

Simple Solutions Level 4

English Grammar & Writing Mechanics Topic Guide

The English Grammar topics listed below are introduced and systematically re-visited throughout Level 4 and in subsequent *Simple Solutions English Grammar & Writing* books.

Topic	Lesson (first time a topic appears)
Antonyms, Subject, Editing Mark (caps), Writing Process (prewriting).....	1
Synonyms, Subject, Types of Sentences (declarative), Prefix, Writing Process (rough draft), Editing Mark (spelling).....	2
Predicate, Homophones, Editing Mark (end punct), Writing Process (revising)	3
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Editing Mark (take something out).....	5
Types of Sentences (command), Writing Process (editing).....	6
Editing Mark (carrot), Writing Process (publishing).....	7
Types of Sentences (exclamatory), Homonyms, Editing Mark (lower case) ...	8
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In addition to the grammar skills listed in the topic guide, the following phonics, vocabulary 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.

- Context Clues
- Use Context Clues to Determine the Meaning of Synonyms, Antonyms, Homophones, Homonyms, and Homographs
- Apply the Meaning of Synonyms, Antonyms, Homophones and Homographs
- Meanings and Pronunciations of Unknown Words (using a dictionary, glossary, etc.)
- Roots of Words
- Organizational Strategies to Plan Writing (Graphic Organizers)
- Simple, Compound, and Complex Sentence Structures
- Revise (Add Descriptive Words, Delete Extraneous Information)
- Rearrange Words in Sentences
- Select Vocabulary Using Reference Materials
- Proofread and Edit Writing Samples
- Spelling Rules for Plurals and Inflectional Endings