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| October 26, 2024 | F24 B | January 25, 2025 | S25 B |
| November 2, 2024 | F24 C | February 8, 2025 | S25 C |
| November 16, 2024 | F24 D | February 22, 2025 | S25 D |
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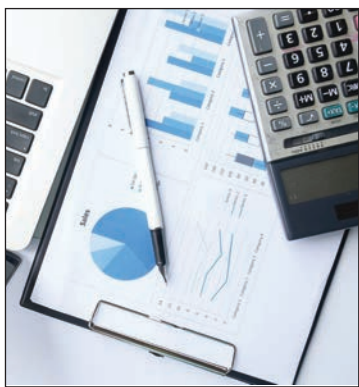
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ACCOUNTING H

Practice Packets

Each annual *Accounting Practice Packet* by Alan Barkemeyer includes six tests with answer keys and solutions. Previous years can be found on our website!

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LaVerne Funderburk. *Regional Practice Packets 2 & 3* and the *State Practice Packet* are authored by Alan Barkemeyer.

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| uaprg1 | Regional Accounting Practice Packet 1 | \$79 |
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| uaprg3 | Regional Accounting Practice Packet 3 | \$79 |
| uaps1 | State Accounting Practice Packet | \$79 |

ART Set of SIX Practice Tests!

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| uapp | Art Practice Packet | \$69 |



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| ucpp68 | Chess Puzzle Practice Packet - Gr. 6-8 | \$55 |
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COMPUTER SCIENCE H Annual and Region-State Packets

Region-State Practice Packet for Computer Science contains a programming packet with 12 problems and one complete 40-question written exam, all similar to those that a contestant might find at either the Region or State UIL Computer Science contest. The programming problems range from quite simple to somewhat difficult and will serve as excellent practice for students who have qualified for the Region and State UIL Computer Science contests. The 12 programming problems come with student data, judges' data, judges' output, and coded solutions for each, and solutions contain extensive comments. The written exam comes with an answer key that includes a thorough discussion of each correct answer.

Computer Science Practice Packets contain six written multiple-choice exams taken from invitational contests (**NOTE: These do not contain the hands-on element**).

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| ucspS19 | Computer Science Practice Packet Spring 2019 | \$69 |
| ucspS18 | Computer Science Practice Packet Spring 2018 | \$69 |
| ucspF18 | Computer Science Practice Packet Fall 2018 | \$69 |
| ucsprs | Region-State Computer Science Practice Packet | \$79 |

COMPUTER SCIENCE (H)

Smart Choice!

The First 15 includes five practice problems for each of the 15 topics, one for each level of competition: Invitational A, Invitational B, District, Region, and State! The first 15 questions of each UIL Computer Science written exam are intentionally more basic (easier) than the remaining 25 questions.

The Next 25 helps you answer questions 16-40 which are the more challenging questions. This book, along with *The First 15*, will help you tackle questions at both ends of the contest.

Hands-On Element is intended to get contestants prepared to participate in the programming portion of the contest. Programming practice examples are given, as well as strategies for scoring high in the contest. [Downloadable solutions files](#) are available on this product's webpage!

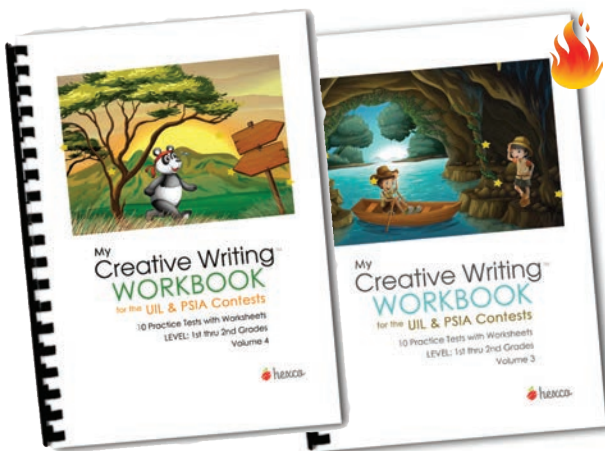
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| ucscho | Computer Science - Hands-On Element | \$72 |
| ucscall | Computer Science Concepts Books BUNDLE* | \$190 |



CREATIVE WRITING (A+)

Activate Imagination


Creative Writing Workbooks explain the contest in a simplified language for children. The format addresses organization, verbs, adjectives, and elements that the judges want to see. Ten practice tests with pictures and pages for writing stories are included. [Look inside](#) this product on our website!

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| ucr1 | Creative Writing Workbook - Volume 1 | \$59 |
| ucr2 | Creative Writing Workbook - Volume 2 | \$59 |
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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST


Write a story on your own paper. You must write about at least one of the things shown on this page. You may use as many of the things shown as you wish.




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waterfall



chopsticks



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CURRENT ISSUES/EVENTS

2024-25 Notes H

Current Issues and Events Notes helps make sense of the times and gives students an overview of state, national, and international current affairs. *CI&E Notes* covers newsworthy background information to give your students a head start for the new school year! Bulk pricing is available on the website in order to provide each student with an individual copy to build their collection.

CI&E Practice Packets + eMentors H

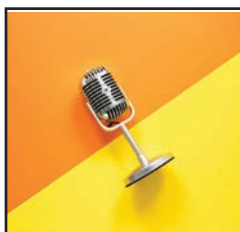
Current Issues and Events Practice Packets include six timely practice tests written for the 2024-25 academic year. Each test consists of 40 multiple-choice questions and one essay question. Sample essays are included with answer keys. **Additional eMentor user licenses are available on our website!**

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|---------|--|-------|
| ucien | CI&E Notes 2024-25 - Ships Fall 2024 | \$72 |
| uciep1 | CI&E Practice Packet 1 for 2024-25 - Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| uciep2 | CI&E Practice Packet 2 for 2024-25 - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$69 |
| uciepe1 | CI&E eMentor Packet 1 - Available Fall 2024 | \$85 |
| uciepe2 | CI&E eMentor Packet 2 - Available Jan. 2025 | \$85 |

DEBATE H

The Secrets & Science of Persuasion

Why do some debaters seem to win every round? What do you do when your opponent seems intimidatingly perfect? This is the top-secret manual to turn good case writing and argumentation into an undefeated record.



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| udld | The Secrets & Science of Persuasion | \$72 |

DICTIONARY SKILLS A+

Merriam-Webster Mastery!



Dictionary Skills Workbook introduces students to the myriad of valuable features available in *Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*. The facets of the dictionary are explored through a series of exercises. For example, "What is the etymology for the word rhinoceros?" **Dictionary Skills Practice Packets** contain five tests per packet to prepare students for the contest using *Webster's Intermediate*. Workbooks and Intermediate Practice Packets contain solutions for both the 2011 and 2016 intermediate dictionaries!

