

MATERIAL COVERED

The English 9 course is divided into three main sections:

Mechanics

- Avoiding Common Spelling Errors
- Identifying Parts of Speech
- Fixing Common Sentence Errors

Writing

- Writing Paragraphs
- Outlining a Basic Five Paragraph Essay
- Writing a Basic Five Paragraph Essay

Reading

- Analysing News Articles
- Reading and Understanding Short Stories
- Reading and Understanding Poetry
- Reading and Understanding a Novel

TEXTBOOK

The course uses the following texts:

Crossroads 9
The Pigman
Tuck Everlasting

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SPELLING

Spelling is important! Be prepared to lose marks if you are a poor speller. It is recommended that all work you submit is typed on the computer and spell checked. This method is *not* infallible, though, but it will catch the most obvious misspelled words and typos! Using a dictionary will also help.

GRADING

This course works on a mastery system. You must pass the mastery tests in each unit to the 80% level before you can go on. In addition, there are cumulative tests from time to time. These are tests you can take only once, so studying before them is essential to do well. Your final mark for the course is based 60% on mastery tests and 40% on cumulative tests.

GOAL

The goal of this unit is to increase your skills at avoiding common spelling errors.

OBJECTIVES

While completing this unit you will practice properly spelling:

- Abbreviations
- Homophones
- Plurals
- Possessives
- Commonly confused words

WHAT TO DO IN THIS UNIT

- There isn't a textbook for this unit. Your worksheet will act as your textbook.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Worksheet, read each section carefully, and do the work there. If you wish to check your work, ask your teacher if you may see the worksheet answer key.
- When you are ready, ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Test. Remember, you must get 80% to pass, so studying hard is essential to do well.

GOAL

The goal of this unit is to increase your skills at identifying parts of speech.

OBJECTIVES

While completing this unit you will practice identifying:

- Nouns and pronouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives, and adverbs
- Objects and subjects
- Compound subjects and verbs
- Compound verbs

WHAT TO DO IN THIS UNIT

- There isn't a textbook for this unit. Your worksheet will act as your textbook.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 2 Worksheet, read each section carefully, and do the work there. If you wish to check your work, ask your teacher if you may see the worksheet answer key.
- When you are ready, ask your teacher for the Unit 2 Test. Remember, you must get 80% to pass, so studying hard is essential to do well.