

Grammar 4 Writers has a modular design that can fill a mini-lesson, an entire class period, or multiple periods. The offline writing assignments can be done in class, assigned as homework, or accomplished over several days.

Students New to the Topic

For students that are learning the topic for the first time, we recommend following this sequence of activities.

1. Video—**How To Build** (take notes from the last slide)
2. Video—**How to Use** (take notes from the last slide)
3. Video—**How to Avoid Problems** (take notes from the last slide)
4. Print out background information for student reference during practice
5. Practice Game—**Build**
6. Practice Game—**Sort or Find**
7. Practice Game—**Avoid Problems With**
8. Printout **Sentence Activities** for further classroom practice
9. Optional Assessment Activities—Quiz, Paragraph Activities, and/or Composition Activities

Students Reviewing the Topic

Select from videos, practice games, and activities as needed to meet the needs of students.

Holistic Writing Objectives

This table shows how Grammar 4 Writers' topics can be combined to accomplish holistic writing objectives.

Write Complete Sentences

- Sequence—Independent vs. Dependent Clauses, Simple Sentences, Compound Sentences, and Complex Sentences
- Assessment—Take any three related ideas and have students write a simple, compound, and complex sentence using these ideas. (e.g. it is hot outside, two brothers wash the family's car, the parents are making the boys wash the car to earn their allowance)

Use Phrases for Effect

- Sequence—Prepositional Phrases, Infinitive Phrases, Participial Phrases, Gerund Phrases, Appositive Phrases
- Assessment—Take one of the composition activities from these topics and extend the requirements to include at least two instances of each type of phrase in the composition.

Use Clauses for Effect

- Sequence—Subordinate Clauses, Relative Clauses, and Noun Clauses
- Assessment—Take one of the composition activities from these topics and extend the requirements to include at least two instances of each type of clause in the composition.

Add Descriptive Detail

- Sequence—All Adjectives and All Adverbs
- Assessment—Take one of the composition activities from these topics and extend the requirements to include at least one instance of each type of adjective and adverb in the composition.

Improve Flow

- Sequence—Vary Sentence Beginnings, Vary Sentence Structure, and Vary Syntax
- Assessment—Take one of the paragraph activities from these topics and extend the requirements to include varied beginnings, varied structure, and varied syntax. Have students annotate each sentence with its beginning, structure, and syntax.

Top 3 Tips To Make Your Writing Look Smarter

- Sequence—Subordinate Clauses, Appositives, and Subjects
- Assessment—Take any paragraph previously written by a student and ask them to add two subordinate clauses, two sentences where the subject is not at the beginning of the sentence, and one appositive.