

10 Tips to Develop Students Syntax in Writing



Begin with sentence level instruction

Teach students to construct clear, grammatically correct sentences before moving to longer forms of writing.

Writing within context

Integrate writing tasks within content lessons to connect writing skills with subject knowledge.

Explicit practice when sentence crafting

Focus on purposeful sentence level practice with appositives, conjunctions, and clauses.

Sentence combining exercises

Instruct students to combine simple sentences into complex ones to develop more complex syntax structures.

Sentence stem with conjunctions

Provide sentence stems (because, but, so) to help students develop logical connections between ideas.

Self reflection and revision

Illustrate the importance of reflection and multiple revisions to help students improve sentence structure to move from sentences to paragraphs.



Grammar within context

Introduce grammar concepts as part of writing lessons rather than isolated drills.

Deconstruct sentences

Instruct students to deconstruct complex sentences to understand syntax, meaning, and structure.

Reconstruct sentences

Reconstruct sentences by reordering chunks and reassembling them to understand syntactical choices.

Explicit instruction

Explicitly teach the use of subordinate clauses, appositives, and varied sentence lengths to further develop writing style.