or identify two individuals in a text. • Explain the relationship between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information (e.g., compare/contrast, cause/effect). • Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details,	• Identify unfamiliar words and phrases. • Activate prior knowledge and experiences to determine the meaning of unknown words. • Use text, illustrations, graphic aides (e.g. print features, size of print, illustrations/photographs, drawings, maps, graphs and diagrams) to identify meaning of unknown words. • Ask and answer questions to support learning of new words.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
	expressing ideas and feelings clearly. • Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts when explaining connections.	

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 5:

Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

The Reading Informational Standard 5 emphasizes how texts are organized and how parts of a text (like sentences, paragraphs, or sections) work together to support understanding. They also learn to use text features (like bold words, headings, or links) to find and understand information efficiently. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 5 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students explain how an author uses organizational structures (like chronology, comparison, or cause-effect) to present ideas clearly.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students analyze how paragraphs, sections, or chapters contribute to the development of ideas or arguments.

Key Words/Terms: Text features, academic and domain-specific vocabulary, print features (bold words, headings), graphic aids (charts, diagrams), organizational aids (table of contents, indexes), Informational aids (sidebars, glossaries), digital features (hyperlinks, menus)

Reading Informational Text Standard 5 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.5 Identify the front cover and back cover of a book.	RI.K.5 Identify the front cover, back cover, and title page of a book.	RI.1.5 Know and use various text features (e.g. headings, tables of contents, glossaries, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
With modeling, prompting, and support: • Identify information appropriate for the front cover and back cover of a book. • Demonstrate understanding of the structure of books and the proper handling of them.	With modeling, prompting, and support: • Explain information appropriate for the front cover and back cover of a book. • Explain the purpose of the title page.	• Identify different types of text features in informational text. • Determine the purpose of various text features. • Identify strategies (keywords, text features) to find information within a specific source. • Select and use the appropriate text feature for a given task or information need.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 6:

Assess how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style of a text.

The Reading Informational Standard 6 blends the author's purpose, point of view, visual literacy, and comprehension skills. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 6 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students identify the author's purpose (to inform, explain, entertain, etc.) and distinguish their own opinions from those expressed in the text.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students determine and explain the author's point of view and how it is conveyed through tone, vocabulary, and content choices.

Key Words/Terms: Text features, academic and domain-specific vocabulary, print features (bold words, headings), graphic aids (charts, diagrams), organizational aids (table of contents, indexes), Informational aids (sidebars, glossaries), and digital features (hyperlinks, menus), distinguish, main purpose, point of view, author's purpose, perspective, illustrations

Reading Informational Text Standard 6 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.6 With modeling and support define the role of the author and illustrator/photographer in presenting the ideas or information in a text.	RI.K.6 Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.	RI.1.6 Distinguish between information provided by pictures or other illustrations and information provided by the words in a text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
With modeling, prompting, and support: • Name the author and illustrator/photographer. • Explain the role of the author and illustrator/photographer.	• Name the author and illustrator/photographer, correctly using those terms. • Explain the role of the author and illustrator/photographer. • Explain how the illustrations/photographs support the author in sharing the information.	• Identify different types of text features in informational text. • Describe the pictures and other illustrations in a text and explain how they contribute to the meaning. • Identify the source of important details from the text. • Ask and answer questions about key details provided by the pictures or other illustrations and key details provided by the words. • Compare and contrast information provided by pictures or other illustrations and the words in a text.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 7:

Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

The Reading Informational Standard 7 emphasizes integrating information across formats - especially visual, quantitative, and verbal. The Standard emphasizes comprehension, vocabulary development and text feature analysis. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 7 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students use illustrations, diagrams, and other visuals to deepen understanding of text content.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students interpret information from visuals and multimedia sources and explain how they contribute to clarity and comprehension.

Key Words/Terms: Text features, academic and domain-specific vocabulary, print features (bold words, headings), graphic aids (charts, diagrams), organizational aids (table of contents, indexes), Informational aids (sidebars, glossaries), digital features (hyperlinks, menus)

Reading Informational Text Standard 7 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.7 With modeling and support, tell how the illustrations/photographs support the text.	RI.K.7 With modeling, prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the text in which they appear (e.g., what person, place, thing, or idea in the text an illustration depicts).	RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
• Examine and describe the illustrations/photographs in an informational text. • Participate in discussions about the information derived from details in the illustrations/photographs in an informational text • Participate in discussions about how these details contribute to the understanding of informational text.	• Examine and describe the illustrations/photographs in a text. • Identify commonalities between text and illustrations/photographs or text features; explain how they support each other. • Explain how illustrations and photographs contribute to understanding the text. • Cross-check understanding from details provided by the illustrator/photographer compared to information provided by the author. • Participate in discussions about the information derived from details in	• Examine and describe the illustrations/photographs in a text. • Identify the relationship between text and illustrations; explain how they support each other and contribute to understanding the text. • Cross-check understanding from details provided by the illustrator/photographer compared to information provided by the author. • Ask and answer questions about key details provided by the pictures or other illustrations and key details provided by the words.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
	the illustrations/photographs in an informational text.	• Distinguish between key details and supporting details in a text.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 8:

Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

The Reading Informational Standard 8 emphasizes logical reasoning, text structure analysis, and comprehension. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 8 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students identify the reasons an author provides to support key points, noting how the author tries to inform or persuade.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points or claims in a text.