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| udsw1 | Dictionary Skills - Workbook 1 | \$59 |
| udsw2 | Dictionary Skills - Workbook 2 | \$59 |
| udsp1 | Dictionary Skills Practice Packet - Interm. Vol. 1 | \$59 |
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| udsp4 | Dictionary Skills Practice Packet - Interm. Vol. 4 | \$59 |
| udsp5 | Dictionary Skills Practice Packet - Interm. Vol. 5 | \$59 |
| udspall | Dictionary Skills Practice Packet - Set of all 5 | \$195 |
| udse1 | Dictionary Skills eMentor - Interm. Vol. 1 | \$79 |
| udse2 | Dictionary Skills eMentor - Interm. Vol. 2 | \$79 |
| udse3 | Dictionary Skills eMentor - Interm. Vol. 3 | \$79 |
| udse4 | Dictionary Skills eMentor - Interm. Vol. 4 | \$79 |
| udse5 | Dictionary Skills eMentor - Interm. Vol. 5 | \$79 |
| udseall | Dictionary Skills Practice eMentor ALL - Set of all 5 | \$249 |

EDITORIAL WRITING A+

Study Guide for Grades 6-8

Say what you mean! **Editorial Writing Study Guide** is written by the original UIL Journalism contest director Bobby Hawthorne, an expert on writing persuasively with precision, clarity, and vigor. This definitive manual includes tips to help students transcend the 'ordinary' and provides the foundation for powerful speeches and presentations, college application letters, and even business proposals. Accuracy, balance, and integrity are emphasized throughout. This is a must-have for serious Editorial Writing students and coaches. [Look inside Editorial Writing Study Guide](#) on our website!

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| ujle | Editorial Writing Study Guide for Grades 6-8 | \$72 |



IMPROMPTU SPEAKING A+

Gain Confidence through Practice

Hexco's *Impromptu Speaking Practice Packet* format addresses organization, verbs, adjectives, and elements that the judges want to see. The packet contains six sets of 15 prompts that you can cut apart for students to draw and prepare a speech. [Look inside](#) this product on our website!

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| ucis1 | Impromptu Speaking - Volume 1 | \$59 |
| ucis2 | Impromptu Speaking - Volume 2 | \$59 |

JOURNALISM H

Headline Writing Manual

Award-winning journalist and former UIL Journalism contest director Bobby Hawthorne has headline writing down to a science. In this manual, he explores the fundamentals of headline writing, tips and strategies for tackling 1-, 2-, and 3-line headlines, the criteria UIL judges expect contestants to meet, and much more. This product is perfect for students preparing to compete in the UIL Headline Writing contest and journalism classes. [Look inside](#) this product on our website!

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| ujhwm | Headline Writing Manual | \$72 |
| ujhwmt | Headline Writing Manual - Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |

Game On! Sports Reporting H



Somewhere in this country, someone is kicking or kicking at, throwing or swinging at a ball. Someone else is jogging or sprinting, swimming or diving, or in some similar way working up one heck of a sweat. **Game On**

by Bobby Hawthorne covers the entire spectrum of high school sports coverage, writing, and photography. Packed with excellent writing and photo examples!

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|--|-------|
| ujgo | Game On - Sports Writing | \$29 |
| ujgot | Game On - Sports Writing Bulk Discount (5) | \$110 |
| ujbset | Game On, Radical Write & Headline Writing | \$115 |

JOURNALISM H

Annual Practice Packets

Journalism Practice Packets contain six sets of tests from all five contests: Editorials, Copy Editing, Features, Headlines, and News Writing. Older volumes of *Journalism Practice Packets* can be found on our website and do not contain Copy Editing if prior to 2019.

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| ujpall5S24 | 2024 Spring - Ships Fall 2024 | \$268 |
| ujpall5F24 | 2024 Fall - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$268 |
| ujpall5S23 | 2023 Spring | \$268 |
| ujpall5F23 | 2023 Fall | \$268 |
| ujpall5S22 | 2022 Spring | \$268 |
| ujpall5F22 | 2022 Fall | \$268 |

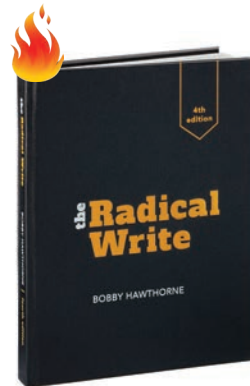
Power Journalism Presentation H

This set of five computer-ready coaching prompts is designed to facilitate discussion and learning between coaches and students and includes one summary and one presentation in each area of the UIL Journalism contest **except** Copy Editing (see product code and price below).

Copy That H

Copy That: Writing for Yearbooks/A Beginner's Handbook is a step-by-step approach explaining how to find stories hidden in plain sight, conduct an interview and write leads as well as how to organize a story, edit it efficiently and end it gracefully.

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| ujpwr | Power Journalism Presentation | \$125 |
| tybk | Copy That Handbook | \$29 |



The Radical Write

The Radical Write's message is simple: To survive, publications must tell readers *something new and interesting*. This message is as important for 24-7 online newspapers as it is for one-every-365-days yearbooks. The accompanying website at www.radicalwrite.com offers, among other things, a teacher's handbook,

rubrics, handouts and sample story prompts, as well as a blog by author Bobby Hawthorne. Hardcover, perfect-bound book (4th edition, copyright 2020.)*

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| ujrw | The Radical Write | \$55 |
| ujrwt | The Radical Write - Bulk Discount (5) | \$225 |

*The Radical Write is not sole-source



JOURNALISM (H)

Tips and Tricks for Winning Videos

Ace the UIL Journalism contest with videos covering the essential elements of Headlines, News, Editorials, and Features by Bobby Hawthorne, contest judge and author of the *UIL Journalism Contest Manual* (does not include Copy Editing.)

A downloadable teaching tools .pdf is included with each video. A username and password will be sent to your email and may be shared with your immediate team members and coaches only. This product expires June 1, 2025.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
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| ujv | Tips and Tricks for Winning - Journalism Videos | \$82 |

COPY EDITING (H)



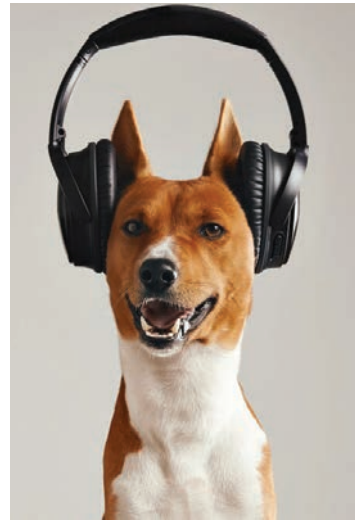
Copy Editing Manual is a time-saving guide for the UIL Journalism contest by Rhonda Moore, which summarizes rules for courtesy titles, capitalization, when to spell out numbers, how to write more concisely, and more! This contains practice prompts/samples, answer keys, and an appendix of copy editing symbols! See website for details!

Each **Copy Editing Practice Packet** contains six practice tests written for the UIL Copy Editing contest. While Copy Editing tests can be purchased independently (as below), Fall and Spring tests are also contained in the *Journalism Practice Packets* and are not additional unique tests. *Copy Editing Practice Packets* are geared toward additional study and may not reflect all changes in the *AP Handbook*.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| ujcem | Copy Editing Manual | \$72 |
| ucecm | Copy Editing Manual - Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |
| ujcepS24 | 2024 Spring - Copy Editing Practice Packet - NEW | \$69 |
| ujcepF24 | 2024 Fall - Copy Editing Practice Packet - NEW | \$69 |
| ujcepS23 | 2023 Spring - Copy Editing Practice Packet | \$69 |
| ujcepF23 | 2023 Fall - Copy Editing Practice Packet | \$69 |
| ujcepS22 | 2022 Spring - Copy Editing Practice Packet | \$69 |
| ujcepF22 | 2022 Fall - Copy Editing Practice Packet | \$69 |

LISTENING (A+)

Fascinating Stories!

