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# 6th Grade English/Language Arts Standards

#### Standards for Language

### **Conventions of Standard English**

- 1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
  - a. Ensure that pronouns are in the proper case (subjective, objective, and possessive).
  - b. Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).
  - c. Recognize and correct vague pronouns (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).
- 2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
  - a. Use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) correctly.
  - b. Spell correctly.
- 3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
  - a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/ listener interest, and style.
  - b. Maintain consistency in style and tone.



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### **Vocabulary Acquisition and Use**

- 1. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
  - a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
  - b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., audience, auditory, audible).
  - c. Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.
- 2. Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
  - a. Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.
  - b. Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., cause/effect, part/whole, item/category) to better understand each of the words
  - c. Distinguish among the connotations (associations) of words with similar denotations (definitions) (e.g., stingy, scrimping, economical, unwasteful, thrifty).
- 3. Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases; gather vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.