

Standard Code	Standard Code and Standard	Keep or Propose Change	Change: Removed, Re-written, Broken Up	Quality Standards Rule #	Reason for Proposed Change
4.RL.1	4.RL.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when Explaining what the a text says explicitly and draw inferences by referring to details and examples in the text. and when drawing inferences from the text.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity	We wanted to emphasize making inferences by reordering the verbs.
4.RL.2	4.RL.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem and explain how it is supported by from details in the text; summarize the text.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity and making connections	We wanted to provide more clarity by adding explain. 3rd grade also uses this wording. 5th aligned with the suggestion of using similar wording.
4.RL.3	4.RL.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).	Keep			
4.RL.4	4.RL.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Hercules). including figurative language such as metaphors and similies.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving clarity and making connections across grades	The wording of this standard felt limiting so we worked with 5th grade and reviewed the 6th grade standard to try to make this standard more clear and aligned. In the end, the 5th and 6th grade levels liked this change because
4.RL.5	4.RL.5 Explain major differences between stories, dramas, and poems, poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, stanza, rhythm, meter) and dramas (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving clarity	We wanted to clarify the vocabulary word "prose" because it is not a commonly understood word across our districts. 4.RF.4b is a standard that also used prose. This was changed in this standard as well.
4.RL.6	4.RL.6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.	Keep			

4.RL.7	4.RL.7 Make connections between the text print version of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the same text; support with details and evidence. identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity	We wanted the standard to be easier to understand by rewording it.
4.RL.8	4.RL.8 (Not applicable to literature)				
4.RL.9	4.RL.9 Compare and contrast the treatment of the author's approach to similar themes, and topics, (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity & Alignment	Aligned to 5th grade.
4.RL.10	4.RL.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. 4.RL.10 By the end of the year read and comprehend a variety of literary texts. a. Read and comprehend proficiently at grade level with increasing challenge in text difficulty and complexity (e.g., layout, text structure, language/literary features, knowledge demands). b. With guidance and support, self-select text for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks.	Change	Re-written	Improvign Clarity & and Adding Critical Content & Skill	K-12 vertical alignment discussion (approximately 5 hours).
4.RI.1	4.RI.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when Explaining what the a text says explicitly and draw inferences by referring to details and examples in the text. and when drawing inferences from the text.	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving clarity and making connections to other grade levels.	We wanted to emphasize making inferences by reorder the verbs.
4.RI.2	4.RI.2 Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.	Keep			

4.RI.3	4.RI.3 Explain events, steps in procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.	Propose Change	Addition	Improving Clarity	Just wanted to clarify this further and this was also a vertical alignment discussion.
4.RI.4	4.RI.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.	Keep			We were thinking it would be good to add a reference to Appendix A in the disaggregated standards.
4.RI.5	4.RI.5 Describe the overall text structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution).	Change	Addition	Improving clarity	We just wanted clarify that this standard is emphasizing text structure. We liked the examples, so we compromised with the other grade levels by moving them to the end of the standard.
4.RI.6	4.RI.6 Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the similarities /differences in focus the point of view based on and the information provided.	Change	Addition	Improving clarity and making connections across grades.	We have seen teacher confusion around this standard and wanted to help clarify it. We also wanted to tie in "point of view" from 3rd to 5th grade for vertical alignment.
4.RI.7	4.RI.7 Interpret information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively (e.g., in charts, graphs, diagrams, time lines, animations, or interactive elements on Web pages) and explain how the information contributes to an understanding of the text in which it appears.	Keep			
4.RI.8	4.RI.8 Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.	Keep			
4.RI.9	4.RI.9 Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write, speak, or demonstrate knowledge about the subject. knowledgeably.	Change	Addition		This was a K-12 change based on our vertical discussion. We originally left it alone, but added "or demonstrate knowledge" to support alignment.

4.RI.10	<p>4.RI.10 By the end of the year read and comprehend a variety of informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the 4-5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.</p> <p>4.RI.10 By the end of the year read and comprehend a variety of informational texts.</p> <p>a. Read and comprehend proficiently at grade level with increasing challenge in text difficulty and complexity (e.g., layout, text structure, language/literary features, knowledge demands).</p> <p>b. With guidance and support, self-select text for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks.</p>	Change	Re-written and Addition	Improving Clarity & Adding Critical Content	K-12 vertical discussion alignment (approximately 5 hours).
4.RF.1	4.RF.1 There is not a grade 4 standard for this concept. Please see preceding grades for more information.				
4.RF.2	4.RF.2 There is not a grade 4 standard for this concept. Please see preceding grades for more information.				
4.RF.3	<p>4.RF.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.</p> <p>a. Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to accurately read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.</p>	Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity	This reads better. Vertical discussion and alignment.

