

## Vermont Early Learning Standards Shorthand Guide

Use these abbreviations to create a shorthand that refers to a specific location within the [Vermont Early Learning Standards](#) (VELS).

Shorthand	Domain
AL	Approaches to Learning
SE	Social and Emotional Development
GR	Growing, Moving, and Being Healthy
LA	Language Development
LI	Literacy Development
CR	Creative Arts and Expression
MA	Mathematics
SC	Science
SS	Social Studies

Shorthand	Age Group
IN	Infants (0-12 months)
YT	Young Toddler (9-18 months)
OT	Older Toddler (18-36 months)
YP	Younger Preschooler (36-48 months)
OP	Older Preschooler (48-60 months)
K	Kindergarten
FG	First Grade
SG	Second Grade
TG	Third Grade

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Shorthand	Domain
AL	Approaches to Learning
+	<b>Element</b>
1	Element 1: Play and Exploration
+	<b>Goal</b>
1	Goal 1: Children engage in play to understand the world around them
+	<b>Age</b>
YP	Younger Preschoolers
+	<b>Indicator</b>
3	Build knowledge through play
=	<b>Equals</b>
<b>AL.1.1.YP.3</b>	

Additional examples of the VELS shorthand and resources, such as *The RIGHT STUFF* monthly listserv, are located on the next page!



## Here are some additional examples of how to write in VELS shorthand:

*Shorthand for an indicator on page 94 of the VELS.*

Creative Arts and Expression (CR) + Music (Element 2) + Children engage in making and listening to music etc. (Goal 1) + Younger Preschoolers (YP) + repeat a short melody (Indicator 2) could be written as

**CR 2.1.YP.2.**

*Shorthand for an indicator on page 81 of the VELS.*

Mathematics (MA) + Operations and Algebraic Thinking (Element 2b) + children develop and use concepts, properties, and representations etc. (Goal 1) + first graders (FG) + solve word problems that call for addition of three whole numbers whose sum is less than or equal to 20 (indicator 2) could be written as

**MA 2b.1.FG.2.**

## Vermont Early Learning Standards Resources

Free resources are available online to help families and professionals learn about and use the Vermont Early Learning Standards (VELS) to support each and every child. Here are some examples.

VELS resources for families and professionals

<http://education.vermont.gov/documents/early-education-early-learning-standards>

Resources on each domain of the VELS

<http://fpg.unc.edu/presentations/vermont-resource-collections>

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