

Frequently Asked Questions
The new 2011 DLI editions for Grades 3-4
The new 2012 DLI edition for Grade 5

1-Q. What is the reason for the revision?

1-A. The revision process, underway since 2009, addresses content, sequence, format, and pacing of the DLI editions. We have been guided by input from teachers, principals, and instructional coaches. Three editors have contributed to the process of shaping and refining the final result.

There was a seismic shift in writing conventions when the Common Core State Standards were adopted. This national initiative seeks to establish a uniform set of standards from state to state and has been adopted by 41 of 48 states. (Colorado specifics: In the content area of writing conventions, Colorado's New Academic Standards adopted the Common Core State Standards as their own and have added only one skill unique to Colorado.)

The Common Core Standards are much more rigorous. As a result, many skills are developed more fully than in the past, and others are brand new to particular grade levels. For example, many skills previously introduced in Grade 5 are now introduced in Grade 4. Eight new skills were added to the 2011 Grade 3 DLI edition, eleven to Grade 4, and we expect to add sixteen to Grade 5. Grade 5 will have the greatest degree of change; any new skill added to Grade 3 will need to be reinforced in grades 4 and 5. Some skills are small, such as using quotation marks for titles of songs or plays, but others, such as teaching compound sentences at Grade 4, require more than one week.

2-Q. What skills were added and how are the new 2011 Grade 3 and 4 editions different?

2-A. More detailed information about the new Grade 3 and 4 editions is posted on the website. From the Product tab choose Grade 3 or Grade 4. Next, choose the link titled "Introducing the NEW edition."

3-Q. What grade levels are being revised ?

3-A. Grades 3 and 4 have been revised and were released in June and August of 2011. Grade 5 will be revised next and should be ready by early summer of 2012.

4-Q. What about Grade 5 CDs?

4-A. The CD will correlate with the new 2012 edition and will be released at the same time.

5-Q. Are grades 1,2, and 6 DLI currently available?

5-A. Yes.

6-Q. Does this mean that no Grade 5 books or CDs are available for purchase until the spring of 2012?

6-A. Yes.

7-Q. What materials do you suggest for our Grade 5 teachers if our entire school is going to begin to implement DLI this year?

7-A. Some schools have chosen to use the new Grade 4 materials with both Grade 4 and 5 students this year. For schools choosing this alternative, four skills will need to be added to supplement the Grade 4 materials. For more information call Hogback Press.

8-Q. What are the details of the Trade-In Offer?

8-A. The Trade-In Offer applies to schools that purchase the new 2011 Grade 3 or Grade 4 editions between May 1 and September 30, 2011. For each new Grade 3 or Grade 4 book purchased, schools can ship the corresponding 2003 Grade 3 /2004 Grade 4 books to Hogback Press to receive a \$10/book refund. The CDs corresponding to these print editions can be returned for a \$5/CD credit with purchase of a new CD.

Print the Trade-In Form, which will answer all of your questions on this limited-time offer, from the website.

www.dailylanguageinstruction.com Ordering tab>Trade-In Event.

9-Q. Can we take advantage of the quantity price and the trade-in, also?

9-A. Yes.

10-Q. I'm confused. Do the CDs and books correlate with one another?

10-A. Yes. The 2011 CDs correlate with the 2011 print editions. They include the Day One-Day Four student tasks from the new books. (Note: The 2003 Grade 3 CD and the 2004 Grade 4 CD correlate with their respective print editions. All 2003 Grade 3 and 2004 Grade 4 books and CDs have been sold. See question 14 below.)

11-Q. How well will the previous editions of DLI support the new standards?

11-A. The previous editions of DLI more than addressed the Colorado Model Content Standards. However, they do not address many of the new standards. (See Question 1 above.)

12-Q. DLI is working fine for us. Why would we want to upgrade?

12-A. In addition to providing strong support for the new standards, the enhanced mini-lesson sections, which are now 70-110 pages in length, serve as invaluable resources for the direct skill instruction that launches the week. Background information for every skill is included as well complete mini-lessons, picture book suggestions, websites, and activities that will get your students up and moving. This section will be especially valuable to support instruction on the new skills in the standards.

13-Q. Are any of the earlier Grade 3-4-5 books and CDs still for sale?

13-A. No. All of the remaining books and the companion CDs for the previous grade 3, 4 and 5 editions have been sold. Unfortunately, it is not practical for Hogback Press to re-order the earlier copyrights and stock both sets of materials. Our printing contract requires a minimum of 100 books and 200 CDs per run.

14-Q. New standards in every content area require new resources. In addition, we have significant financial cuts. Why did you plan to launch these editions now?

14-A. This revision has been underway for two years and its culmination now is bittersweet. The new standards have added increased urgency for the completion of the revision. The sweet part: It is gratifying to be able to offer a resource to teachers that will provide such strong support for instruction at this time. By implementing the higher standards this year, students will be more prepared to demonstrate proficiency in the spring of 2013 when the new standards are measured. Not only are these skills a fundamental part of quality writing instruction, they often command a large share of state writing assessment scores. The bitter part: The financial impact of implementing the new standards adds another layer to the challenging economic times. The Trade-In Offer is a small way that this transition can be softened.

15-Q. Isn't the price of the book higher?

15-A. Yes. The price was increased \$5/book and \$1/CD in April. DLI prices have remained the same for four years, while the printing costs have increased... 18-21% last year alone. Adding to that, the new editions are an average of 150 pages longer.

16-Q. Will you have a Trade-In Event for Grade 5?

16-A. A similar trade-in offer is planned in the spring of 2012 when the new Grade 5 book and CDs are released.

17-Q. When will samples of the new Grade 5 edition be available to view and print from the website? (www.dailylanguageinstruction.com)

17-A. Samples of Grade 5 will be posted by April 2012.

18-Q. What other information is available on the website?

18-A. On the Products page for each grade level, you will find links that allow you to view and print the following: a table of contents, two to three full weeks of curriculum, a chart showing the 30 weekly focus skills, a document showing the skills that are introduced, reviewed, and held accountable for the grade level, a sample mini-lesson, a sample spelling list, and product details. A Scope and Sequence chart for the entire DLI series (grades 1-6) is also available. This document will be helpful in vertical planning. The order form and all the details about the Trade-In offer can be accessed via the Ordering tab.

19-Q. What about grades 1,2, and 6? Do they have new skills, too?

19-A. Writing conventions did not change much for Grades 1 and 2 with the adoption of the new Common Core State Standards. Overall the Grade 1 and Grade 2 DLI editions address and exceed the new standards with two exceptions. Grade 2 teachers will want to add capitals for product names (Nike tennis shoes) and geographic names (Sidney, Australia) to the skills addressed in the Grade 2 edition. The Grade 6 edition was already quite rigorous and exceeds standards in many areas. Grade 6 teachers will want to supplement the Grade 6 edition to fully address the increased emphasis on pronouns.

20-Q. When will these new skills be included on the State Assessment?

20-A. In Colorado a transitional assessment will be administered in the spring of 2012, and the new standards will be measured in the spring of 2013. Other states may have different time lines.