

CKLA Skills:
Units, Lessons, Assessments, and Pausing Points

Units:

- Contents
 - Provides an overview of the lessons and skills in the upcoming unit
- Introduction
 - Describes the unit and the rationale for why skills are taught in this way and at this time. This is a very important section to read to familiarize yourself with the big picture for this unit.
 - Overview of the assessments in this unit, including the purposes and goals
 - Overview of the additional materials and resources needed throughout the unit

Lessons:

- Primary Focus of the Lesson
 - Identifies the standards and goals for the lesson
- Formative Assessment
 - Provides an overview of the opportunities for observing student work, taking anecdotal notes, etc.
- Lesson At A Glance
 - Overview of the activities, suggested timing, and materials needed
 - Although the pacing of your lesson may vary, it is very important not to change the sequence of the activities in the lesson. The order of the activities in each skills lesson has a specific purpose in order to teach skills in the lessons and units.
- Advance Preparation
 - Indicates specific aspects of the lesson to consider in advance, sounds to practice, resources to have ready, etc., in order to maximize student learning
- Checks for Understanding
 - Reminders in the margin to check for understanding of important aspects of the lesson. Use the opportunities to respond to what students need more practice with before moving on. You will add additional checks for understanding during your planning process
- Support
 - Specific notes on how to assist students with skills that might be challenging or confusing
- Anecdotal Skills Record
 - Provides an opportunity to make student-specific notes to guide remediation/intervention
- Activity Page
 - Indicates the specific activity page(s) for each lesson in the margin
- Take Home Material
 - Identifies materials that need to go home for additional work

Assessments and Pausing Points:

- Assessments
 - Included throughout the unit. Utilize results from assessments for remediation, additional practice, etc.
- Pausing Points
 - Located at the end of each unit for 2-3 days of additional instruction
 - Provides recommendations for how to check for understanding of skills introduced in the unit
 - Select the most suitable activities to help remediate students based on the assessment results
 - Activity pages for the Pausing Points are included in the student booklets
 - It is important to take advantage of this opportunity to remediate any gaps/unfinished learning before moving to the next unit