

Simple Solutions Level 3 Topic Guide English Grammar & Writing Mechanics

The English Grammar topics listed below are introduced and systematically re-visited throughout Level 3 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 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.

Context Clues

Synonyms and Antonyms

Compound Words

Contractions

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, and Homonyms

Spelling of Words with *-ion*, *-ment*, and *-ly*

Common Spelling Generalizations (consonant doubling, dropping the *e*, and changing *y* to *i*)

Use of Resources to Check Spelling

Use of End Punctuation

Use of Commas and Apostrophes

Capitalization

Quotation Marks