

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

Each book consists of a set of 8 modules – each with a learner’s and teacher’s section – and covers the following:

Module	Book One (Grade 8)	Book Two (Grade 9)
1	Guidelines for comprehensions, spelling, reading poetry, writing diaries and faxes, nouns	Pronouns, summary skills, writing paragraphs, comprehensions, portfolio, giving a presentation, essay writing
2	Using one’s imagination, adjectives, punctuation, comprehension and listening comprehension, writing descriptively and writing a story	Listening comprehension, prepositions, comprehension, group work, writing paragraphs and reports, idioms, presenting a speech
3	Listening, spelling, summarising, cause and effect, pronunciation, reciting and reading poetry, comparisons, character sketches, plurals, apostrophes, comprehension, writing a fable	Short story genre : reading, discussing, dramatising and writing a book review.
4	Comprehension, verbs, tenses and concord, commands and instructions, writing recipes, giving directions, writing letters	Visual literacy, media manipulation, film study, writing and oral presentation
5	Using strong verbs, being specific, adverbs, jargon, reading, comprehension, interviewing, direct and reported speech, writing a magazine article	Punctuation, comprehension, improving writing, homophones, thinking skills, persuasive speaking, voice control, writing an argumentative essay, studying and writing a poem
6	Prefixes and suffixes, reading myths, poster presentations, performing myths, comprehension, writing a myth	Designing advertisements, jargon and techniques of advertising, grammar, comprehension, advertising portfolio, peer and group assessment
7	Figures of speech, enjoying poetry, listening comprehension, debating, dramatising poetry, writing an essay.	Aspects of a story, reading and comprehension, poetry, denotation and connotation, writing word portraits, irony and satire, cartoons, telling and writing stories
8	Guide to examination terms; Test papers based on each of the seven modules, plus two full examination papers and memos.	Test papers based on each of the seven modules, plus two full examination papers and memos.



Each module (1 – 7) is loosely based on a unifying theme and offers plenty of opportunity for learners to discuss and talk about their learning, and to read and write in English. The emphasis is on practice and gaining confidence so that they can go on to the next grade with the basics in place and the confidence to develop their language skills further.