

IXL Winter Adventures



8TH GRADE ELA

Keep up the studying this season with IXL Winter Adventures! Set out on a journey through language arts with 20 days of skills and activities, each with its own fun theme.

Tip: To quickly find each skill, type the three-character skill ID into the search bar at the top left of the page on IXL!

Day 1	Credit where credit is due	Identify plagiarism (TLM) Decide whether ellipses are used appropriately (5AV)
Day 2	Root of the problem	Determine the meanings of words with Greek and Latin roots (AP9) Match problems with their solutions (FS5)
Day 3	A hard sell	Identify appeals to ethos, pathos, and logos in advertisements (QUT) Activity: Find five ads online or in a magazine. Figure out if they're appealing to ethos, pathos, or logos.
Day 4	A theme come true	Match the quotations with their themes (STM) Determine the themes of short stories (9UH)
Day 5	Lost and found	Misplaced modifiers with pictures (KAV) Find words using context (J8G)



Day 6	Historically in the past	Remove redundant words or phrases (JHX) <hr/> Irregular past tense: review (KWY)
Day 7	Keep it real	Use the Real-Time Diagnostic for 20 minutes.
Day 8	Just right	Organize information by main idea (2CA) <hr/> Use thesaurus entries (96F)
Day 9	But actually...	Identify counterclaims (78W) <hr/> Activity: Find three claims in a news article or a social media post. Then write down three counterclaims someone might use to argue against these claims.
Day 10	Make no mistake	Correct errors with frequently confused words (PH9) <hr/> Correct errors in everyday use (HCU)
Day 11	The bandwagon was jumped upon	Classify logical fallacies (FZ9) <hr/> Rewrite the sentence in active voice (W2F)
Day 12	Write on time	Use personification (RTX) <hr/> Activity: Have you ever hated the ending of a book, movie, or TV series? Write your own alternate ending to the story.

Day 13	Get to the point	Determine the main idea of a passage (TH7) <hr/> Identify thesis statements (TM6)
Day 14	Come back to the fold	Pick a challenge from your awards page and try to earn it!
Day 15	Causes and clauses	Match causes and effects in informational texts (WK9) <hr/> Combine sentences using relative clauses (WZQ)
Day 16	Reader's corner	Analyze short stories (5FL) <hr/> Read and understand informational passages (BYP)
Day 17	Come to your senses	Identify sensory details (9JT) <hr/> Activity: Think about your favorite restaurant. Write a paragraph describing what it's like to be at that restaurant, using as many different types of sensory details as you can.
Day 18	Believe it or not	Distinguish facts from opinions (LSW) <hr/> Trace an argument (UNX)
Day 19	Double whammy	Pick two skills from your Recommendations wall to practice!
Day 20	Tone it down	Compare passages for tone (NSM) <hr/> Analyze the effects of figures of speech on meaning and tone (MMK)