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UIL Grades 1-8
2014-15

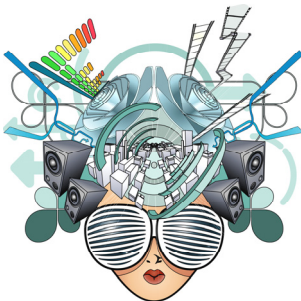


LISTENING

NEW Listening Skills Manual

Superb and Well-Written - Unique Tips that Work!

Listening Skills Manual by Bobby Hawthorne is designed to help students in grades 5-8 recognize the importance of active listening. Topics covered include the following: *Listening vs. Hearing, Why Listening Matters, Taking Notes, How to get Students to Listen More Carefully, Detecting Bias*. This product also includes sample tests and is not only valuable for students in the UIL Listening contest, it is also an effective teaching tool for the classroom in general and for other contests that require verbal comprehension through listening such as the Storytelling contest.



BONUS! Two additional full sample tests with scripts, questions and an audio CD with the script! Stories are titled, "The History of the Crayola Crayon" and "From Wolf to Woof-Woof: How dogs became man's best friend."

Listening Skills Manual | #ulsm | \$69
Listening Skills Manual - Team set of 5 | #ulsm5 | \$200

A novel approach to Social Studies Introducing "Core Concepts" & "Focus" books

Over the years, we have heard that our annual lower grade *Social Studies Notes* contains overlapping information from year to year. While our goal has simply been not to leave anything out, thus carrying some relevant information over from year to year, we understand that our repeat customers do not want to pay for the same information over and over.

To remedy this, and for the first time ever, we have decided to **separate the annual Social Studies topic from the core information as much as possible, making two separate books**. Instead of *Social Studies Notes*, the two books we are offering are called, *Social Studies Core Concepts* and *Social Studies Focus 2014-15*. The *Core Concepts* book reflects materials from the 4th-8th grade texts. The *Social Studies Focus* books will be updated annually to fit the topic that is released at UIL Capital Conference in July. Note, if this topic happens to cover a few Core Concepts, there may be slight overlap for good measure, but there will no more identical, year-to-year overlap. We think you will enjoy this fresh, new format and we appreciate your feedback -- the inspiration behind these two unique, new products!

SPELLING & VOCABULARY

UIL Spelling Mentor & Flips

Software to Master the A+ Spelling List

Spelling Mentor & Spelling Flips are interactive study tools designed to keep students engaged in mastering words. Students hear the word as the screen shows phonetic pronunciation(s), part(s) of speech, definition(s), and a sentence. With **Spelling Mentor**, progress is tracked for up to 20 students; software may be installed on multiple PC compatible computers at one location. Features include the ability to preview words, request next letter, and flag problematic words. A one-year extended usage license for installing on up to five students' home or personal computers is also available. Download free *Sampler* online! **Spelling Flips** contain the same information as **Spelling Mentor**, but is an internet-based study tool for multiple students. Scores are kept on a per-session basis only (not retained once a student has logged out.) Try our free online demo before you buy. All software and flips are non-refundable. *Choose grade level.

UIL Spelling Mentor | #umen | \$65*
 UIL Spelling Flips | #uspfl | \$99*
 UIL Sp Ment. Ext. Usage | #umenx | \$65*

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NEW - Spell Buddy

Assign Perfectly Grade-Appropriate Spelling Lists!

Spell Buddy provides teachers and students with a time-tested word list separated by grade level, so students can learn spelling all year round and not just the UIL list! This product is ideal for spelling word clubs or for having your own "mock" spelling bees, since one book can be given to every student and word lists can be easily assigned. A **"Spelling Schedule"** is included in every book, and any book can be completed in 20 assignments. Once a student has learned all the words in his or her *Spell Buddy*, a teacher or parent can place a star near that assignment with their initials. *Spell Buddy* books are perfectly sized at 6"X9" and can fit in to a backpack. These books are professionally-printed and not comb-bound -- something your students will be proud to study! If you feel that any student needs words that are more challenging, simply order copies of the next grade level up! (Note: For books and software containing the annual UIL spelling words, use our *Spelling Complement*, *Spelling Mentor*, and/or *Spelling Flips*). The *Coaches Manual* contains sentences and is recommended for coaches or teachers who wish to host their own spelling bees. If you order 6 or more of ANY Spell Buddy combination use our 1/2 off reduced pricing! (Yes, you can order 5 Spell Buddy books and one Coach Manual to qualify for the discount.) *Choose grade level.

