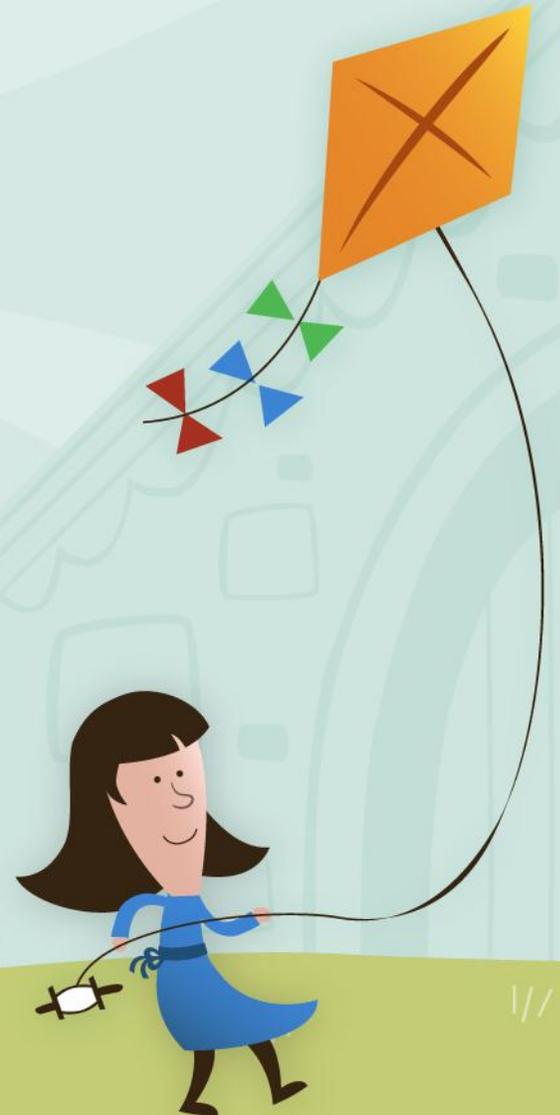


English Home Language

Grade 8

2021



What should I expect?

The most important facts:

1. You need to pass English in order to pass the year.
2. A due date/submission date is set in stone, meaning that, **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS** will be accepted without a valid reason or medical certificate.
3. You are required to write a baseline test upon your return. There is no scope. You will be tested on everything you have learnt up to this point.
4. COVID has impacted teaching and learning, yes, but you as the learner should make it your responsibility to do what is expected and submit tasks on time.
5. It is imperative that you check the website regularly.
6. It is your duty to inform me if you don't understand something.
7. If you miss a test or assessment, you have to submit a medical certificate or police affidavit within three days. If you don't, you will not be afforded another opportunity.



Formal Tasks for Term 1



Grade 8

English Home Language

Term Plan 2021

Task 1: Oral (20)

Reading Aloud (Can be done online)

Task 2: Writing (30)

Narrative essay

Task 3: Controlled Test (50)

Comprehension – 20 marks

Visual text – 10 marks

Language structures - 20 marks

NB: An Assessment register will be pasted into the back of your child's book. Your child's mark will be recorded on this form. Please sign it regularly so that you can see your child's progress.



Informal Tasks for Term 1



Spelling tests.

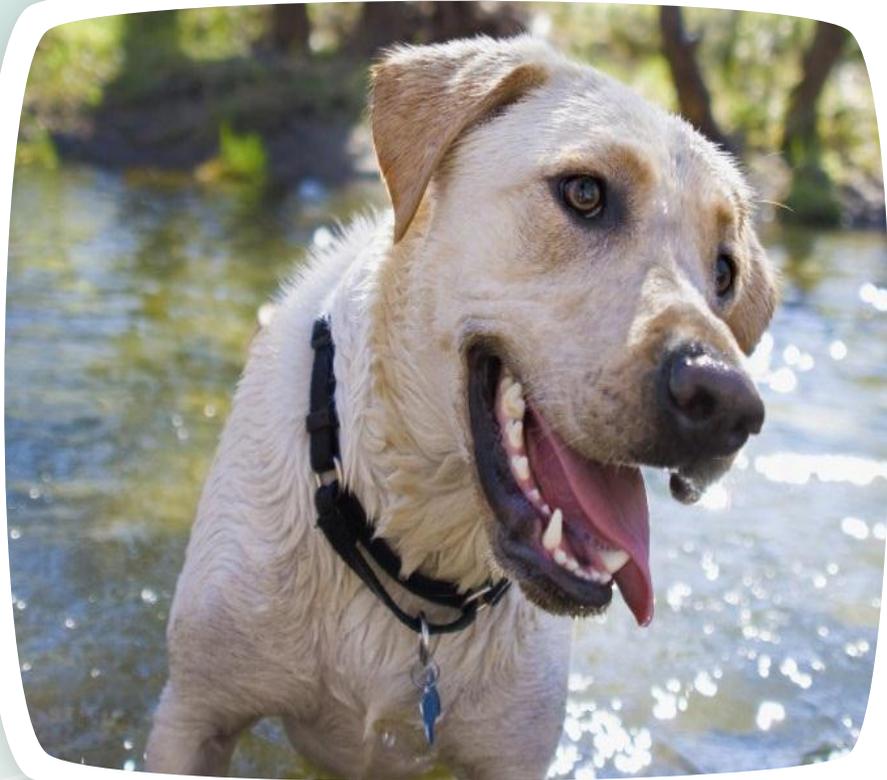
A spelling list will be supplied.

Please ensure that your child learns these words as it is very important. These words will assist them when they read and write.

Reading.

Reading will be done on a regular basis to ensure that your child gets accustomed to reading aloud.





Baseline Test

Why a baseline test?

The purpose of the test is to make sure that everyone is on the same level, in other words, it is to assess whether or not your understanding and command of the English language, is acceptable for grade 8.





What should I remember?

The most important thing to always remember is that if you feel that English is boring, it will be boring...

What do I do when I really don't understand?

The best thing to do is ask your teacher for help.



For Term 1 I need to do:

- An oral (reading out loud)
- 1 Essay (topics to be finalised)
- Term test (language structures and conventions)

The basics



What stationery do I require for Grade 8 English

- Blue pens, 3 colour pens, pencils
- Eraser, ruler
- Scissors, glue
- 2 x 96 page hardcover book
- Handbook & Study Guide of the English Language (ISBN 9780620325837)
- Oxford Dictionary
- 1 Croxley file
- 2 Exam pads – to be given to your English educator.



Contacting everyone

- Here are a few 'need-to-know' guidelines before you blow up your teacher's email...
- 1. Your first point of contact is your subject educator, therefore you should always try to speak to them first.
- 2. If your subject educator cannot solve your problem, the next important person is the subject co-ordinator for grade 8 English (Mrs Malherbe).
- 3. If you still have a problem, then you go to the top, the Head of the English Department, Ms. T Pretorius.
- 4. Only after you've gone through all these channels, is it acceptable to contact the headmaster.

- All the best for 2021!

