

Summer Courses: Basic 6th and 7th English

(Recommended for but not limited to students entering the 6th and 7th grades)

I. Grammar, usage, and mechanics

1. Prepositions
 - a. Learn “The Yankee Doodle Preposition Song” in order to memorize prepositions. (Students confuse other parts of speech and sentence parts with prepositions, so they will memorize the prepositions from the start in order to spare them the confusion.)
 - b. Prepositional Phrases
2. Noun identification and noun functions, or “jobs”
3. Pronouns
 - a. Learning “The Pronoun Song” in order to memorize the nominative and objective personal pronouns
 - b. Using personal pronouns: distinguishing between the correct cases of personal pronouns
4. Verbs
 - a. Distinguishing between action and linking verbs
 - b. Verb complements: direct objects, indirect objects, predicate nouns, predicate pronouns, and predicate adjectives
5. Adjectives
 - a. Identify adjectives in a sentence
 - b. Diagramming sentences with adjectives
 - c. Adjective phrases

6. Adverbs
 - a. Identifying adverbs
 - b. Adverbial phrases
 - c. Diagramming sentences with adverbs

7. Conjunctions (We will review these types of conjunctions with clauses listed below.)
 - a. Coordinating
 - b. Subordinating

8. Interjections
 - a. Identifying and supplying interjections
 - b. Learning the difference between mild and strong interjections

II. Writing

1. Phrases and clauses
 - a. Phrases vs. clauses
 - b. Subordinate vs. independent clauses
 - c. Infinitives, gerunds, and participles

2. Sentence structure
 - a. Simple
 - b. Compound
 - c. Complex

3. Five- Paragraph Essay
 - a. Students will be given a perfectly written five-paragraph essay, and they will work backwards, identifying main ideas and details.
 - b. Outlining a five – paragraph essay