Key Words/Terms: Delineate, text structure analysis, key details, persuade, reasons, evidence

Reading Informational Text Standard 8 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.8 With modeling and support identify the key details an author gives to support points in a text.	RI.K.8 With modeling, prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.	RI.1.8 Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
With modeling, prompting, and support: • Recall details from a text. • List details that support an idea or event in the text. • While listening to a text, answer open-ended questions about important details in the text.	With modeling, prompting, and support: • Recall details from a text. • Identify a key point(s) made by the author. • Identify specific reasons the author provides that support the point(s.) • Answer questions about details and how they support the author's point(s) in a text.	• Recall details from a text. • Identify a key point(s) made by the author. • Identify specific reasons the author provides that support the point(s.) • Answer questions about details and how they support the author's point(s) in a text. • Distinguish between key ideas and supporting details in a text.

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 9:

Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

The **Reading Informational Standard 9** emphasizes analyzing how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take. The Standard emphasizes comparative analysis, synthesis, and media comprehension. This Standard is paired with:

- Writing Standards
- Language Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 9 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students compare and contrast key points and details in two texts on the same topic.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students integrate information from several texts to speak or write knowledgeably about a subject.

Key Words/Terms: Analyze, theme, topic, audience

Reading Informational Text Standard 9 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.9 With prompting and support , discuss similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic (i.e. in illustrations or descriptions).	RI.K.9 With modeling prompting and support , identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).	RI.1.9 Identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
With prompting, modeling, and support: • Listen to and discuss a variety of texts. • Identify the topic of a text • Recognize texts that have the same topic. • Participate in discussions to identify the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. • Explore/discuss people, places, things, and events in informational text. • Compare different people, places,	With prompting, modeling, and support: • Listen to and discuss a variety of texts. • Identify the topic of text. • Recognize texts that have the same topic. • Participate in discussions to identify the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. • Explore/discuss people, places, things, and events in informational text.	• Listen to or read and discuss a variety of texts. • Identify the topic of a text. • Recognize texts that have the same topic. • Compare and contrast the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. • Compare and contrast different people, places, things, and events using illustrations and text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
things, and events using illustrations and text.	• Compare and contrast different people, places, things, and events using illustrations and text.	

Reading Informational (RI) Anchor Standard 10:

Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

The Reading Informational Standard 10 sets guidelines for general grade-level reading expectations found in Appendix A of the College and Career Readiness Standards. It addresses the types of books students should be exposed to, as well as how text complexity increases as students move through the grade level bands. This Standard is paired with:

- Reading Informational Standards
- Speaking and Listening Standards

Reading Informational Standard 10 at a Glance:

- **Grades K–2:** Students read and comprehend informational texts appropriate to grade level, with scaffolding as needed.
- **Grades 3–5:** Students read and understand increasingly complex informational texts independently and proficiently across a range of subjects.

Key Words/Terms: Text complexity bands, collaborative conversations, text features

Reading Informational Text Standard 10 Desired Student Performance:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
RI.PK.10 Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.	RI.K.10 With prompting, modeling, and support , read informational texts appropriately complex for kindergarten .	RI.1.10 With prompting, modeling, and support, read informational text of appropriate complexity for grade 1 .

Essential Skills and Knowledge:

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
• Develop comprehension skills by listening to a variety of appropriate, increasingly complex informational texts representing diverse cultures, perspectives, ethnicities, and time periods from a wide variety of types (trade books, magazines, multimedia resources, functional texts such as recipes and labels, etc.) • Use a variety of strategies to determine and clarify the meaning of frequently used words, new words from informational text, and multiple meaning words and phrases as they appear in text. • Participate in collaborative conversations (e.g., “think, pair,	• Develop comprehension skills by listening to a variety of appropriate increasingly complex informational texts representing diverse cultures, perspectives, ethnicities, and time periods from a wide variety of types (trade books, magazines, multimedia resources, functional texts such as recipes and labels, • Use a variety of strategies to determine and clarify the meaning of frequently used words, new words from informational text, and multiple meaning words and phrases as they appear in text. • Participate in collaborative conversations (e.g., “think, pair,	• Listen to or read a variety of informational texts representing diverse cultures, perspectives, ethnicities, and time periods. • Read and comprehend text of steadily increasing complexity. • Use a variety of strategies to determine and clarify the meaning of frequently used words, new words from informational text, and multiple meaning words and phrases as they appear in text. • Participate in collaborative conversations (e.g., “think, pair, share” and small group discussions) about informational Grade 1 texts with peers and adults.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade PreK	Grade Level: Grade K	Next Progression: Grade 1
share” and small group discussions) about Pre-Kindergarten informational texts with peers and adults.	share” and small group discussions) about kindergarten informational texts with peers and adults.	