

Simple Solutions Level 1

English Grammar & Writing Mechanics Topic Guide

The English Grammar topics listed below are introduced and systematically re-visited throughout Level 1 and in subsequent *Simple Solutions* English Grammar & Writing books.

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In addition to the grammar skills listed in the topic guide, the following phonics, spelling, and writing skills are introduced and woven throughout the curriculum. With the introduction provided by *Simple Solutions* these skills may not need to be taught before the homework can be completed. If there is a need for further explanation or clarification, these concerns can be addressed while going over the nightly homework the following day.

- Identification Between Letters, Words, and Sentences
- Identification of Beginning and Ending Sounds
- Letter-Sound Correspondence (such as consonant blends and long-short vowel patterns)
- Common Word Families
- Rhyming Words
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Classification of Words into Categories
- Spelling of Common Sight Words
- Spelling of Homophones
- Meaning of Compound Words
- Recognition of Contractions and Abbreviations
- Sequence of Events
- Spelling Rules with Short and Long Vowel Patterns
- Capitalization
- Descriptive Words