



# Sonlight Curriculum Ltd.

*The way you wish you'd been taught. Guaranteed.*

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**There's a big change coming. I want you to know about it *before* your new 2007 Sonlight catalog arrives in the mail very soon.**

Sonlight is massively upgrading our K-6 Language Arts Instructor's Guides.

The changes really are dramatic. For *any* Sonlight program to be a success, it must help *you* teach *your* children in the best way. Now, after more than a year of research, planning, and "construction," these new Language Arts programs are (I believe) far easier to teach—and easier to learn—than ever.

I've enclosed a unique coupon code you can use to try them for yourself, *completely risk-free*. But first...

**Here's how this huge undertaking became reality:**

At the Denver Homeschool Convention last July (2006), Dr. Ruth Beechick stopped by our booth. This respected expert in homeschool curriculum has had a strong influence on the way we develop materials for Sonlight. Dr. Beechick's specialty is language arts, and she spoke with our local representative about Sonlight's program.

When we heard about Dr. Beechick's visit, it gave us a rather bold idea. We called her, and asked, "May we hire you as a consultant to evaluate our K through 6<sup>th</sup> Language arts programs?"

She said, "Yes."

*Imagine how excited I was to hear that!* We rushed our K-6 LA guides to her right away. After she read the multiple reams of paper, she made many suggestions. I then assembled a team of experienced and gifted teachers, and gave them Dr. Beechick's suggestions (and copies of her books to use as references).

"Follow her pattern," I said. "Let's incorporate as many of her ideas as we can."

I couldn't be more pleased with the results. We've recently unveiled the new guides to our Sonlight Curriculum Consultants and Advisors. Reactions like this one from Heidi Whitman are typical:

*"This new Language Arts Guide looks great! I can hardly wait to use it. It puts together everything we need for Beechick-style learning, at a pace my kids can handle. It will be hard to keep this a secret until the catalog arrives!"*

—Heidi Whitman, Sonlight Curriculum Consultant

**What changes can you expect to see?**

Students learn more—with less work—by writing about what they read.

"Have your children write every day," Dr. Beechick said.

We listened, and have done just that. Now, children start each week with one dictation (copywork for the younger ones) from their readers. The rest of the week develops a carefully sequenced step-by-step writing activity.

New skills are introduced one at a time, over several lessons. Then, after a break to add another new concept, students practice earlier ones. Later, they review the concepts, and begin to link them naturally. You'll never introduce more than two or three concepts at a time. This slower, more practical pace is more about "getting it" than about "getting it all done."

**You, the teacher, also get much more: examples, ideas, step-by-step help, and more.**

As always, your Language Arts Instructor's Guide delivers a thorough, fully-scheduled school year.

Your new schedule also includes lots of teaching tips and ideas, with examples—and answers—for virtually every assignment (for example, not just "write a character sketch," but also "here's what a typical character sketch

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might look like”). Each week clearly walks you through the lessons you teach, and builds on what your children have already learned.

I’m confident you will agree these changes truly make Sonlight’s new “natural method” Language Arts programs a fresh and appealing way to teach your children all of these vital skills. That’s why I created your coupon code (see top front of this letter). If you do like your new guide, it’s a nice savings. If not, then I’ve pre-paid your return shipping.

**New Sonlight Instructor’s Guide packs all the grammar young readers need...**

“Way too much grammar,” said Dr. Beechick of our previous program.

And many parents—and students—agreed. But many others still want the more intensive coverage of grammar rules offered in previous editions of our Language Arts. So, rather than eliminate grammar entirely, we’ve carefully scheduled plenty of grammar “gems” into the new K-6 Language Arts activity sheets. Like the creative writing, each draws on (and so reinforces) the students’ reading.

As for the rest: now, you can expose young readers to a complete “toolbox” of practical grammar in one easy, self-paced course. It’s called *Grammar Ace*—one program you can start anywhere during Levels 4-7, and do in a few months or a couple years.

Good news: If your child has completed our current program (through Level 6), you do not need the new grammar unit. Your child has had enough grammar to stump the experts!

**Save \$5 on any new Language Arts Guide, or return it to me, 100% risk-free.**

My promise to you: Sonlight is “the way you wish you’d been taught.” If you don’t agree, then you pay nothing. Every Sonlight Instructor’s Guide comes with our unmatched “Love to Learn” Guarantee (read my P.S. below). Today, I’m also giving you \$5 to try a new Language Arts Guide. Simply use the coupon code below when you order.

Your children should be given every chance to learn to truly love their language, and thrive in it. This new, more practical and flexible design, with weekly step-by-step teaching helps for you, is a result of Sonlight’s aim to help you create the most effective homeschool experience you want—and need—for your family.

We can help you choose the Language Arts programs that best match your students. Please call an expert Sonlight Advisor today at 303-730-6292 (option 3). You can also visit the free Sonlight forum called “Choosing Sonlight Curriculum,” at [www.sonlight-forums.com](http://www.sonlight-forums.com).

Thank you for being part of the “Sonlight family,” and allowing us to serve you.

Sincerely,



**Sarita Holzmann**

*President, Sonlight Curriculum Ltd.*

P.S. Your coupon code is located at the top front of this letter. I want to remove any hesitation you may feel, and encourage you to try our new Language Arts Guides. Remember, Sonlight backs all our Instructor’s Guides with the **“Love to Learn” 100% Money Back Guarantee**: try up to 18 weeks of your new Guide over a full twelve months—you’ll love the experience, or *I will buy it back*.