

Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for English Language Arts: Reading Information Text- Grade 1 (Grade-Level Band 1-3)

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.
- **Grades 3–5**: Students use evidence from the text to answer questions and make inferences, referring directly to words or phrases from the text to support their understanding text.

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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.1 With modeling, prompting and	RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions	RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions
support, ask and answer questions	about key details in a text.	as who, what, where, when, why,
about key details in a text.		and how to demonstrate
		understanding of key ideas in a text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 Examine the title, cover, illustrations/photographs/text. Make predictions or ask questions. Set a purpose for reading and identify type of text. Use text features and graphic aids to facilitate understanding. Recall and discuss what is understood. identify and question what did not make sense. Engage in conversations to retell details in the text. Describe what is directly stated in the text. Confirm predictions using details from the text. Identify what did not make sense. 	 Engage in conversations to retell in the text. Describe what is directly stated in the text. Confirm predictions using details from the text. 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. 	 Engage in conversations to retell details in the text. Describe what is directly stated in the text. Confirm predictions using details from the text. Identify what did not make sense. Distinguish between key details and irrelevant information in a text. Answer 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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.2 With modeling, prompting and	RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell	RI.2.2 Identify the main topic of a multi
support, identify the main topic and	key details of a text.	paragraph text as well as the focus of
retell key details of a text.		specific paragraphs or sections within
		the text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 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. Use text and graphic features as sources to identify the main topic. 	 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 	 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,
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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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.3 With modeling, prompting and	RI.1.3 Describe the connection	RI.2.3 Describe the connection
support, describe the connection	between two individuals, events, ideas,	between a series of historical events ,
between two individuals, events, ideas,	or pieces of information in a text.	scientific ideas or concepts, or steps
or pieces of information in a text.		in technical procedures in a text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 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. Demonstrate an understanding of sequential order. 	 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., s 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 	 Identify and explain relationships between a series of events, ideas, or steps, (e.g., cause/effect, sequence, chronology). Recognize signal words and transition words that connect ideas. Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through or information presented orally or through other media. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts.

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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.4 With modeling, prompting and	RI.1.4 Ask and answer questions to	RI.2.4 Determine the meaning of
support, ask and answer questions	help determine or clarify the	words and phrases in a text relevant
about unknown words in a text.	meaning of words and phrases in a	to a grade 2 topic or subject area.
	text.	

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 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. 	 Identify unfamiliar words and phrases. Produce simple interrogative sentences about the text. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts. 	 Identify unfamiliar words and phrases. Use a known root word as a clue the meaning of an unknown word. Access prior knowledge and experiences to determine and clarify meaning of words and phrases in a text. Determine and clarify meaning of words and phrases, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word. Use text features to determine and clarify meaning of words and phrases in informational text. Use sentence level context.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
		 Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital to determine or clarify meaning of words and phrases.



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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.5 Identify the front cover, back	RI.1.5 Know and use various text	R.I.2.5 Know and use various text
cover, and title page of a book.	features (e.g. headings, tables of	features (e.g., captions, bold print,
	contents, glossaries, electronic	subheadings, glossaries, indexes,
	menus, icons) to locate key facts or	electronic menus, icons) to locate key
	information in a text.	facts or information in a text
		efficiently.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 Identify information appropriate for the front cover and back cover of a book. Identify appropriate information from the text. 	 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. 	 Distinguish between types of text features (e.g., print features, graphic aids, organizational aids, informational aids). Identify the purpose of text features used in informational texts Explain which text features are used to find information within a specific source. Select and use the appropriate text feature for a given task or information need. Use text features appropriately 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 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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
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.	RI.2.6 Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
Name the author and illustrator/photographer and describe the roles of and use the terms for authors and illustrators/photographers.	 Explain how someone might use the text. Identify the intended audience for a text. 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. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text or information presented orally or through other media. Identify the source of important details from the text. Compare and contrast information provided by pictures or other 	 Examine the organizational pattern of informational texts to identify the author's purpose (e.g., to offer opinion, to describe, to inform). Identify the intended audience for a text. Explain how someone might use the text. Identify the main ideas/ messages of texts. Draw conclusions and generalizations from text to form new understanding.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
	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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.7 With modeling, prompting	RI.1.7 Use the illustrations and details	RI.2.7 Explain how specific images
and support, describe the relationship	in a text to describe its key ideas.	(e.g., a diagram showing how a
between illustrations and the text in		machine works) contribute to and
which they appear (e.g., what person,		clarify a text.
place, thing, or idea in the text an		
illustration depicts).		