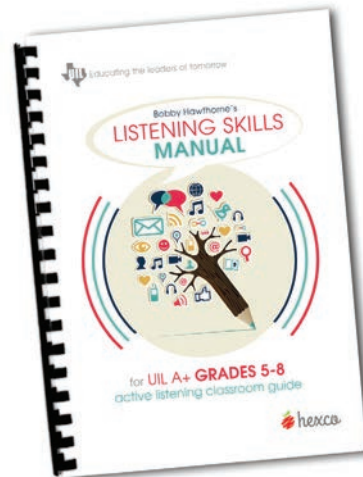


Get six unique stories and tests on fascinating and fun topics and figures! Packet 4 features stories on Attila the Hun, Jane Goodall, the Kentucky Derby, and two more coming soon! Packet 3 features stories on the History of Hawaii, J.K. Rowling, the Evolution of Video Games, Code Talkers, and more! Packet 2 discusses Malala Yousafzai, Silly Superstitions, History of School Lunches, Marvel

Comics, Barbie, and the London Fog! Packet 1 covers Ripley's Believe it or Not, Mark Twain, Paul Bunyan, the History of Chocolate, Canine Celebrities, and Everest! Stories are written at an Intermediate level appropriate for grades 5-8.

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| ulsp1 | Listening Practice Packet 1 | \$72 |
| ulsp2 | Listening Practice Packet 2 | \$72 |
| ulsp3 | Listening Practice Packet 3 | \$72 |
| ulsp4 | Listening Practice Packet 4 | \$72 |
| ulspall | Listening Practice Packets - ALL 4 | \$215 |

Listening Skills Manual with AUDIO! (A+)



Listening Skills Manual for grades 5-8 covers Why Listening Matters, Taking Notes, How to Get Students to Listen More Carefully, Detecting Bias, and more. Full sample tests with scripts and questions are included, as well as an audio USB flash drive with stories read aloud. This Manual is also ideal for other contests that require verbal

comprehension through listening, such as the Storytelling contest.

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|-------|---|-------|
| ulsc | Listening Skills Manual | \$72 |
| ulscf | Listening Skills Manual - Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |

LITERARY CRITICISM ^(H)

REVISED - Lit Crit Concepts Books!

UPDATED FOR 2024-25 and based on *A Handbook to Literature* by Harmon and Holman, this product written by nationally published author Jennifer Bussey makes getting the "big picture" a breeze. Easy-to-understand lists, tables, and charts are included.

Volume 1 - Literary History: Major writers and at-a-glance overviews of periods and other events within each period

Volume 2 - Literary Terms: Organized by genre, with chapters on Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Drama, and more; also contains quizzes and practice sheets

Volume 3 - Essay Skills: Makes "sizing up" selections less daunting; explains what judges are expecting and gives how-to's for pulling an essay together

Volume 4 - Nobel & Pulitzer Prizes: Lists broken out by decade, geography, ethnicity, and anomalies; cross-references all winners with entries

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| ulcc1 | Lit Crit Volume 1 - REVISED Literary History | \$62 |
| ulcc2 | Lit Crit Volume 2 - REVISED Literary Terms | \$62 |
| ulcc3 | Lit Crit Volume 3 - REVISED Essay Skills | \$62 |
| ulcc4 | Lit Crit Volume 4 - REVISED Nobel & Pulitzer Prizes | \$62 |
| ulccall | Lit Crit Concepts - One BOOK w/ all 4 REVISED Vols. | \$219 |

Lit Crit eMentor Tests ^(H)

Lit Crit eMentor "Knowledge" Tests contain 500 multiple-choice questions each and are based on information from *Harmon & Holman's Handbook to Literature*. Questions cover important facts, terms, award winners, and more! These eMentors allow students to drill themselves on important Literary Criticism concepts to hone their "Knowledge" for competition.

Lit Crit eMentor "Ability" Tests are geared towards testing the student's comprehension and application of terms by interpreting selected poems for Part 3 of the Literary Criticism contest. The new "Ability" Tests contain 35 poems by various authors with 175 questions. Because the application of interpreting poetry, rhyme schemes, and related terminology can be daunting, *Lit Crit "Ability" Tests* are separated by three poems per set for a total of 13 tests in order to challenge students at their own pace.

Our **Lit Crit eMentor** format allows online study on PCs, iPads, iPhones, and Android devices. See page 2 for eMentor descriptions. Product expires June 1, 2025. **Additional eMentor user licenses are available on our website!**

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|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| ulcema | Lit Crit eMentor Tests "ABILITY" | \$149 |
| ulcem1 | Lit Crit eMentor Tests 1 "KNOWLEDGE" | \$149 |
| ulcem2 | Lit Crit eMentor Tests 2 "KNOWLEDGE" | \$149 |



LITERARY CRITICISM ^(H)

2024-25 Annual Practice Packets

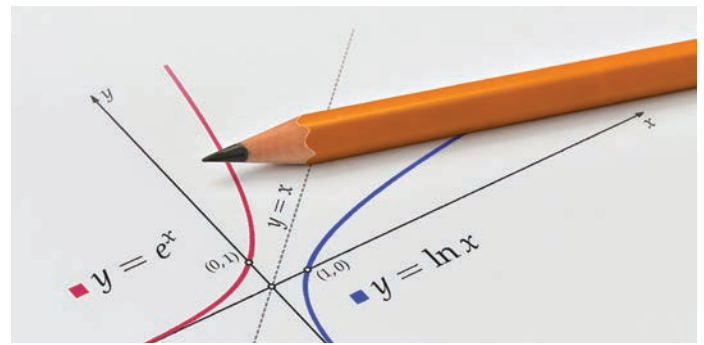
Literary Criticism Practice Packets are based on the annual topic and include general knowledge questions. Each packet includes six tests and tests knowledge of literary terms, history, and the reading list, as well as ability to analyze and interpret selections. Tiebreaker questions with answer guides are included. All practice tests are also available in eMentor format to study online. eMentors give students their own ID and login for practice from any browser. (Note: eMentors expire June 1, 2025 and five unique IDs are included in price shown. See website for additional licenses.)

Literary Criticism Notes 2024-25 ^(H)



This organized guide is an overview of all 2024-25 UIL reading selections, including **Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and Other Stories, The Poems of Emily Dickenson, and Shakespeare's Much Ado about Nothing**. Plot summaries, character sketches, comparisons, background, and other critical considerations are included. Written by Jennifer Bussey. Commentaries on style, poetic devices, and narrative techniques are analyzed.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| ulcp1 | Lit Crit Practice Packet 1 - Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| ulcp2 | Lit Crit Practice Packet 2 - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$69 |
| ulcep1 | Lit Crit Practice Pkt. 1 eMentor - Avail. Fall 2024 | \$85 |
| ulcep2 | Lit Crit Practice Pkt. 2 eMentor - Avail. Jan. 2025 | \$85 |
| ulcn | Lit Crit Notes 2024-25 | \$72 |
| ulcnt | Lit Crit Notes 2024-25 - Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |



MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS

MATH H

Practice Packets

Practice Packets and eMentors A⁺

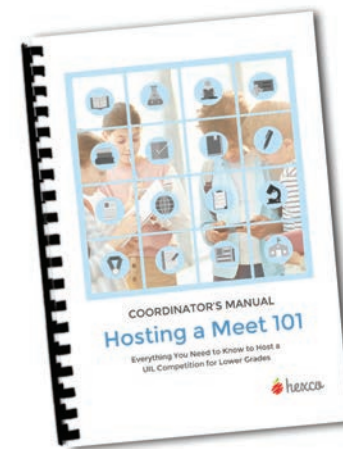
Each packet includes six fresh, fun tests referencing everything from ninjas to pizza while testing math skills! These materials are co-authored by nationally recognized speaker, author, and comedian, Jennifer Dziura, and Dartmouth scholar, Mark Lawley. The *2014 Fall Practice Packet* includes in-depth explanations of how problems can be solved; the *2015 Spring Practice Packet* contains explanations only on the more challenging questions. Sets of tests are taken from previous meets.