Spell Buddy | #nsbdy | \$29 ea. or \$14.50 ea.*

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 ___ 7th ___ 8th

Spell Buddy Coach Manual | #nsbdyc | \$59 ea. or \$29.50 ea.*

___ 1st-2nd ___ 3rd-4th ___ 5th ___ 6th
 ___ 7th ___ 8th

Spelling Complement

All the Words in A+ and More!



UIL Spelling Complements for 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th grades present words in The UIL A+ *Spelling Book* for each grade level, replete with definitions, parts of speech, pronunciations, and carefully crafted sentences to help increase understanding of the words. Team designates a set of five. *Choose grade level.

Spelling Complement | #ucom | \$49*
 Spelling Comp Team | #ucomt | \$150*
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NUMBER SENSE

Number Sense Concepts

Calculate Faster and Gain More Confidence!

For the very young child who has always been encouraged to "show your work," the idea of mental computation can be a bit scary. **Number Sense Concepts** for grades 4-6 is designed to reduce that anxiety and show basic shortcuts that can lead to success in the Number Sense competition. Written by Martha Godwin, this guide is designed to address some of the skills needed for the elementary contest.



Number Sense Concepts | #unsc1 | \$50
 Number Sense Concepts - Team set of 5 | #unsc1t | \$200

Mental Math Mentor & Notes

Skills for the Number Sense Contest

Mental Math Mentor software in a self-paced tutorial format is a collection of exercises, examples, short-cuts and skills specifically for use in the Number Sense contest. Some 70 skills are presented clearly and logically with problems generated for each to test your students' understanding. **Mentor** installs on multiple PC compatible computers at one location. A one-year extended usage license is available for installing on up to five students' PCs. **Notes** indicates printed version. Team is set of 5 books, one for each team member and a coach. Download free sampler before buying from our website as Mentors are non-returnable and non-refundable.

Mental Math Mentor & Notes | #unsmn | \$130
 Mental Math Mentor | #unsm | \$90
 Mental Math Ext Usage Lic. | #unsmex | \$90
 Mental Math Notes | #unsbk | \$60



SCIENCE



Science Practice Packets - Practice Tests in Science I & II Formats

Science Practice Packets for lower grades! Each practice packet contains 6 practice tests by Ken Davis with 35 multiple-choice questions and answer keys covering life, earth and physical sciences. Our original **Science Practice Packet** has 3 tests in Science I format and 3 are in the Science II format. The NEW Science Practice packets have 6 tests in each level of study.

Science Practice Packet - Science 1 & 2 (for 7-8 grade) | #uscpl | \$65

Science Practice Packet - Science 1 (for 7th grade) | #uscpl1 | \$65

Science Practice Packet - Science 2 (for 8th grade) | #uscpl2 | \$65

Physical Science Concepts

Scientific Problem-Solving with In-Depth Answers!



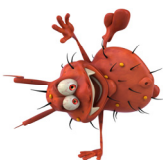
Physical Science Concepts has all of the content from **Science FlipCards**, PLUS examples of principles, added explanations, and sample problems. Each section has a few practice questions, similar to those on the UIL test. Written in a concise, easily digestible format, **Physical Science Concepts** gives students a broad foundation in preparation for the UIL Science Contest.

Physical Science Concepts | #uscpt | \$67

Physical Science Concepts - Team | #uscptt | \$200

Physical Science Flip Cards

Physical Science for On-the-Go Students!



Physical Science FlipCards are a handy reference of encapsulated information for **all physical sciences, including earth science, ecology, and life science**. This take-it-with-you format is appropriate and engaging for contests and classroom usage. **Team FlipCards** contain five sets.

