**Strand:** Language  
**Anchor Standard:** Conventions of Standard English  
**Grade level:** 4

### Standards Relating to Conventions of Standard English

**4.L.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  
  a. Write legibly and fluently in print or cursive using appropriate spacing and margins.  
  b. Use relative pronouns (who, whose, whom, which, that) and relative adverbs (where, when, why).  
  c. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses.  
  d. Use modal auxiliary verbs such as can, may, and must to convey various conditions to clarify meaning.  
  e. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag rather than a red small bag).  
  f. Form and use prepositional phrases.  
  g. Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.  
  h. Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).

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  a. Use correct capitalization.  
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### Conventions of Standard English: Relevance and Essential Questions: What’s the point?

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<td>Why is punctuation, capitalization, and spelling important when writing?</td>
<td>Conventions serve many purposes for both readers and writers. Writers use capitalization to distinguish important words. Writers use spelling and punctuation to effectively communicate thoughts and ideas.</td>
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<td>Why are grammar and usage important when writing or speaking and how are they different?</td>
<td>Writers and speakers use grammar conventions to communicate clearly. Grammar relates to the function of words (rule based and objective) and usage relates to the habits of language in a language community, evolves continuously, and is subjective (slang).</td>
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### Learning Progression: Conventions of Standard English (4.L.1 4.L.2)

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<td>c. Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.</td>
<td>c. Form and use the progressive (e.g., I was walking; I am walking; I will be walking) verb tenses.</td>
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<td>d. Use abstract nouns (e.g., childhood).</td>
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<td>f. Form and use the simple) verb tenses (e.g., I walked; I walk; I will walk).</td>
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- a. Capitalize appropriate words in titles.
- b. Use commas in addresses.
- c. Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.
- d. Form and use possessives.
- e. Use high frequency words and spelling patterns to spell grade appropriate words correctly, consulting reference materials as needed.

### 4.L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

- a. Use correct capitalization.
- b. Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
- c. Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
- d. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

### 5.L.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

- a. Use commas to separate items in a series.
- b. Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of the sentence.
- c. Use a comma to set off the words yes and no, to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It’s true, isn’t it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Steve?).
- d. Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works.
- e. Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
## Rigor and Cognitive Complexity

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| **4.L.2**      | **4.L.2**               | **4.L.2**                   |
|                | The proper use of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling supports clear communication. | Use the following conventions: |
| • Capitalization |                          | • Capitalization             |
| • Punctuation   |                          | • Punctuation                |
| • Commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text. | • Commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text |
| • Spelling grade-appropriate words |                          | • Commas before a coordinating conjunction |
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### Student Friendly Language

I can use the correct English conventions and grammar when I speak and write.

I can use proper grammar to communicate clearly.

I can print or write in cursive legibly so others can read and understand my writing.

I can use correct capitalization, punctuation, and spelling so I can communicate clearly.

I can capitalize words correctly.

I can end a complete thought using punctuation.

I can use commas correctly in compound sentences and quotations.

I can use a comma before a coordinating conjunction (and, but, or, so) in a compound sentence.
I can use quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from the text.

I can spell 4th grade level words correctly.

I can get help with spelling words correctly by using print or digital resources.

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### Key Vocabulary

#### 4.L.1
- Conventions of standard English grammar
- Conventions of standard English usage
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- Relative pronouns
- Relative adverbs
- Progressive verb tenses
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- Spelling grade-appropriate words
- Commas before a coordinating conjunction
- Commas in a compound sentence

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### Relevance and Applications: How might the skills in the standards be applied at home, on the job or in a real-world, relevant context?

Use standard English grammar and usage to:
- Communicate with people in the community
- Write essays for scholarships
- Create a scrapbook
- Write letters, emails, texts, etc.
- Complete a job application, and participate in an interview.

We can write an email, letter, book, etc. for multiple purposes.

Create an agenda or compile the minutes for a business meeting.

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### Resources

[https://doe.sd.gov/octe/ELA-resources.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/octe/ELA-resources.aspx)
## Achievement Level Descriptors

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