Maps, Graphs, & Charts Practice Packets revised and updated in 2021, reflect the multiple-choice format of the real invitational tests encountered at competitions, with additional true/false questions on each test. Each packet includes a variety of maps, graphs, and chart styles to familiarize the student with the ways information can be presented and gives students firsthand experience in completing exercises. Now available in our eMentor format for quick study, each practice packet eMentor is browser-based with access for one coach and one student. Additional student licenses can be purchased for \$15 each to accommodate your full team. Please indicate the number of team members when purchasing. The eMentors are subscription-based and expire on June 1st.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|----------|--|-------|
| umhppS15 | 2015 Spring High School Math Practice Packet | \$69 |
| umhppF14 | 2014 Fall High School Math Practice Packet | \$69 |

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|---------|--|-------|
| umapp56 | Maps, Graphs, & Charts Practice Pkt. - Gr. 5-6 | \$69 |
| umapp78 | Maps, Graphs, & Charts Practice Pkt. - Gr. 7-8 | \$69 |
| umapp | Maps, Graphs, & Charts Practice Pkt. - Gr. 5-8 | \$69 |
| umape56 | Maps, Graphs, & Charts PP eMentor - Gr. 5-6 | \$49 |
| umape78 | Maps, Graphs, & Charts PP eMentor - Gr. 7-8 | \$49 |
| umape | Maps, Graphs, & Charts PP eMentor - Gr. 5-8 | \$49 |

A+ COORDINATOR'S MANUAL



Hosting a Meet 101 is a complete how-to manual for new UIL coordinators to plan and organize meets for elementary and middle schools. Learn about responsibilities for hosting schools, recruiting coaches and students, scheduling events, billing, finding judges, ordering materials, and everything else necessary to coordinate meets. A **Forms Template USB flash drive** is available

Maps Concepts Book & PowerPoint

to purchase along with the manual that contains handy fillable forms for Coaching Commitments, Billing for Stipends, Entrance Fee Orders, Art Entry Tags, Judging Ballots, Tally Posting, and more!

Appropriate for take-home assignments and classroom or team exercises, **Maps, Graphs, & Charts Concepts** focuses on getting the student 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. **Maps, Graphs, & Charts PowerPoint** presentation for teachers or parents presents much of the same information in a fun, interactive format.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| umapc | Maps, Graphs, & Charts Concepts | \$72 |
| umapct | Maps, Graphs, & Charts Concepts - Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |
| umapwr | Maps, Graphs, & Charts - PowerPoint USB | \$72 |

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|--|-------|
| ucord | Hosting a Meet 101 Manual - NEW | \$55 |
| ucordt | Hosting a Meet 101 Template USB & Manual | \$69 |

INVITATIONAL PLANNER

THIS PAGE IS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY. (H)

If you are hosting a meet, please use the dates on our order form schedule. Otherwise, you risk purchasing a test that has already been seen. If you are inviting other students to your school, please select Hosted Meet pricing below. A 30-day advance notice is required for invitationals or a \$25 fee per test may be applied

Classroom Invitationals (for High Schools only) provide a more affordable way to "keep up" with your peer schools without having to attend a meet. Classroom Invitationals are the same tests that are given on any of our 12 official hosted test dates but are sent to you two weeks later to keep tests used for hosted meets unique and unseen. Classroom invitationals can only be administered to students who attend your own school.

FALL INVITATIONALS for High School only (Circle prices for selected tests)

Journalism includes Copy Editing!

| | | All 13 Invitationals BEST VALUE! #uitall | Accounting #uat | Current Events #uciet | Journalism (5 tests) #ujtall | Lit Crit #ujct | Number Sense #unst | Ready Writing #urwt | Science #usct | Social Studies #usst | Spelling #uspt | |
|--------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| Fall A | Hosted Meet 10/12/2024 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | *Classroom tests are for individual school practice only and for use by purchasing school only - not for hosted meets in which other schools are invited to attend. These are shipped 2 weeks after the hosted dates shown. Copy Editing is now included with Journalism tests. |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Fall B | Hosted Meet 10/26/2024 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Fall C | Hosted Meet 11/02/2024 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Fall D | Hosted Meet 11/16/2024 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Fall E | Hosted Meet 12/07/2024 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Fall F | Hosted Meet 12/14/2024 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| SUBTOTALS \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL |

SPRING INVITATIONALS for High School only (Circle prices for selected tests)

Journalism includes Copy Editing!

| | | All 13 Invitationals BEST VALUE! #uitall | Accounting #uat | Current Events #uciet | Journalism (5 tests) #ujtall | Lit Crit #ujct | Number Sense #unst | Ready Writing #urwt | Science #usct | Social Studies #usst | Spelling #uspt | |
|--------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---|
| Spring A | Hosted Meet 01/18/2025 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | *Classroom tests are for individual school practice only and for use by purchasing school only - not for hosted meets in which other schools are invited to attend. These are shipped 2 weeks after the hosted dates shown. Copy Editing is now included with Journalism tests. |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Spring B | Hosted Meet 01/25/2025 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Spring C | Hosted Meet 02/08/2025 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Spring D | Hosted Meet 02/22/2025 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Spring E | Hosted Meet 03/01/2025 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| Spring F | Hosted Meet 03/15/2025 | \$740 | 70 | 80 | 250 | 70 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 70 | 70 | |
| | OR Classroom* | \$495 | 42 | 52 | 190 | 52 | 42 | 32 | 42 | 42 | 42 | |
| SUBTOTALS \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL |

Hexco products and invitationals may not be posted online, e-mailed, or shared with any individual, school, or ISD not attending your hosted meet or outside your school. Hexco tests may not be posted online or used for online or virtual meets. By submitting my order, I acknowledge this statement.

Please place orders at hexco.com - Thank you!

