

Mastering Grammar with Mentor Sentences

A Week-at-a-Glance Activities

Day 1: Invitation to Notice

- What do you notice about the grammar in this sentence?
- Is there anything familiar?
- Are there any rules that the author is following?
- Are there any rules that the author is breaking? Why?

Day 2: Labeling the Sentence

- Only label the parts of speech that you know.
- Focus on labeling the eight main parts of speech: noun, pronoun, adjective, verb, adverb, preposition, conjunction, interjection.
- Draw arrows to show any relationships between the parts of speech.
- As the year progresses, you may focus on phrases, interjections, dependent clauses, and independent clauses.

Day 3: Grammar Rules

- What grammar rule can you infer from analyzing the sentence?
- In your own words, write a rule that connects to the focus skill.

Day 4: Revise

- When revising, you are moving, deleting or adding words or phrases.
- When editing, you are correcting spelling and checking punctuation.
- How do your revisions impact the meaning of the sentence?

Day 5: Create

- Create a sentence, mimicking the sentence structure in the mentor sentence.
- Learning to create different types of sentences makes your writing more interesting.
- Personal writing includes memoirs, journal entries, stories, and poetry.