Physical Science FlipCards | #uscddp | \$55

Physical Science FlipCards-Team | #uscddpt | \$175

ART

UIL A+ Art Interactive CD

Makes Learning A+ Art Fun!



NEW **Art CD** by Elizabeth McCullough educates and entertains students with puzzles and questions specifically geared toward the UIL A+ Art selections. The CD spotlights technique, movement, and history and encourages students to rediscover or come to appreciate classic art pieces. Includes 25+ fun-filled screens with a variety

of exercises in each. Updated for the new two-year topic cycle beginning in academic year 2013-14 and usable up to 2014-15, this product is appropriate for all grade levels. May be installed unlimited times on a single campus or location. An extended usage license allows installation on up to 5 students' home computers.

A+ Art Interactive CD | #uaicd | \$69

A+ Art Interactive CD Extended Usage Lic. | #uaicdt | \$69

MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS

Maps, Graphs & Charts Concepts

& PowerPoint - Read and Interpret What You See!

Appropriate for take home assignments or classroom or team exercises, **Maps, Graphs & Charts Concepts** focuses on getting the student to take the time to fully "see" all the information presented before tackling tough questions. Terminology relating to reading maps, graphs, and charts is included. Questions and exercises are presented on a per chapter basis. An easy-to-use companion PowerPoint presentation for teachers or parents presents much of the same information in a fun, interactive format.

Maps, Graphs & Charts Concepts | #umapc | \$67

Maps, Graphs & Charts Concepts Team | #umapct | \$200

Maps, Graphs & Charts PowerPoint | #umapwr | \$69

Maps, Graphs & Charts Practice Packet

Tests to Help Students Reach Higher Altitudes

Maps, Graphs & Charts Practice Packet for grades 5-8 is written in the format of actual Invitationals to give the student practice doing exercises that are very similar to what they will see during competition. The packet includes a variety of map, chart and graph styles to help familiarize the student with the ways this information can be presented. The questions appear in the invitational-standard *fill-in-the-blank* and *true/false* format. Each sample test gets progressively more difficult in order to help your student reach a higher skill level by the time they complete the last test in the packet.

Maps, Graphs & Charts Practice Packet | #umapp | \$65



ORAL READING

Oral Reading Concepts Book

Paint a Picture & Polish Your Skills

Oral Reading Concepts author, Linda Collard, has served as a UIL Coordinator for twelve years capturing nine first place titles and sweeping the oral reading finals for twenty-three years on a team that has won nineteen first place trophies at district. **Oral Reading Concepts** outlines the cutting-edge attributes that make a performance look polished and gives students the tools they need to recreate the speakers and the scene of the selection. This book also includes a suggested bibliography of winning selections with plots that paint a vivid mental picture and have brought judges to laughter or tears. This book by Linda Collard is the key to leading your student to a mesmerizing performance and can end the elusive search for that perfect winning poetry or prose piece. Team is a set of five.



Oral Reading Concepts | #uorc | \$50
Oral Reading Concepts - Team | #uorct | \$200

READY WRITING

Ready Writing Practice Packets

Real Tests for Real Practice

Ready Writing Practice Packets give students the opportunity to mold essays through creative and structured thought based on the principles of expository writing for the UIL Ready Writing contest. Each packet includes ten tests, each with two sample topics and with a judging rubric. Written by a nationally published, independent author, Hexco's **Ready Writing Practice Packets** give UIL contestants prompts to test their skills.

Ready Writing Practice Pkt | #urwp | \$55
___ Packet 1 ___ Packet 2

Ready Writing Concepts

Develop Your Individual Writing Skills

While most others include predetermined topics, extensive materials, reading lists, or study guides, Ready Writing requires contestants to utilize a toolbox contained entirely in their minds. In addition, the contents of this toolbox are rather unique compared to those one would pack for a standard essay-writing scenario. **Ready Writing Concepts** explores expository writing with students, instructing them in the art and skill of constructing strong essays. Sections address thesis support, tone, voice, style, word choice, structure, and pitfalls to avoid, as well as examples of strong and weak essays, plus practice exercises.