NUMBER SENSE A+

Practice Packets for Grades 4-8



Number Sense Practice Packets help students prepare for the real contest! Each packet includes six tests with answer keys for grades 4-6 and 7-8 respectively.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|----------------------------------|-------|
| unsp46 | Number Sense Packet - Grades 4-6 | \$69 |
| unsp78 | Number Sense Packet - Grades 7-8 | \$69 |

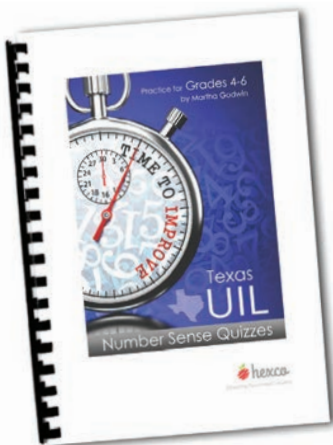
Number Sense Concepts A+

For the very young child who has always been encouraged to "show your work," the idea of mental computation can be a bit unnerving! **Number Sense Concepts** for grades 4-6 covers some of the skills and basic shortcuts needed for the elementary contest while providing the confidence that can lead to success!



| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| unsc1 | Number Sense Concepts | \$55 |
| unsc1t | Number Sense Concepts - Bulk Discount (5) | \$215 |

Quizzes for Grades 4-6 A+



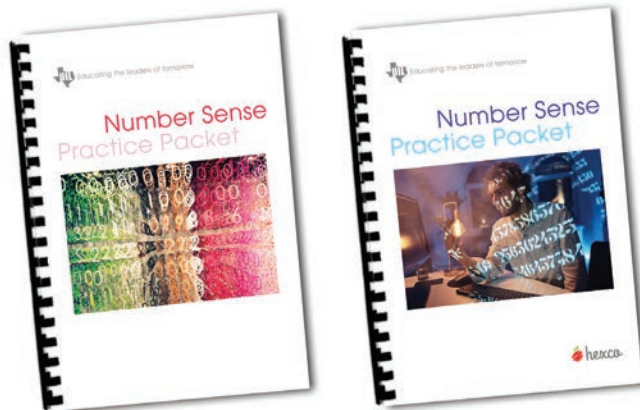
Number Sense Quizzes for grades 4-6 are designed to test participants' skills at the foundational level. With "just enough" basic and challenging problems, students can practice test-taking in Number Sense without feeling overwhelmed. Author Martha Godwin understands the challenges of teaching math to beginner students and has used these tests with her own students for

years. [Look inside](#) this unique product on our website before buying!

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| unsq46 | Number Sense Quizzes - Grades 4-6 | \$59 |

NUMBER SENSE H

High School Practice Packets



Six tests written by UIL Number Sense Director, Larry White, and used in real high school practice meets are included in each packet. More **Number Sense Practice Packets** are available on the website.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|---------|--|-------|
| unspS24 | 2024 Spring Number Sense Pkt - Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| unspF24 | 2024 Fall Number Sense Pkt - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$69 |
| unspS23 | 2023 Spring Number Sense Practice Packet | \$69 |
| unspF23 | 2023 Fall Number Sense Practice Packet | \$69 |
| unspS22 | 2022 Spring Number Sense Practice Packet | \$69 |
| unspF22 | 2022 Fall Number Sense Practice Packet | \$69 |

Mental Math Mentor & Notes H A+



Mental Math Mentor & Notes provides 70 shortcuts and skills for the Number Sense contest in a clear, self-paced format. Co-authored with former contest director Don Skow, it suits advanced students from lower grades to high school

with its diverse and universal exercises.

Notes are the printed version of the product, while Mentor is PC software that is nonrefundable and non-returnable. To ensure it meets your needs, try our FREE Mental Math Mentor Sampler available for download on the product webpage. Bulk rate pricing is available on our website to provide one for each team member and coach.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| unsm | Mental Math Mentor | \$90 |
| unsbk | Mental Math Notes | \$65 |
| unsmn | Mental Math Mentor & Notes | \$135 |
| unsbkt | Mental Math Notes - Bulk Discount (5) | \$250 |
| unsmex | Mental Math Mentor - Ext. Usage License | \$90 |

ORAL READING A+

Concepts for Grades 4-9



Oral Reading Concepts author, Linda Collard, served as a UIL coordinator for 12 years, capturing nine first-place titles and sweeping

the finals for 23 years on a team that has won 19 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. A suggested bibliography of winning selections that have brought judges to laughter or tears is included. Lead your student to a mesmerizing performance and end the elusive search for that perfect winning poetry or prose piece.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|-------|---|-------|
| uorc | Oral Reading Concepts for Grades 4-9 | \$55 |
| uorct | Oral Reading Concepts - Bulk Discount (5) | \$215 |

READY WRITING A+

A+ Practice Packets



Ready Writing Practice Packets for the A+ contest offer lower grade students the chance to develop essays through creative and structured expository writing, tailored for the UIL Ready Writing contest. Each packet contains ten tests, each with two sample topics and a judging rubric. Three packets are available for each grade level. See item listing below for details!

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|---------|---|-------|
| urwp134 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 1 Gr. 3-4 | \$59 |
| urwp234 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 2 Gr. 3-4 | \$59 |
| urwp334 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 3 Gr. 3-4 | \$59 |
| urwp156 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 1 Gr. 5-6 | \$59 |
| urwp256 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 2 Gr. 5-6 | \$59 |
| urwp356 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 3 Gr. 5-6 | \$59 |
| urwp178 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 1 Gr. 7-8 | \$59 |
| urwp278 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 2 Gr. 7-8 | \$59 |
| urwp378 | Ready Writing Practice Packet 3 Gr. 7-8 | \$59 |

READY WRITING A+

A+ Ready Writing Concepts



Ready Writing requires contestants to utilize a toolbox contained entirely in their minds. **Ready Writing Concepts** for the A+ contest (Elementary-Middle School) 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.

| | | |
|--------|---|-------|
| urwcl | A+ Ready Writing Concepts | \$55 |
| urwclt | A+ Ready Writing Concepts - Bulk Discount (5) | \$215 |

What subjects are we looking for when it comes to writers?

Well, specifically, any UIL Academics category that you don't see here, or any subjects in this catalog with only one or two products. For example, we only have one product for UIL Debate, and we'd love to have more. Pitch your idea or sample to beth@hexco.com.



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High School Practice Packets



Develop essays with creative and structured thought rooted in the principles of expository writing for the UIL Ready Writing contest. Each High School Ready Writing Practice Packet contains 12 prompts from actual practice meets, each with two sample topics and an included judging rubric. Older packets are available on our website at discounted prices!

High School Ready Writing State & Region *Practice Packets* feature 12 challenging prompts designed for students aiming to excel in top-tier competitions. These packets were crafted by Keisha Bedwell, co-author of *History Essentials - U.S. & World Timeline* and *Snapshots U.S. 1900 - 1949*, alongside Beth Bryant, Hexco's esteemed in-house author and published writer.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|--|-------|
| urwp24 | 2024 Spring HS Ready Writing PP - Ships Fall 2024 | \$59 |
| urwp23 | 2023 Spring HS Ready Writing Practice Packet | \$59 |
| urwp22 | 2022 Spring HS Ready Writing Practice Packet | \$59 |
| urwp21 | 2021 Spring HS Ready Writing Practice Packet | \$59 |
| urwp20 | 2020 Spring HS Ready Writing Practice Packet | \$59 |
| urwpr1 | HS Ready Writing Region Practice Packet 1 | \$69 |
| urwpr2 | HS Ready Writing Region Practice Packet 2 | \$69 |
| urwps | HS Ready Writing State Practice Packet 1 | \$69 |
| urwps2 | NEW! HS Ready Writing State Practice Packet 2 | \$69 |

High School Ready Writing H Concepts Book

Written by our Literary Criticism author, Jennifer Bussey, *High School Ready Writing Concepts* is a must-have guidebook to help students unlock their mental "toolbox" and release their creativity. Explore expository writing with students, while teaching the art and skill of constructing strong essays. Sections address thesis support, tone, voice, style, word choice, structure, and pitfalls to avoid. Practice exercises and samples of strong and weak essays are included.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|------|---------------------------|-------|
| urwc | HS Ready Writing Concepts | \$65 |

Bulk pricing for purchasing multiple volumes of individual concepts books is available on the website!



