

Syllabus: Linguistics 5

Course Description

Students will sharpen their spelling skills in this course. Each lesson presents a rule, jingle, or hint, with words that follow the rule or break it. Students will learn the spelling rules and words using a multi-sensory approach. Daily spelling tests support the goal of complete mastery. This course will use the Phonetics Zoo Level C List. Recommended for Grade 5. Homework will average 2 - 3 hours per week.

Course Learning Objectives (CLO)

- Recite spelling rules.
- Achieve excellence in spelling at their grade level.
- Identify words that break the spelling rules.
- Look for spelling patterns while discovering new rules.
- Use a multi-sensory approach to spelling.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance, while not graded in this course, will nevertheless be recorded by the students' teacher, as students are required to attend all scheduled class sessions and actively participate. It is expected that students will view archives of any missed classes as they are responsible for obtaining any notes or assignments when a class must be missed.

Students will receive quarterly grades for Participation. A percentage of the final grade will be attributed to *relevant class participation*, which typically includes raising their hands, commenting regularly via microphone/webcam, and using the chat box to contribute to the academic conversation. A grading rubric, which contains the percentage attributed to Relevant Class Participation for this course, is located on the course page.

Assignments and Assessments

There are weekly worksheets in the Veritas Press Linguistics curriculum. The answers to the worksheets will be discussed in class. The students will need to keep up with the assignments given in order to participate in class discussion. Worksheets will occasionally be turned in for a homework grade.

Students will turn in original sentences using the Phonetic Zoo spelling words every week. Two graded projects will be given per semester. Descriptions and due dates are given on the course page. Each week students will take the Phonetic Zoo spelling test. Every Friday the final Phonetic Zoo spelling test will be turned in and graded by the teacher. A unit test will be given at the end of each semester.

All tests should be taken in one sitting and proctored by an adult. Unless directed by the teacher, students are not permitted to use any helps, books, notes or the Internet on any portion of tests. All tests are due at 11:55 PM ET on the date shown. Specific instructions will be provided by the instructor.

Evaluation

The final grade is determined on the following basis:

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| • Relevant Class Participation | 15% |
| • Projects | 20% |
| • Homework | 10% |
| • Tests | 25% |
| • Midterm Exam | 15% |
| • Final Exam | 15% |

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will apply for all assignments and final grades. 100% – 90% = A; 89% - 80% = B; 79% - 70% = C; 69% - 60% = D; 59% - 50% = E; 49% - 40% = F. All grades are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Late Work

If a student fails to submit any assessment by the due date, it is considered “late.”

- Assignments submitted 0-24 hours late will result in a 10 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 24-48 hours late will result in a 20 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments submitted 48-72 hours late will result in a 30 point reduction off earned grade.
- Assignments over 72 hours late will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero.
- Parent may request an extension from their child’s teacher *prior to the due date* or in the case of an emergency.

While we love grace and the opportunity to exercise it, we also desire to instill a sound sense of responsibility in our students, hence these expectations pertaining to late work.

Exam/Test Retakes

Any student may retake a failed assessment (except quizzes), but can score no higher than 70% on the retake. This policy also applies to formal labs in applicable courses. Retakes will be graded as though the student *could* receive a 100%. Assuming the student then scores a grade of 70% or greater on the retake, he will be given a 70%. If the student again fails the assessment, the greater of the two grades (attempts) will be used in the calculation of a final grade.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment is considered academic dishonesty. This includes plagiarism in any form. Cheating will be dealt with in the following manner:

- If a student is caught cheating, he will receive a zero on the assignment and will be placed on academic probation for the remainder of the school year.
- If the same student is caught cheating again, he will likely be expelled.
- No refunds will be granted for students who are expelled due to cheating.
- A Disciplinary Action Form will be submitted by the student's teacher for any instance of academic dishonesty.

Textbooks

The books needed for the class can be purchased through Veritas Press. It is extremely important that the student has the correct version/edition of these materials, and that they be ordered timely so as to have no interruption in a student's progress.

Linguistics 5 Course Kit (003598)

- Phonetic Zoo Level C (315630)
- Phonetic Zoo Flashcards (315590)

Course Calendar

See Course Assignment Sheet, located on the course page, for class dates, breaks and all assignments and assessments. Class dates and breaks can also be found on the current academic year calendar.