

A+ Materials: What Do I Need?

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Sources for Materials

- * UIL
 - * Study Materials Order Form
 - * Online Store
- * Independent Vendors
 - * Directory on UIL web site

Getting Started

- * Source materials that change regularly
- * Source materials that change infrequently
- * Practice tests
- * Classroom and online resources
- * Supplemental materials

Regular Updates

- * Art - a new Official List every two years
 - * 2013-2014 begins a new cycle
- * Materials you need
 - * Art Smart Bulletin - available from UIL (\$10.50)
 - * Color prints - independent vendors
 - * Tune In - www.tuneinnet.com
 - * Small prints - \$6.95 per set
- * Supplemental materials - available from Tune In

Regular Updates

- * Music Memory - a new Official List every year
- * Materials you need
 - * Recordings of the music
 - * Supporting materials for teaching the music
- * Options for materials
 - * Passport - available from UIL (\$15)
 - * use in conjunction with music from iTunes
 - * (about \$16 to purchase the mix)
 - * Independent vendor materials

Regular Updates

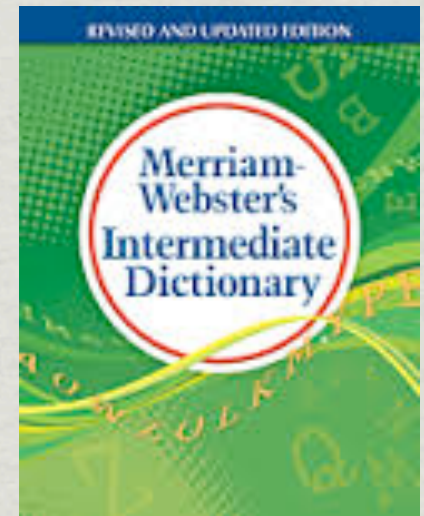
- * Spelling - new word lists every year
- * Materials you need
 - * A+ Spelling booklet - available from UIL
 - * includes all three lists - 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
 - * \$3.50 single copy, \$13.25 for a set of 12
- * Supplemental materials
 - * Available from independent vendors

Infrequent Updates

- * Official Sources for:
 - * Dictionary Skills - dictionary
 - * Maps, Graphs & Charts - atlas
- * Contestants are not required to use the official sources - they may use any dictionary or atlas
 - * Tests are written from the official sources

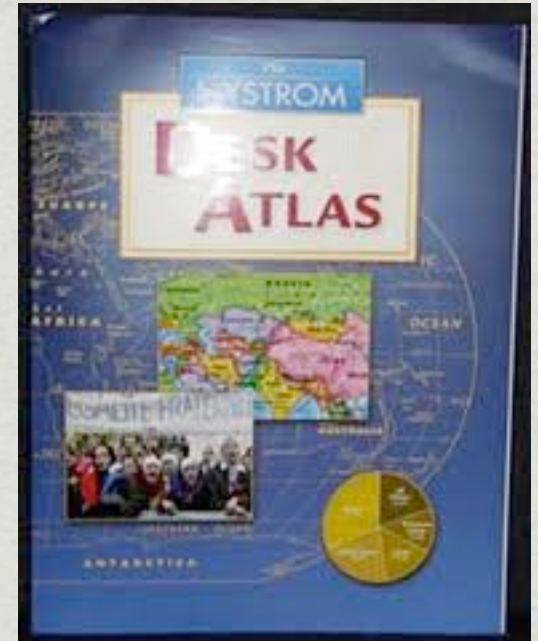
Dictionary Skills

- * Official Source: Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, 2011 edition
 - * The 2004 edition will also be used through the 2014-2015 school year (all test questions will be checked against both editions)
- * Available from:
 - * Texas Educational Paperbacks - www.tepbooks.com
 - * current price \$12.32 each
 - * Other book suppliers and retailers



Maps, Graphs & Charts

- * Official Source: Nystrom Desk Atlas, 2008 edition
 - * Newer copyrights have been released with minor revisions - these are also acceptable
 - * No major revisions to the atlas this year
- * Available from UIL
 - * \$21 single copy, \$544 for set of 30 (discounted pricing)



Practice Tests

- * A+ Academic Study Materials Booklets
 - * Available from UIL - \$22 each
 - * Includes two of previous year's tests for multiple events
 - * Booklets are hole-punched and shrinkwrapped
 - * Designed to be divided out among event coaches on your campus

Elementary Academic Study Materials Booklet

- * Includes practice tests for the following:
 - * Art
 - * Calculator App.
 - * Chess Puzzle
 - * Creative Writing
 - * Dictionary Skills
 - * Listening
 - * Maps, Graphs & Charts
 - * Mathematics
 - * Number Sense
 - * Ready Writing
 - * Social Studies
 - * Storytelling

Junior High Academic Study Materials Booklet

- * Includes practice tests for the following:
 - * Art
 - * Calculator App.
 - * Chess Puzzle
 - * Dictionary Skills
 - * Editorial Writing
 - * Impromptu
 - * Listening
 - * Maps, Graphs & Charts
 - * Mathematics
 - * Number Sense
 - * Ready Writing
 - * Social Studies
 - * Science

Classroom and Online Resources

- * Social Studies
 - * Study outlines on UIL web site
 - * Includes recommended resources
 - * Your classroom textbooks and resources (test content is TEKS based)
- * Science
 - * TEKS based - use classroom textbooks and resources

The Basics to Get Started

FOR A FULL SLATE OF CONTESTS:

- * Art (materials purchased this year good next year also)
 - * Art Smart Bulletins (one copy per student)
 - * Color prints (one set of small prints per student)
- * Music Memory
 - * Passport (one copy per teacher)
 - * Set of recordings of the music
 - * can burn multiple CDs from one purchase of the iTunes playlist
 - * don't get carried away - be aware of iTunes usage policies

Getting Started, cont.

- * Spelling
 - * A+ Spelling booklet (one copy per student)
- * Dictionary Skills
 - * Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary (one copy per contestant)
 - * Will get several years of use from one purchase
 - * Can also use in general classroom
 - * Other dictionaries may also be used

Getting Started, cont.

- * Maps, Graphs & Charts
 - * Nystrom Desk Atlas (one copy per contestant)
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 - * Can also be used in general classroom
 - * Other atlases may also be used

Getting Started, cont.

- * Practice Tests
 - * A+ Academic Study Materials Booklets (one copy per campus)
- * Downloadable resources
 - * Social Studies outlines
 - * Modern Oratory topics
 - * Suggested sources for Oral Reading
 - * Watch web site for links to resources for Chess Puzzle, other contests

Supplemental Materials

- * Independent vendors
 - * Provide practice tests and all kinds of materials - guide books, computer-based, etc.
 - * Directory on A+ section of UIL web site
 - * Visit vendor tables on the 3rd floor today

Questions?