Ready to Write - For serious Ready Writing contestants H

Ready to Write by former UIL Academic Director Bobby Hawthorne is a no-nonsense handbook for serious Ready Writing contestants and coaches! Packed with sound advice and useful tips, *Ready to Write* shows how a professional writer approaches and digests a high school Ready Writing prompt and organizes notes to develop the 1st, 2nd, and final drafts. Gain a clear picture of what constitutes 'good' and 'bad' writing in the eyes of most judges through practical (and occasionally humorous) writing samples and commentary. Hawthorne illustrates how he edits his own writing and addresses the use of jargon, slang, clichés, redundancy, verb and noun agreement, and even how to 'be yourself' when writing. Get this 'insider's look' at how to produce a 'winning' essay and a compelling piece that can earn the respect and votes of the judges!

urwr Ready to Write \$69



Bobby Hawthorne is a nationally published author, lecturer, and former UIL Academics Director. He is the author of *The Radical Write*, a textbook on reporting and writing for student publications that is used nationwide. He has also written *Game On: Reporting and Writing Sports for Student Media* and *Power Journalism*.



Jennifer Bussey has authored Hexco's Lit Crit products since 1999 and is an educational writer specializing in literature with over 25 years' experience. She has a B.A. in English Literature and an M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies.

SCIENCE ^{A+}

Practice Packets & Concepts Book

A+ Science I & II Practice Packets



Each **Science Practice Packet** contains six practice tests by Ken Davis with 35 multiple-choice questions and answer keys covering life, earth, and physical sciences. The combined **Science Practice Packet**

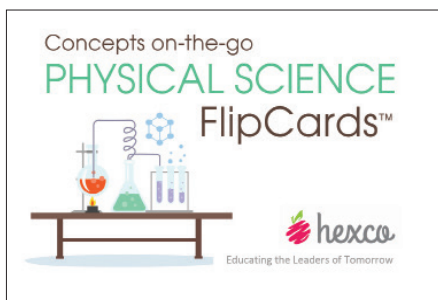
contains three tests for Science I format and three tests for Science II. The **Science Practice Packets** for Science 1 or Science 2 each have six tests in their respective level of study.

A+ Physical Science Concepts

Physical Science Concepts has all of the content from lower grade **Science Flip Cards**, 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, the **Physical Science Concepts** book provides a consolidated overview for a strong foundation in preparation for the UIL Science contest.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| uscpl | Science 1 & 2 Practice Packet (7-8 grade) | \$69 |
| uscpl1 | Science 1 Practice Packet (7th grade) | \$69 |
| uscpl2 | Science 2 Practice Packet (8th grade) | \$69 |
| uscpt | Physical Science Concepts | \$72 |
| uscptt | Physical Science Concepts - Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |

Physical Science FlipCards ^{A+}



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

index card format is appropriate and engaging for contest and classroom usage.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|---------|---|-------|
| uscddp | A+ Physical Science FlipCards | \$62 |
| uscddpt | A+ Physical Science FlipCards - Bulk Discount (5) | \$235 |

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3 Subjects! - FlipCards for High School

- Sets of 4" x 6" professionally printed informational flash cards for high school/ advanced middle school
- Handy reference of encapsulated information for Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
- Approximately 90-150 cards per subject area



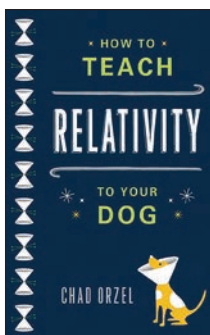
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| uscddb | Science FlipCards - Biology | \$62 |
| uscddc | Science FlipCards - Chemistry | \$62 |
| uscddp | Science FlipCards - Physics | \$62 |
| uscdds3 | Science FlipCards - All 3 Subjects | \$165 |
| uscfbt | Science FlipCards - Biology Bulk Discount (5) | \$285 |
| uscfcf | Science FlipCards - Chemistry Bulk Discount (5) | \$285 |
| uscftt | Science FlipCards - Physics Bulk Discount (5) | \$285 |

Science Workbooks ^H

- Fill-in-the-blank problems with step-by-step solutions
- Concept, explanation, followed by an example
- 125 questions with solutions in chemistry
- 144 questions with answers in physics
- Bulk discounts available on our website



| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| uscwc | Science Workbooks - Chemistry | \$72 |
| uscwp | Science Workbooks - Physics | \$72 |
| uscwct | Science Workbooks - Chemistry Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |
| uscwpt | Science Workbooks - Physics Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |



UIL Science News

The 2024-2025 physics study text for high school is **How to Teach Relativity to Your Dog**, by Chad Orzel (ISBN 978-0465023318). *For informational purposes only and not sold by Hexco.*

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Practice Packet & eMentors

- Six tests with 60 questions per test (20 in biology, 20 in chemistry, 20 in physics)
- Solutions provided for most calculated answers

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|-----------|---|-------|
| uscps24 | 2024 Spring HS Science Pkt. - Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| uscps24 | 2024 Fall HS Science Pkt. - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$69 |
| uscipeS24 | 2024 Spr. HS Sci. PP eMentor | \$89 |
| uscipeF24 | 2024 Fall HS Sci. PP eMentor | \$89 |
| uscipeb24 | 2024 Both Spring & Fall HS Sci. Pkt. eMentor | \$175 |
| uscipeS23 | 2023 Spr. HS Sci. PP eMentor | \$89 |
| uscipeF23 | 2023 Fall HS Sci. PP eMentor | \$89 |
| uscipeb23 | 2023 Both Spring & Fall HS Sci. Pkt. eMentor | \$175 |
| uscps22 | 2022 Spring HS Science Practice Packet | \$69 |
| uscps22 | 2022 Fall HS Science Practice Packet | \$69 |

High School Science Concepts H

Three volumes—Biology, Chemistry, and Physics—summarize the essential knowledge for each contest. The three-subject set includes one volume of each. Bulk discounts are available for purchases of five or more books of the same subject.

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
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| uscnoteb | Science Concepts - Biology | \$72 |
| uscnotec | Science Concepts - Chemistry | \$72 |
| uscnotep | Science Concepts - Physics | \$72 |
| uscnote3 | Science Concepts - All 3 Subjects | \$189 |
| usctb | Science Concepts - Biology Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |
| usctc | Science Concepts - Chem. Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |
| usctp | Science Concepts - Physics Bulk Discount (5) | \$275 |

Science Tests & eMentors H

Get 500 multiple-choice high school questions per subject from prior invitational tests. Biology covers terms, classifications, and reasoning. Chemistry includes calculations, equations, and compound changes. Physics addresses velocity, time, and coefficients. eMentors offer online access and expires June 1, 2025; Try a FREE sample on our website before purchasing, as eMentors are nonrefundable. Additional user licenses are available online.

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| uscbkb | Science Tests - Biology | \$69 |
| uscbkc | Science Tests - Chemistry | \$69 |
| uscbkp | Science Tests - Physics | \$69 |
| usct3 | Science Tests - All 3 Subjects | \$175 |
| uscemb | Science eMentor - Biology | \$149 |
| uscemc | Science eMentor - Chemistry | \$149 |
| uscemp | Science eMentor - Physics | \$149 |
| uscemall | Science eMentor - All 3 Subjects | \$395 |

SOCIAL STUDIES

A+ Focus™ & Core Concepts A+

Social Studies Focus™ 2024-25

Social Studies Focus books for 5th-6th and 7th-8th grades summarize the study material selected by UIL for the current year. Outlining and encapsulating the information and concepts related to the current special focus, each 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. Bulk discount consists of five or more of the same book. Specify grade level when ordering.

