

**Mississippi State Standards
correlated to
Merit Software Vocabulary Programs**

The Language Arts Framework, revised in 2000, provides a description of what students should know and do in English, language arts, and reading classrooms, kindergarten through twelfth grade. The framework addresses the interrelatedness of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing. The framework combines and replaces the previously separate curriculum structures for reading and for English language arts. The framework takes effect in fall 1997 and may be taught in the transition year 1996-97.

Merit’s Vocabulary programs address the following Mississippi Language Arts Framework Standards:

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Grade 3

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	7. Experience a variety of literary forms and styles in order to discover the meaning and beauty of language. (R, W, S, L, V)	c. Use prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words as found in context.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1
Reading	7. Experience a variety of literary forms and styles in order to discover the meaning and beauty of language. (R, W, S, L, V)	e. Use a dictionary to find or confirm the meaning of a word.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1

Writing	11. Use language to facilitate continuous learning, to record observations, to clarify thought, to synthesize information, and to analyze and evaluate language, as appropriate. (R, W, S, L, V)	a. Exhibit use of expanding vocabulary, which includes references to an expanding knowledge of the world.	Vocabulary Fitness Set 1
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Grade 4

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	7. Discover the history and inherent beauty of cultural expression in language and literature. (R, W, S, L, V)	b. Begin to recognize the interrelatedness of language, literature, and culture.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1
Reading	7. Discover the history and inherent beauty of cultural expression in language and literature. (R, W, S, L, V)	c. Use prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words as found in context.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1
Writing	12. Acquire and use appropriate vocabulary and spelling concepts. (R, W, S, L, V)	d. Use appropriate vocabulary for specific situations, purposes, and audiences.	Vocabulary Fitness Set 1

Grade 5

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	7. Discover the history and inherent beauty of cultural expression in language and literature. (R, W, S, L, V)	c. Use prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words as found in context.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1

Writing	12. Acquire and use appropriate vocabulary and spelling concepts. (R, W, S, L, V)	d. Use appropriate vocabulary for specific situations, purposes, and audiences.	Vocabulary Fitness Set 1
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Grade 6

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	7. Discover the history and inherent beauty of cultural expression in language and literature.	c. Use prefixes and suffixes to modify the meaning of root words as found in context.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 1
Writing	12. Acquire and use appropriate vocabulary and spelling concepts.	a. Use standardized spelling while completing a writing process.	Vocabulary Fitness Set 1

Grade 7

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	7. Discover the history and inherent beauty of cultural expression in language and literature.	c. Use root words, prefixes, suffixes, and vocabulary adopted from other languages into English.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 2
Writing	12. Acquire and use appropriate vocabulary and spelling concepts.	a. Demonstrate correct spelling.	Vocabulary Fitness Set 2

Grade 8

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	7. Discover the history and inherent beauty of cultural expression in language and literature.	c. Use root words, prefixes, suffixes, and vocabulary adopted from other languages into English.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 2
Writing	12. Acquire and use appropriate vocabulary and spelling concepts.	a. Demonstrate correct spelling.	Vocabulary Fitness Set 2

Grade 9

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	6. Explore cultural contributions to the history of the English language and its literature.	d. Recognize root words, prefixes, suffixes, and cognates.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 2

Grade 10

Subhead	Competencies	Suggested Objectives	Merit Software
Reading	6. Explore cultural contributions to the history of the English language and its literature.	d. Recognize root words, prefixes, suffixes, and cognates.	Vocabulary Stretch Set 2