

Education.com Debuts Middle School Math and English Language Arts Resources

Hundreds of new worksheets, games and lesson plans help 6-8th grade students master essential skills

SAN MATEO, Calif. — August 30, 2021 — [Education.com](https://www.education.com), the leading online education destination serving more than 33 million teachers, parents and homeschoolers, announced the release of its first math and English language arts (ELA) resources for students in grades 6-8. The addition of new printable worksheets, interactive games and lesson plans meets the growing demand for tools that help learners develop higher-level skills and succeed throughout middle school.

Built by educators, the Common Core-aligned resources encourage students to dive into new topics and cultivate a more advanced skillset. Parents and teachers can tap into various activities—from [captivating printables](#) to [interactive games](#)—to mix up educational opportunities and make learning fun for students. The materials support student growth across all of the major topic areas for middle school math and ELA.

“Middle school students need diverse educational activities that reinforce classroom instruction while presenting new opportunities to grow,” said Kate Mattison, Vice President of Curriculum at IXL Learning, Education.com’s parent company. “Parents and teachers of middle schoolers now have an exciting new way to provide meaningful support, help students tackle more challenging skills and foster a lasting love for learning.”

Education.com will continue to develop math and ELA content for middle school, and will introduce science and social studies resources for grades 6-8 later this school year.

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Active and Passive Voice

In grammar, **voice** communicates whether the subject of a clause performs or receives the action of the verb.

If a sentence is written in **active voice**, the subject *performs* the action of the verb.

→ Leah watered the plant on Saturday.

If a sentence is written in **passive voice**, the subject receives the action of the verb.

→ The plant was watered on Saturday.



Note that active and passive voice emphasize different aspects of a sentence. In the examples above, the **active** sentence places importance on *who* watered the plant. In the **passive** sentence, the *action* of the sentence is emphasized. It's important that the plant was watered, but it doesn't really matter who watered it. Look at a few more examples of active vs. passive voice below.

Active	Passive
The mechanic is repairing the vending machine.	The vending machine is being repaired.
Did someone break the world record?	Has the world record been broken?
Congress just passed a new energy bill.	A new energy bill has just been passed.

Though there are exceptions, it is best to use active voice in formal writing.

Directions: Write whether each sentence is written in active or passive voice.

- 1 Zane is giving all his old comic books to his stepbrother. _____
- 2 The first electric battery, called a voltaic pile, was invented by Alessandro Volta in 1800. _____
- 3 Who borrowed my copy of *The Hobbit*? _____
- 4 My sister's softball game was delayed by the unexpected downpour. _____
- 5 Argentinians have danced the tango for almost two hundred years. _____
- 6 Unfortunately, Fiona's package had been delivered to the wrong apartment. _____
- 7 More than 100 trees will have been planted before the park opening. _____
- 8 The Rivertones are likely to win the top prize at the regional show choir competition. _____
- 9 Will classes be cancelled due to the winter storm? _____
- 10 The Mayan ruins at Tikal were named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. _____
- 11 Mr. Anchor's students must turn in their final ceramics projects before class. _____
- 12 The student council will have cleaned up the gym before the next basketball game. _____

Parents, teachers and students can access the new middle school resources through Education.com's [Learning Library](#). The library contains 35,000 standards-aligned activities covering math, science, social studies, reading and more for preK-8 learners. A combination of digital and printable content—from science projects to song videos, workbooks and more—helps students develop key skills and master concepts at their own pace. In addition, teachers and parents can access handy [Weekly Boost](#) materials for tips and educational resources that support children throughout the school year.

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