

Simple Solutions Level 2

English Grammar & Writing Mechanics Topic Guide

The English Grammar topics listed below are introduced and systematically re-visited throughout Level 2 and in subsequent *Simple Solutions* English Grammar & Writing Mechanics books.

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In addition to the grammar skills listed in the topic guide, the following 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.

Rhyming Words

Identification of Beginning, Middle, and End Sounds

Short and Long Vowels

Classification of Words into Categories

Prefixes (*un-*, *re-*, *pre-*) and Suffixes (*-er*, *-est*, *-ful*, *-less*)

Organizational Strategies to Plan Writing

Proofreading and Editing to Improve Conventions

Spelling of High-frequency Words

Spelling of Contractions, Compounds, Homophones

Spelling of Plurals and Verb Tenses

Common Spelling Generalizations (e.g., drop the silent *-e*)

Use of Resources to Check Spelling

End Punctuation

Quotation Marks

Capitalization

Subject-Verb Agreement