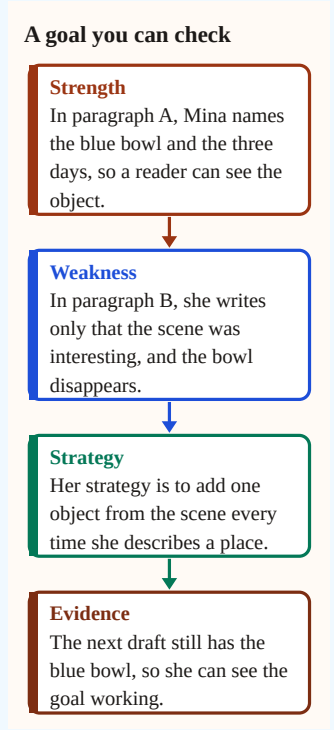
English Language Arts 10-1

Unit 1: Explore thoughts and experiences

Language growth goals

Two portfolio paragraphs

- Mina keeps two paragraphs in one portfolio about the same kitchen. Paragraph A says the spare key sat in a blue bowl by the door for three days, and she could hear the kettle through the wall. Paragraph B says only that the story was interesting and the character did things.
- Strength. In paragraph A, Mina names the blue bowl and the three days, so a reader can see the object.
- Weakness. In paragraph B, she writes only that the scene was interesting, and the bowl disappears.
- Strategy. Her strategy is to add one object from the scene every time she describes a place.
- Evidence. The next draft still has the blue bowl, so she can see the goal working.



Measurable goals

- A language goal says what will change in writing or in talk.
- A strategy is the action you will repeat, such as one concrete detail before a judgement.
- A portfolio reflection records the evidence and the next check.

Key terms

language goal

A specific change in speaking, listening, reading, or writing, paired with a strategy and a way to check it.

portfolio reflection

A note that looks at a sample of your own work, names what is strong, and chooses a next strategy.

strategy

A repeatable action, such as asking a question before offering a claim, that you can count or point to.

Parts of a growth goal

- Strength: paragraph A uses time and objects a reader can picture.
- Weakness: paragraph B judges the story with words that fit any plot.
- Strategy and check: add one object before any judgement word, and circle those objects on Friday.

Annotated goal for group talk

- In a group talk about Mina’s kitchen, a student says the theme is loss before anyone has looked at the bowl. The goal is to understand the scene before announcing a theme.
- Strategy: ask one question about a line, such as why the key is still in the bowl, before offering a claim.
- Check: a tally mark each time the question comes first, reviewed when the discussion ends.

Portfolio goal card

- Paragraph B says the kitchen scene was interesting and leaves the bowl unnamed. Paragraph A says the spare key sat in the blue bowl by the door for three days.
- Name one strength and one weakness using a sentence from these paragraphs, then add a strategy and a Friday check.

Review

- You will explain a fundraiser plan to the school club on Thursday. The plan is a bake sale at the gym doors, and you tend to start with the theme before the price and the time.
- Write a language goal, a strategy, and a check for that talk.