4.RF.4	<p>4.RF.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.</p> <p>a. Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.</p> <p>b. Read grade-level prose texts in a variety of genres and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and prosody (stress, phrasing, intonation, and expression) on successive consecutive readings.</p> <p>c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.</p>	Re-written	Re-written	Improving Clarity	<p>We thought consecutive might be better understood than successive.</p> <p>We wanted to take prose out in order to match a previous standard change e.g., 4.RL.5.</p> <p>We wanted to allow for all varieties of "texts", so this is why we didn't use the word "stories", thinking it might limit thinking to literature texts. In the end, this was a vertical alignment decision.</p>
4.W.1	<p>4.W.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.</p> <p>b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.</p> <p>c. Link opinion and reasons using grade level appropriate words and phrases (e.g., for instance, in order to, in addition).</p> <p>d. Provide a conclusion concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.</p>	Change	Re-written	Making connections within grade-level standards & Improving Clarity	<p>We wanted to provide more clarity for teachers and match it to W.3 (so we change W.2 also to match). Matched grade level appropriate to 2-5 progression.</p>

4.W.2	<p>4.W.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia text features when useful to aiding that support comprehension for the reader.</p> <p>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</p> <p>c. Link ideas within categories paragraphs and sections of information using grade level appropriate words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).</p> <p>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</p> <p>e. Provide a conclusion concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</p>	Change	Re-written	Making connections within grade-level standards & Improving Clarity	<p>We wanted to provide more clarity for teachers and match it to W.3 (so we change W.2 also to match). We changed to text features to broaden the text feautes to be used and to match 3rd grade. We changed categories to paragraphs and sections to help bring more clarity.</p> <p>Matched grade level appropriate to 2-5 progression.</p>
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4.W.3	<p>4.W.3 Write narratives (e.g., story, poetry, drama) to develop real or and imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.</p> <p>b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.</p> <p>c. Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.</p> <p>d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.</p> <p>e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events (when appropriate to the genre).</p>	Change	Re-written	Making connections within grade-level standards & Improving Clarity	Connect to 5th grade and clarify "b." better. Added the examples of narratives after a K-5 vertical discussion in order to help teachers not feel limited by the word "narratives". "When appropriate to the genre" was also added after a vertical discussion.
4.W.4	<p>4.W.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.)</p>	Keep			
4.W.5	<p>4.W.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, drafting, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 4.)</p>	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity	Wanted to add drafting. This addition was also based on vertical alignment discussion.

4.W.6	4.W.6 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting. With guidance and support, use technology, including the internet, to enhance writing. a. produce and publish writing b. interact and collaborate with others c. demonstrate sufficient keyboarding skills to type.	Propose Change	Removed	Improving Clarity	We realize this affects grades 3 and 4-6. We just want to talk this out with other grade-levels to see what their thoughts are. We are wondering if keyboarding should be a separate technology standard? Needed a vertical alignment discussion, but ran out of time and tabled to 7/13 meeting. We met on 7/13/15 vertically with 4-6 to have a discussion about whether we need to align a, b, c and whether the, "Type 'one' page in a single sitting" was appropriate. In the end, we decided to send this out to teachers for their feedback where complete consensus was not met.
4.W.7	4.W.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.	Keep			
4.W.8	4.W.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or and gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.	Propose Change	Re-written	Adding Critical Content & Skill	We feel that by 4th grade, students should use both background experience and relevant information. The word "or" made it seem as if they could do either, rather than both.
4.W.9	4.W.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support written analysis, reflection, and research. a. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to for literature to writing . (e.g., "Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions].") b. Apply grade 4 Reading standards to for informational texts to writing . (e.g., "Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text").	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity & Matching Vertical Alignment	Changes made to match vertical alignment.

4.W.10	4.W.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (in a single sitting or in a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences; independently select writing topics and formats for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks.	Change	Re-written	Matching Vertical Alignment	Matching Vertical alignment. Adding " 'in' a single sitting or 'in' a day or two" to clarify the standard. Added the independently select writing based on RL/RI 10 discussion and for K-12 vertical alignment.
4.L.1	<p>4.L.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>a. Write legibly and fluently in print or cursive using appropriate spacing and margins.</p> <p>b. Use relative pronouns (who, whose, whom, which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when, why).</p> <p>c. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses.</p> <p>d. Use modal auxiliaries auxiliary verbs such as can, may, and must) to convey various conditions to clarify meaning.</p> <p>e. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag rather than a red small bag).</p> <p>f. Form and use prepositional phrases.</p> <p>g. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.</p> <p>h. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).</p>	Change	Addition, Re-written	Improving Clarity	Writing was added based on vertical discussion. It was added to grades K-4. "d." was rewritten in order to make the standard more understandable.

4.L.2	<p>4.L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p> <p>a. Use correct capitalization.</p> <p>b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.</p> <p>c. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.</p> <p>d. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.</p>	Keep			
4.L.3	<p>4.L.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.</p> <p>a. Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.</p> <p>b. Choose punctuation for effect.</p> <p>c. Differentiate between contexts Recognize that different situations that call for formal (e.g., presenting ideas) or informal (e.g., small-group discussion) English. (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).</p>	Propose Change	Re-written	Clarity	We matched this wording to 4.SL.6.

4.L.4	<p>4.L.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and level content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.</p> <p>a. Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).</p> <p>c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.</p>	Propose Change	Re-written	Clarify	<p>Changed from "grade 4" to "grade level" based on a 1-5 vertical discussion. Also, removed examples based on the vertical discussion.</p>
4.L.5	<p>4.L.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances subtle differences in word meanings.</p> <p>a. Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.</p> <p>b. Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.</p> <p>c. Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).</p>	Propose Change	Re-written	Improving Clarity	<p>Talked to 5th grade to make the decision to remove adages. They agreed because adages and proverbs are very similar. We changed "nuances" to "subtle differences" to align with 3rd and 5th.</p>

4.L.6	4.L.6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).	Keep			We would like to see a reference to the Appendix A Vocabulary section in the disaggregated standards.
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