

Introduction

Welcome to English I. This Sunrise Edition course follows much the same pattern as the lower grade Sunrise Edition LightUnits.

LightUnits

Each LightUnit has 15 lessons, with the LightUnit Test as the final lesson. Each LightUnit (except 905) has three sections. A quiz follows Sections 1 and 2, and a self check follows Section 3. Each quiz counts $\frac{1}{4}$ of the LightUnit grade; the LightUnit Test counts $\frac{1}{2}$ of the grade. (LightUnit 5 has two sections, one quiz, and no test. The student's speeches make up most of the LU 5 grade.) You may also include other grades in the final score.

Students should take the quizzes, self check, and LightUnit Test closed-book. However, they may prepare for the self check open-book. Remove the quizzes and LightUnit Test from each LightUnit before giving it to the student. Quizzes are on perforated pages in the back of the LightUnit, and the LightUnit Test is bound into the center of the LightUnit.

Lesson 14 in each LightUnit is a self check. The student should have you initial the self check before taking it. "Review for the Test" follows the self check and includes a list of things for students to study to prepare for the test.

Helping students review. In the right margin beside each lesson title in the LightUnit are numbers in parentheses, and beside nearly every set of directions in the "Looking Back" sections are numbers in brackets and/or parentheses. These numbers provide a quick reference for students who need help.

Numbers in parentheses refer to pages in the *CLE English Handbook* for the concept or skill being taught or reviewed in that lesson or exercise. The numbers in brackets refer to the lessons in which skills were taught in that LightUnit. A small *r* following the number in brackets means that the concept first appeared in a review within the "Looking Back" section of that lesson.

For an example, look at page 11 of LightUnit 901. Beside the instructions for Nos. 31-33 you see these numbers: [1r] (139-146). That means that punctuation marks were first introduced in 901 in the "Looking Back" section of Lesson 1. Pages 139-146 of the *CLE English Handbook* deal with punctuation marks. Beside the instructions for No. 34 on page 11 is this: [1] (2-5). This means that nouns were introduced in Lesson 1, and pages 2-5 of the *CLE English Handbook* deal with nouns.

We highly recommend that students and teacher have a copy of the *CLE English Handbook* available for reference while working through this course.

LightUnit Symbols

 **Teacher Check.** Used before quizzes and anywhere the student must obtain the teacher's initials before proceeding.

 **Small Teacher Check.** Indicates an exercise that must be scored or checked by the teacher. The student may continue working even though the teacher has not yet checked the exercise.

 **Small Teacher's Aide Check.** Used with exercises that need to be checked by the teacher aide or teacher. The student may continue working even though the exercise has not yet been checked.

Creative Writing

This course provides some creative writing: paragraphs in each LightUnit; a personal narrative and a character sketch in LU 3, and an essay answer in LU 4. Students will do some writing as they prepare for two speeches in LU 5.

English LightUnits are shorter (15 lessons instead of 17) to allow you time to teach creative writing. A good source for ideas for writing assignments is *On Teaching Writing: A Handbook*. The CLE literature course for ninth and tenth graders, *Perspectives of Life in Literature*, also contains many excellent writing assignments.

Features of the Teacher's Materials

LightUnit Overviews. Lesson titles and brief explanations show you at a glance the contents of each LightUnit. Page numbers at the right margin key the lesson concept or skill to the *CLE English Handbook*.

The second page of each overview lists writing assignments of a paragraph or more that you need to check. This page includes suggestions for books you may want to have available for student use.

Books for writers. A list of books to help your students with their writing skills.

English I Scope and Sequence. A sequential listing of concepts and skills taught in LA 900. If you are homeschooling and your state requires you to submit a course outline, use this one.

Alternate LightUnit Tests. Photocopy one of these any time a student needs to retake a LightUnit Test.

LA 800 Index. Use this reference to find where concepts and skills were taught in LA 800.

English I Index. Use this index to find concepts and skills taught in English I.