A+ Social Studies Core Concepts

Social Studies Core Concepts for 5th-6th and 7th-8th grades feature timelines of American and Texas history, along with a comprehensive glossary of key figures, places, and events. This volume is essential for the UIL Social Studies contest and classroom teaching. Released in 2015, *Core Concepts* contains extracted, edited, and reorganized key information. Start your library with this volume and add *Social Studies Focus* for coverage of the annual topic!

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|----------|---|-------|
| ussf56 | A+ Social Studies Focus - 5th-6th | \$55 |
| ussf78 | A+ Social Studies Focus - 7th-8th | \$55 |
| ussf56t | A+ Social Studies Focus Bulk Discount - 5th-6th | \$205 |
| ussf78t | A+ Social Studies Focus Bulk Discount - 7th-8th | \$205 |
| ussc56 | A+ Social Studies Core Concepts - 5th-6th | \$62 |
| ussc78 | A+ Social Studies Core Concepts - 7th-8th | \$62 |
| ussc56t | A+ Social Studies Core Cncpts Bulk - 5th-6th | \$245 |
| ussc78t | A+ Social Studies Core Cncpts Bulk - 7th-8th | \$245 |
| ussall56 | A+ S.S. Focus & Core Concepts Set - 5th-6th | \$83 |
| ussall78 | A+ S.S. Focus & Core Concepts Set - 7th-8th | \$83 |

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'CORE' AND 'FOCUS?'

While there may be slight overlap in *Social Studies Focus* and *Core Concepts* books for good measure, *Focus* is the only book that is updated on an annual basis to reflect the current year's curriculum.



SOCIAL STUDIES A+

2024-25 Practice Packets & eMentors

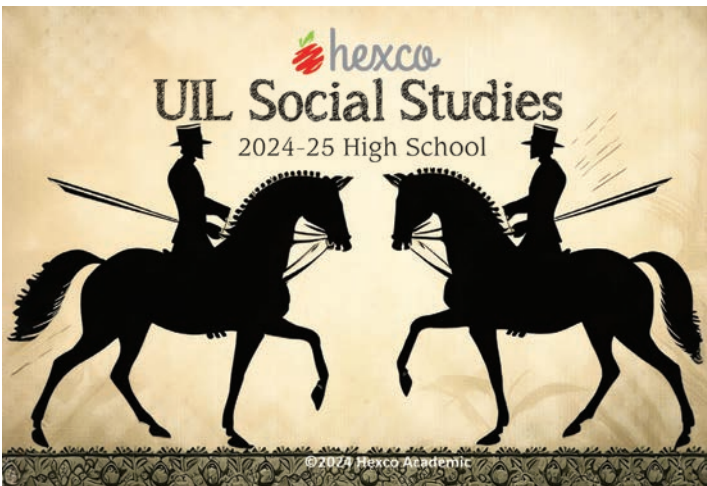


Each **Social Studies Practice Packet** for grades 5-6 and 7-8 contains six practice tests with 45 multiple-choice questions with answer keys. Some questions include diagram boxes, outlines, graphs, and

pictures akin to those on the UIL tests. Please specify grade level when ordering. Also available in our eMentor format for quick study, each practice packet eMentor is browser-based with access for one coach and one student. Additional student licenses can be purchased for \$15 each to accommodate your full team. Please indicate the number of team members when purchasing. The eMentors are subscription-based and expire on June 1st.

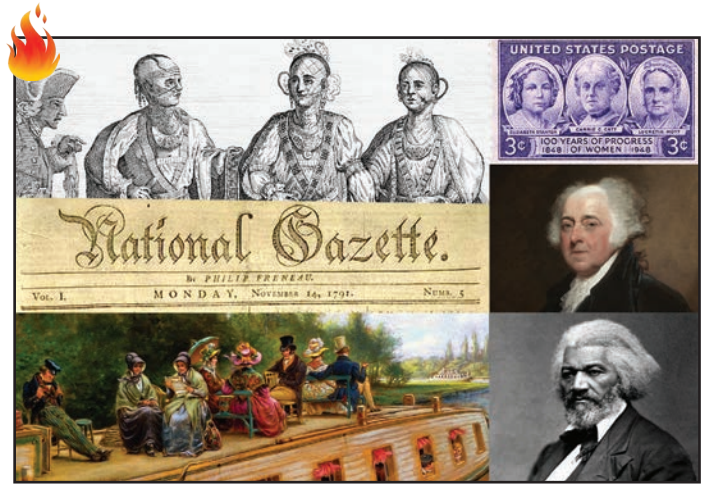
| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
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| ussp56 | A+ Social Studies Pkt. - 5th-6th Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| ussp78 | A+ Social Studies Pkt. - 7th-8th Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| usspe56 | A+ Social Studies eMentor - 5th-6th Avail. Fall 2024 | \$49 |
| usspe78 | A+ Social Studies eMentor - 7th-8th Avail. Fall 2024 | \$49 |

NEW! Social Studies FlipCards H



NEW **High School Social Studies FlipCards** contain over **300 terms/topics including Individuals, Related Terms and Supporting Documents**. Master the 2024-25 UIL high school social studies topic and ace invitationals with ease and confidence! VIEW INSIDE this product on our website!

| CODE | ITEM | PRICE |
|--------|--|-------|
| usscd | 2024-25 Social Studies FlipCards High School | \$62 |
| usscdb | 2024-25 Social Studies FlipCards - Bulk Discount (5) | \$285 |



SOCIAL STUDIES H

2024-25 Notes

Written by current UIL contest director, Andy Bates, this year's **Notes** is based on the Primary Reading Selection for High School. The best-selling product includes a glossary of assigned figures, a glossary of terms, an outline of the primary reading, an overview of the supplemental documents, sample essay topics, and a comprehensive timeline.

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| ussn | Social Studies Notes 2024-25 - Ships Fall 2024 | \$95 |
| ussnt | Social Studies Notes 2024-25 - Bulk Discount (5) | \$390 |

Practice Packet 2024-25 H

Delve into the 2024-25 annual high school Social Studies topic with six tests per packet! Each test challenges students with 45 multiple-choice questions and one essay. Answer keys and essay samples with key points explained are included. See page 2 for Classroom eMentor details and [try a FREE sample](#) on our website! eMentors expire on June 1, 2025.

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| ussp1 | Social Studies Practice Pkt. 1 - Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| ussp2 | Social Studies Practice Pkt. 2 - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$69 |
| usspe1 | Social Studies Practice eMentor 1 - Avail. Fall 2024 | \$85 |
| usspe2 | Social Studies Practice eMentor 2 - Avail. Jan. 2025 | \$85 |

Additional eMentor user licenses are available on our website!

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SPELLING ^(H)

Practice Packets 2024-25



Challenge your team with high school practice tests on the *Word Power List* for 2024-25. Each packet contains six tests with sections on

proofreading, vocabulary, and spelling; a tiebreaker section plus answer sheets and keys are included.

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| uspp1 | Spelling Practice Packet 1 - Ships Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| uspp2 | Spelling Practice Packet 2 - Ships Jan. 2025 | \$69 |

National Spelling Bee Favorite!

