



2027 GRADE 8 ENGLISH MANUAL TOPIC OVERVIEW



ENGLISH MANUAL					ADDITIONAL CONTENT
LISTENING AND SPEAKING	READING AND VISUAL LITERACY	POETRY	LITERATURE	WRITING	GRADE 8
LISTENING SKILLS Active listening Verbal and non-verbal cues Note-taking exercise Listening comprehensions PUBLIC SPEAKING Overcoming a fear of public speaking Summary task PREPARED SPEECHES Preparing your speech Presenting your speech UNPREPARED SPEECHES DISCUSSIONS Class and group discussions Panel discussions READING ALOUD Approaching prepared and unprepared reading	BEING AN ENGAGED READER Strategies for active reading COMPREHENSION SKILLS Building comprehension and analytical skills How to improve your comprehension skills Comprehension practice USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE VISUAL LITERACY Visual literacy in practice Adverts Posters Cartoons FILM STUDY Film techniques	ELEMENTS OF POETRY Figures of speech Sound devices HOW TO UNPACK A POEM POETRY PRACTICE <i>Two Cities</i> by Karen Lazar <i>Nothing Gold Can Stay</i> by Robert Frost <i>Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening</i> by Robert Frost <i>Dinosaurs</i> by Jeannie Wallace McKeown <i>Night Journey</i> by Theodore Roethke <i>Her Grief</i> by Kethabile Mhlongo <i>A Jelly-Fish</i> by Marianne Moore <i>When Giving is All We Have</i> by Alberto Rios	WHY WE SHOULD READ EXPLORING NOVELS Looking at different genres Finding the right book to read Writing your own book review KEY LITERARY ELEMENTS Plot Setting Characters Conflict Theme ANALYSING A LITERARY TEXT ENGAGING WITH YOUR SETWORK Looking at key events Getting to know the characters Reflecting on your setwork SHORT STORIES Structure of a short story Analysing a short story PLAYS Analysis in practice WRITING A LITERARY PARAGRAPH	WRITING SKILLS The writing process PARAGRAPH WRITING Narrative paragraph Descriptive paragraph Argumentative paragraph WRITING AN ESSAY EMOTIVE WRITING TRANSACTIONAL WRITING Friendly letter Formal letter Formal email Blog post Newspaper article	GRADE 8 English manual (with answers) Setwork packs Additional activities: » Comprehensions » Poetry » Visual literacy » Listening comprehensions » Language and grammar » Bridging exercises GRAMMAR GUIDE Includes: » Parts of speech » Punctuation » Abbreviations » Phrases and clauses » Active and passive voice » Sentence structure » Concord » Tenses » Direct and indirect speech » Root words, prefixes, suffixes » Homonyms and homophones » Register » Emotive language » Denotation and connotation » Figures of speech » Sound devices » Contradictions » Further literary devices » Common errors



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