### Standards Relating to Conventions of Standard English

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### Conventions of Standard English: Relevance and Essential Questions: What's the point?

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<td>(Drive Intellectual Curiosity-The Hook)</td>
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<td>Why is grammar important?</td>
<td>Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation ensure our ideas are clearly communicated.</td>
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<td>What role do conventions play in writing?</td>
<td>Verbs can take on many different roles in a sentence, from changing the emphasis of the sentence, affecting the mood, or even acting as nouns and modifiers.</td>
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<td>What can verbs do?</td>
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### Learning Progression: Conventions of Standard English (8.L.1 8.L.2)

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<td>b. Choose among simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences to signal differing relationships among ideas.</td>
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<td>c. Place phrases and clauses within a sentence.</td>
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<td>a. Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie).</td>
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<td>a. Use a semicolon (and perhaps a conjunctive adverb) to link two or more closely related independent clauses.</td>
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## Rigor and Cognitive Complexity

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### 8.L.1
- Verbs
- Verbals
  - Gerunds
  - Participles
  - Infinitives
- Verb mood
  - Indicative
  - Imperative
  - Interrogative
  - Conditional
  - Subjunctive
- Active vs. passive voice

#### 8.L.1
- Correct grammar and conventions makes one’s message clear.
- Activities and passive voice each have a place in writing.
- Writers should only shift verb voice and mood with intention and purpose.

#### 8.L.2
- Appropriate capitalization, punctuation, and spelling are essential in writing.
- Different punctuation marks can have different effects on the pacing and tone of a written work.
- Inappropriate capitalization, punctuation, and spelling can distract or confuse the reader.

#### 8.L.1
- Use standard English grammar and conventions in writing and speaking.
- Explain the function of verbals, in general and in specific sentences.
- Select the most appropriate verb voice and mood for a message.
- Shift verb voice or mood with intention and purpose.
- Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.

#### 8.L.2
- Use appropriate capitalization in writing.
- Spell correctly.
- Use punctuation, such as commas, dashes, and ellipses, to indicate pauses, breaks, and omissions in writing.
8.L.1
I can write with standard English grammar and conventions.
I can speak with standard English grammar and conventions.
I know what verbs and verbals do in a sentence.
I can correctly use verbs in active and passive voice.
I can correctly use verbs based on the appropriate mood (questioning, commanding, doubting, etc.).
I am aware of and can control changes in the types of verbs I use.

8.L.2
I can use appropriate capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
I can use punctuation to indicate a pause, break, or omission.

**Key Vocabulary**

8.L.1
- Standard English
- Conventions
- Grammar
- Usage
- Function
- Verb
- Verbals
  - Gerund
  - Participle
  - Infinitive
- Verb form
- Verb mood
  - Indicative
  - Imperative
  - Interrogative
  - Conditional
  - Subjunctive
- Active voice
- Passive voice

8.L.2
- Standard English
- Conventions
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Spelling
- Ellipsis
- Comma
- Dash
- Omission

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

Lasting impressions are formed based on how well people communicate in speaking and in writing. We need to be able to write and speak using standard English grammar in situations including job interviews, job applications, college applications, scholarship applications, and job/school presentations.

Employers expect employees to have a general command of English conventions and may unfairly judge us when we don’t use it. For example, a resume riddled with capitalization, punctuation, and spelling errors will be less impressive than one that is written correctly.

Being able to use standard English conventions gives us more opportunities to participate in economic, political, and professional activities outside of our core communities.

**Resources**

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

ELA Unpacked Standards 2018
**Achievement Level Descriptors**

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