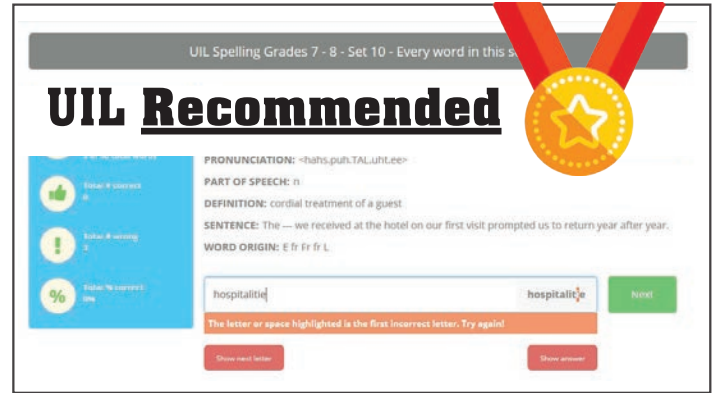
The Spelling Rules Book

The Spelling Rules Book, subtitled "Why Isn't 'Phonetic' Spelled the Way it Sounds?", is a 180+ page compilation that promotes less reliance on rote memorization and more on the understanding of languages. For example, students learn when to use *-ible* rather than *-able*, and they will never look at the *i-before-e* rule the same way again! Foreign language rules and an encyclopedic list of



Greek and Latin roots with definitions and words derived from each are also included. For those interested in the more esoteric words in the English language, the author has included those types of lists with themes such as "funny double letters," and "funny first-letter combinations." There are also some words from unusual languages like Yiddish, Welsh, Dutch, and Turkish. While this book explains the rules, it also tells when the rules don't work. A true *sine qua non* for competitors, this product was updated in 2015 by the original writer, Valerie Tarrant Browning.

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| nsspbk | Spelling Rules Book | \$79 |



SPELLING ^(H) ^(A+)

Spelling eMentor - ALL Grades 3-12

Engage your 3rd-12th grade students with *UIL Spelling eMentor*, and learn all the word spellings found in the 2024-25 annual lists! This interactive program helps students master the entire *Word Power* or *A+ Spelling* list and works as a proficient coach. Students hear the word spoken as the screen displays the phonetic pronunciation(s), definition(s), part(s) of speech, a sentence, and etymology for vocabulary selections. Then, students type in the word. The *Spelling eMentor* contains the same information as our *Spelling Complement* book (on the next page) but allows students to practice the spelling of words online. All students get their own username and password, which is set up by the coach or teacher inside the coach account once your order is processed. Look for email confirmation and login link once your order is placed and your product is activated. Try FREE demos. Read more on page 2. The eMentors are subscription-based and expire on June 1st. Includes 5 students and one coach; each additional student is \$30.

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| uspemhi | UIL High School Spelling eMentor 2024-25 | \$149 |

Lower grade pricing for the Spelling eMentor below includes one coach and one student license. Additional student licenses can be purchased for \$19 each to accommodate your full team. Please indicate the number of team members when purchasing.

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| uspe78 | UIL Grades 7-8 Spelling eMentor - Avail. Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| uspe56 | UIL Grades 5-6 Spelling eMentor - Avail. Fall 2024 | \$69 |
| uspe34 | UIL Grades 3-4 Spelling eMentor - Avail. Fall 2024 | \$69 |

U Notes for High School ^(H)

Get all UIL *Word Power* words from years 2000 to 2014, totaling 11,500 words! Studying words used in prior years helps prepare for the 20% of test words which are not from the current year's *Word Power*. *U Notes* contains all words, definitions, phonetic pronunciations, part(s) of speech, and abbreviated etymology, plus some words from spelling contests at the District, Regional, and State levels. **Bulk discounts are available online.**

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| unun | U Notes | \$153 |

SPELLING H A+

Spelling Complement 2024-25



- Contain the words that are in the UIL spelling lists [PLUS definitions, parts of speech, pronunciations, and sentences](#)
- Bulk discounts consist of five or more of the same book

- RECOMMENDED: **UIL Spelling eMentor** which matches the **UIL Spelling Complement** in difficulty sequence and also keeps track of missed words!

HIGH SCHOOL VERSION ONLY — Words marked for vocabulary study also have etymology. Difficulty sequencing is recommended for testing students to eliminate guessing a word's spelling by its alphabetical placement. Buy [difficulty sequence eMentor](#) to match the *Complement*.

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| ucmhia | Spelling Comp. High School - Alpha | \$72 |
| ucmhid | Spelling Comp. High School - Difficulty | \$72 |
| ucmhita | Spelling Comp. High School - Alpha Bulk Disc. (5) | \$275 |
| ucmhid | Spelling Comp. High School - Difficulty Bulk Disc. (5) | \$275 |
| ucm34 | Spelling Complement - 3rd-4th Grade | \$55 |
| ucm56 | Spelling Complement - 5th-6th Grade | \$55 |
| ucm78 | Spelling Complement - 7th-8th Grade | \$55 |
| ucm34t | Spelling Complement - 3rd-4th - Bulk Discount (5) | \$215 |
| ucm56t | Spelling Complement - 5th-6th - Bulk Discount (5) | \$215 |
| ucm78t | Spelling Complement - 7th-8th - Bulk Discount (5) | \$215 |

Spell Buddy - Grades 2-8

Spell Buddy is ideal for assigning general spelling homework! NOTE: **Annual UIL words are not contained in these books.** Buy in bulk to give one book to every student! Word lists can be easily assigned with the "Spelling Schedule" included. [Look inside](#) online before buying.

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| nsbdy | Spell Buddy (specify grade) Grade: 1&2 3&4 5 6 7 8 | \$29/\$14.50* |
| nsbdyc | Spell Buddy Coach Manual (specify grade) Grade: 1&2 3&4 5 6 7 8 | \$59/\$29.50* |
| nsbdye | Spell Buddy eMentor (see web for details) Grade: 1&2 3&4 5 6 7 8 | \$49 |

*Six or more of any combination of Spell Buddy books and/or Coaches Manuals get the 50% off discounted rate shown. Yes, any combination of six qualifies for the discount! (Note: This product uses Merriam-Webster and is not specifically written for annual A+ study but includes words from prior years.) **Perfect for busy teachers who don't have time to create spelling lists!**

Vocab Tests & Vocab eMentor H



Master all the **vocabulary words** in the 2024-25 high school *Word Power* booklet! Get five 70-word multiple-choice tests that are **specifically written to help students learn the word meanings** that are critical to this contest. The eMentor

for schools includes one teacher and up to five students. Login IDs and passwords will be assigned by Hexco if not provided by purchaser. Additional licenses can be purchased; see product page for details. [Try a FREE sample](#) of this product before you buy. eMentor expires June 1, 2025.

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| uspvmt | Vocab Tests (book) - Ships Fall 2024 | \$55 |
| uspvem | Vocab eMentor - Avail. Fall 2024 | \$90 |
| uspvemt | Vocab Tests & eMentor | \$135 |



STORYTELLING A+

Storytelling Practice Packets

A+ Storytelling Practice Packets with Video for the UIL A+ Storytelling contest. Practice Packet includes 4 original printed stories in a comb-bound packet with videos of a person reading each story aloud. Short quizzes are included with each Practice Packet which help competitors practice their recall of details. **Note:** This item includes videos which will be physically shipped along with your Practice Packet.

Make sure to LOOK INSIDE this product and view video samples on our website before you order!

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| ustpp1 | Storytelling Practice Packet 1 | \$69 |
| ustpp2 | Storytelling Practice Packet 2. | \$69 |



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