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 Describe the illustrations 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 of 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 the illustrations/photographs in an informational text. 	 Identify the relationship between text and illustrations; explain how they support each other. Distinguish between key details and supporting details in a text. Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations and reading to respond to texts. 	 Identify and describe graphic aids used to facilitate understanding of informational text. Identify commonalities between text and text features; explain how they support each other. Describe key ideas and details including text features from reading an informational text, and/or a text read aloud or presented orally or through other media. Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, and reading to respond to texts. Draw conclusions and generalizations from text to form new understanding.

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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
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.	RI.2.8 Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
Recall details from a text.	Recall details from a text.	 Identify the key points an author
• Identify a key point(s) in the text.	Distinguish between key ideas and	makes in a text.
Identify specific details that support	supporting details in a text.	 Identify details that support a
the point(s.)	 Identify details that support a 	specific point the author makes in a
Answer questions about details and	specific point in a text.	text.
how they support the point(s) in a	Ask and answer questions about key	• Explain how the reasons support a
text.	details in a text that is being read by	point the author makes (basic
	the student or read-aloud as well as	relationships).
	other information presented orally	 Ask and answer questions about key
	or through other media.	details in a text read aloud or
		information presented orally or
		through other media.

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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.9 With modeling prompting and	RI.1.9 Identify basic similarities in and	RI.2.9 Compare and contrast the most
support, identify basic similarities in	differences between two texts on the	important points and key details
and differences between two texts on	same topic (e.g., in illustrations,	presented in two texts on the same
the same topic (e.g., in illustrations,	descriptions, or procedures).	topic.
descriptions, or procedures).		

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 Listen to and discuss a variety of texts. Identify the topic of text. Recognize texts that have the same topic. Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas clearly. Participate in discussions to identify the similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text, read aloud, presented orally, or through other media. 	 Identify the topic of a text. Recognize texts that have the same topic. Compare and contrast two texts on the same topic. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read, read-aloud or presented orally or through other media. 	 Read, listen to, and discuss a variety of texts read aloud or presented orally or through other media. Recognize texts that have the same topic. Identify key points of a text. Compare and contrast the key points in two texts on the same topic. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or presented orally or through other media.

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 K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
RI.K.10 With prompting, modeling,	RI.1.10 With prompting, modeling, and	RI.2.10 By the end of the year, read
and support, read informational texts	support, read informational text of	and comprehend informational
appropriately complex for	appropriate complexity for grade 1.	texts, including history/social
kindergarten.		studies, science, and technical texts,
		in the grades 2-3 text complexity
		band proficiently, with scaffolding as
		needed at the high end of the range.

Pre-Requisite Skills: Grade K	Grade Level: Grade 1	Next Progression: Grade 2
 Read a variety of self-selected and assigned informational texts representing diverse cultures, perspectives, ethnicities, and time periods. Read and comprehend text of steadily increasing complexity. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about Kindergarten topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. 	 Read a variety of self-selected and assigned informational texts representing diverse cultures, perspectives, ethnicities, and time periods. Read and comprehend text of steadily increasing complexity. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. 	 Read a variety of self-selected and assigned informational texts. Read and comprehend text of steadily increasing complexity. Use self-selected literary texts to explore personal interests and learn about themselves as readers. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.

How is it assessed? **Coming Soon!**

State Assessment:

