

Simple Solutions Level 5

English Grammar & Writing Mechanics Topic Guide

The English Grammar topics listed below are systematically re-visited throughout Level 5 and in subsequent *Simple Solutions English Grammar & Writing* books.

Organizational Strategies for Writing

Sentence Writing (simple, compound, and complex)

Types of Sentences; Parts of a Sentence (complete and simple subject / predicate)

Revising Writing

Vocabulary Selection with Resources

The Writing Process / Proofreading / Use of Editing Marks

Using Negatives Correctly (avoiding double negatives)

Spelling Rules for High Frequency Words

Spelling and Meaning of Contractions

Spelling of Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots

Use of Commas, End Marks, Apostrophes, and Quotation Marks

Capitalization Rules

Use of Various Parts of Speech, including:

Regular and Irregular Plural Nouns, Possessive Nouns, Noun as Subject, Pronouns (singular and plural), Regular and Irregular Verbs, Subject / Verb Agreement, Verb Tense, Auxiliary Verbs

Understanding Pronoun Case (nominative, objective, possessive)

Use of Context Clues to Define Meaning of Unknown Words

Use of Context Clues to Define Meaning of Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms, Homophones, Homographs

Use of Prefixes, Suffixes, and Roots to Analyze Word Meanings

Determining Meanings and Pronunciations of Unknown Words using Resources

Distinguishing between Cause and Effect

Analyzing Fact and Opinion

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Skills introduced in lessons 17 – 32:

Use of Adjectives

Use of Indefinite Pronouns

Use of Word Origins to Determine Meaning of Words

Identifying and Correcting Fragments and Run-ons

Skills introduced in lessons 33 – 80:

Use of Noun as Direct Object, Use of Linking Verbs, Use of Articles

Use of Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases

Use of Adverbs

Use of Relative Pronouns

Use of Interrogative Pronouns and Demonstrative Pronouns

Use of Conjunctions

Understanding Connotation and Denotation of Words

Understanding Meanings of Abbreviations

Analyzing Information in Charts, Graphs, Tables

Clarifying Steps in a Set of Instructions or Procedures

Skills introduced in lessons 81 – 96:

Use of Interjections

Identifying and Understanding Similes and Metaphors

Use of Noun or Pronoun as Predicate Nominative

Skills introduced in lessons 97 – 112:

Understanding Figurative Language

Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism