

SHURLEY GRAMMAR DESCRIPTION

Shurley Grammar is a unique tool, specifically designed to help students master the parts of speech and sentence structure.

- **Students learn definitions for the parts of speech through jingles that incorporate rhythm, rhyme, movement, and fun.**
- **Then, they are introduced to our well-defined system of classifying sentences known as the Question and Answer Flow.**
- **Through word analysis, students gain a better understanding of the parts that make up a sentence.**
- **With this basic grammar foundation in place, students are introduced to a clear, structured method for writing sentences that provide for clear, precise communication.**

Shurley English has assembled a unique combination of features to help students build a solid literacy foundation. Our experts organized the series logically, sequentially, and systematically for success. Abstract language arts concepts become clear and logical, using concrete, multi-sensory strategies that support all types of learners.

The unique features of Shurley English give students the concrete steps necessary to relate

- **a definition to a concept.**
- **a concept to a skill practice.**
- **a skill practice for writing.**
- **writing to effective speaking.**

Competent writing begins with understanding correct sentence structure, expands to paragraphs, and results in the satisfaction of well-written essays, reports, and letters.

We invite you to explore each of our unique features below:

Jingles

Jingles are presented in a simple, easy-to-use format that students can sing or chant. Jingles help students learn the definitions for the eight parts of speech. These definitions help students learn the vocabulary necessary for understanding basic sentence structure.

Shurley English Jingles...

- **incorporate rhythm, rhyme, and movement.**
- **provide domain-specific language.**
- **allow for critical reading during sentence analysis.**

Q&A Flow

The Question and Answer Flow is a way to analyze the role of each word in a sentence. Learning to identify and label the parts of a sentence leads to understanding sentence structure. As students' understanding of sentence structure grows, they learn to apply this knowledge to write better sentences, paragraphs, and essays.

Shurley English Q&A Flows...

- **include brain-compatible strategies.**
- **make English grammar logical and systematic.**
- **serve as a formative assessment.**

Sentence Blueprints

Writing Sentence Blueprints helps students make the connection between grammar and the writing process. Writing Sentence Blueprints from grammar labels establishes a foundation for sentence composition. Then, students learn to expand and improve their original sentences, using revision strategies to write improved sentences.

Shurley English Sentence Blueprints...

- **rehearse the most common conventions of English.**
- **facilitate the transfer of word skills to sentence skills.**
- **integrate grammar knowledge into the writing process.**

Skills

With Shurley English, students learn many skills to help them master language concepts. They are given specific techniques to learn not only the concept, but also the entire thought process necessary to apply the concept. Skills taught include vocabulary, mechanics, usage, editing, and sentence work.

Shurley English Skills...

- **provide specific processes to follow for understanding and application.**
- **spiral throughout the curriculum to ensure mastery.**
- **allow comprehensive input and review.**

Writing

Learning to write begins with an understanding of sentence structure and expands to paragraphs and essays. Students are taught to organize paragraphs and essays according to the purpose for writing. Then, they use writing checklists for each step in the writing process. The end result is student writing that is distinctive, effective, and polished. Writing Evaluation Guides are also provided to assist students and teachers in the evaluation process.

Shurley English Writing...

- **uses student-friendly writing scaffolds that pave the way for exceptional writing.**
- **develops and enhances effective writing traits.**
- **provides detailed graphic organizers for logical organization of ideas.**
- **includes comprehensive development of revision and editing skills.**
- **allows students to use their imagination to explore ideas and respond to the texts they read.**
- **engages students in interactive listening, speaking, thinking, and writing activities.**
- **integrates and develops powerful "deep and wide" vocabulary, including etymology.**
- **connects the most important grammar skills into writing.**
- **allows numerous opportunities for writing across the curriculum.**
- **provides purposeful technology applications to support key skill development.**

Speaking & Listening

Speaking and Listening opportunities maximize the social needs of students' brains as they practice formal and informal speaking during instructional time. Beginning at the earliest grade levels, Shurley English provides easy-to-follow discussion guidelines for both the speaker and the listener. These strategies teach students to think critically during discussions while linking their own thoughts to the speaker. The skills are repeated throughout the grade levels to help students master the concepts they will need to become successful communicators.

Shurley English Speaking & Listening...

- **allows students to discuss topics formally and informally.**
- **encourages active listening in flexible student groups.**
- **prepares students for formal and informal oral presentations.**
- **rehearses routine discussion strategies that build knowledge.**