



Kid Friendly ELA Common Core "I Can..." for 3rd Grade

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**I can locate words and details
to answer questions in text.**

**I can ask and answer questions
before, during and after reading
text.**

**I can retell by putting stories
into my own words.**

**I can define the message, moral or
what the author is trying to share
in the story.**

I can use key text details to explain the message, lesson or moral of a story.

I can identify characters in a story.

I can describe qualities of characters. (outside and inside)

I can explain how characters' actions cause events to occur in a certain order/sequence.

I can use strategies (context clues, root words, affixes) to determine the meaning of words and phrases in text.

I can define literal language (it says what it means) and nonliteral (what it says is not exactly what it means).

**I can identify literal and
nonliteral language in a text.**

**I can use context clues to
determine meaning of literal and
nonliteral language.**

**I can explain how stories, dramas,
and poems are written in different
forms (chapter, scene, stanza).**

**I can use the terms chapter, scene,
and stanza when writing or
speaking about parts of a text.**

I can describe how chapters, scenes, and stanzas give the reader information and work together to create the story, drama, or poem.

**I can define
point of view.**

I can determine the point of view of a narrator or character of a story.

I can explain how my point of view is similar to or different from a narrator or character in a story.

**I can identify illustrations
that support the story.**

**I can explain how illustrations
contribute and add meaning to
the words in the story.**

**I can define theme- a lesson
the author is revealing (like
honesty).**

**I can define setting, the
time and place of a story.**

**I can define plot, the sequence
of events in a story**

**I can identify themes, settings and
plots in stories written by the
same author.**

**I can compare and contrast themes,
setting and plots in stories written
by the same author.**

**I can recognize when the text I am
reading is too easy or difficult for
me.**

I can use reading strategies to help me understand difficult texts.

I can locate words and details to answer questions

**I can ask and answer questions
before, during, and after
reading a text.**

**I can define main idea (what
the story is mostly about).**

**I can determine the main
idea of a text.**

**I can identify key details in a text
and explain how they support the
main idea.**

**I can recount/retell the key
details of a text in my own
words.**

**I can define event,
procedure, idea and concept.**

**I can identify events, procedures,
and/or concepts in different
types of informational text.**

**I can explain how events,
procedures, ideas and/or
concepts connect to one another.**

I can use language that shows time (before, now, later), sequence (first, next, last, etc.) and cause/effect (because, then, if) when describing a text.

I can identify academic words or phrases (different ways to say the same thing ex. states instead of said) in a text.

I can identify words or phrases specific to a topic (domain words) in a text.

(Content Words: sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic)

I can use various strategies to determine the meaning of general, academic, and domain-specific words and phrases in a text.

I can locate and use resources (glossary, guide word, dictionary) to help me determine the meaning of unknown words and phrases.

I can identify and give examples of text features and search tools.

**I can explain how text features
and search tools help locate
information quickly.**

**I can locate information about
a topic using text features and
search tools.**

I can define point of view (the person's view or attitude about a situation).

I can determine the point of view of an author.

I can identify how my point of view is similar to or different from the author.

I can use illustrations and the words in a text to help me understand and explain what I am reading.

**I can identify words authors use to help
me make connection between sentences
and paragraphs (similar, different, because, if,
first, last).**

**I can explain how connections words
(transition words, signal words) help
me understand a text.**

**I can describe connections an
author makes between
sentences and paragraphs**

I can identify the most important points and key details found in two texts on the same topic.

I can find similarities and differences of the most important points and key details in two text on the same topic.

**I can read or study
materials to be discussed.**

**I can list important information
about the topic to be discussed.**

**I can identify and follow the
agreed upon rules for discussion.**

**I can ask questions when I
do not understand.**

**I can stay on topic by making
comments about the information
being discussed.**

**I can make connections
between the comments of
others.**

**I can explain my own ideas and
tell what I've learned from a
discussion.**

**I can identify information from
a text being read aloud.**

I can identify information that is presented in different formats (media, charts, graphs, websites, speeches).

I can use information gathered to determine the main ideas and support details of a presentation.

I can ask questions about a speaker's presentation when I do not understand or need more information.

I can answer questions about a speaker's presentation by using appropriate elaboration and detail.

I can present a topic, text, story, or experience with facts and relevant descriptive details.

I can report my information by speaking clearly at an understandable pace (speed).

I can read aloud stories or poems and use my voice to make them come to life.

I can speak clearly and at an understandable pace (speed) when creating audio recordings of stories or poems

**I can add visual displays
(illustrations, graphs, photos) to highlight
facts and details.**

**I can recognize a
complete sentence.**