Ready Writing Concepts | #urwcl | \$50
Ready Writing Concepts - Team | #urwclt | \$150

SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies Focus 2014-15

Summary of the Annual Topic

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Social Studies Focus summarizes the study material selected by UIL for the current year. Outlining and encapsulating the information and concepts related to this year's special focus, this book includes synopses of the topic selected for the current year and describes the politics of the era. A glossary of important people, places, and events is included. Team version consists of a set of five of the same book.

*Specify grade level when ordering.

NEW Social Studies

Core Concepts - A Summary of Themes



Social Studies Core Concepts contains a timeline of American History and Texas history as well as a comprehensive glossary of people, places, and events. This volume serves as a back-bone of the UIL Social Studies contest and is invaluable in classroom teaching. This product is new for 2014-15 as we have extracted, edited, and reorganized key information that is used from year to year. Start your library with this volume and add **Social Studies Focus** which covers the annual topic!

Social Studies Focus 2014-15 | #ussn | \$45*
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Social Studies Focus 2014-15 Team | #ussnt | \$165*
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Social Studies Core Concepts | #usscc | \$50*
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Social Studies Core Concepts Team | #ussct | \$180*
___ 5th-6th ___ 7th-8th

BUY SET! Focus & Core Concepts 2014-15 #ussall | \$69 ea.
___ 5th-6th ___ 7th-8th

Social Studies Practice Packets

Collections of Tests on the Annual Study Guide

Each **Social Studies Practice Packet** contains six practice tests with 45 multiple-choice questions with answer keys. Some questions include diagram boxes and outlines like those on the UIL tests. Two packets are available, one for 5th-6th and one for 7th-8th grades. *Specify grade level when ordering.

Social Studies Practice Packet | #ussp | \$63*
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How to Order Online with a PO# - RECOMMENDED!

1. Set up an account and provide your tax exempt number in the appropriate field.
2. Allow one business day for us to set your account as tax exempt (or call for faster service!)
3. Choose "Pay with Purchase Order" when you checkout and put your PO# in the comments area.

NOTE: If you ordered online last year and made an account, this year your total should show no tax! Just make sure you use the same login as last year, and you should be all set! If for some reason your online order does show tax, you will not be charged for this on your order, as all orders are entered manually and it is our policy not to charge tax for schools.



DICTIONARY SKILLS

Dictionary Skills Practice Packet
 Real Tests Based on *Webster's Dictionary*

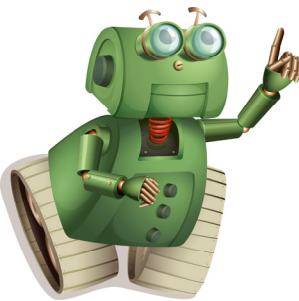


Dictionary Skills Practice Packets contain five practice tests to prepare students for the Dictionary Skills contest. These tests are based on **Webster's Intermediate** and **Webster's Collegiate Dictionaries**. We have recently updated the **Collegiate** version to include answer keys for both the 10th and 11th Collegiate editions of Webster's Dictionary.

- Dictionary Skills Practice Packet | #udsp | \$55**
 Intermediate Vol. 1 Intermediate Vol. 3
 Intermediate Vol. 2 **NEW!** Intermediate Vol. 4
 Collegiate

STORYTELLING

Storytelling Interactive CD
 Fun Way to Introduce Youngsters to UIL Competition



NEW Storytelling CD for the UIL A+ Storytelling contest includes 4 original videos with a person telling stories, 8 responses, and 3 demos. Provides strategies, quizzes, and tips, explores different genres, and quizzes competitors on detail recall. Makes participation seem easy and fun for newcomers in UIL competitions. May be installed unlimited times on a single campus or location. An extended usage license allows installation on up to 5 student's home computers.

- A+ Storytelling CD | #ustcd | \$69**
A+ Storytelling CD Extended Usage Lic. | #uaicdt | \$69