

Unit Lesson Lesson Objectives

Standard English Conventions: Conventions of Usage

Parts of Speech: Words and Basic Phrases

Distinguish between and manipulate parts of speech.

Identify phrases that work as parts of speech.

Use prepositions correctly in phrases and with verbs.

Parts of Speech: Gerunds, Participles, and Infinitives

Identify the function of phrases within a sentence.

Recognize gerunds, participles, and infinitives.

Use gerunds, participles, and infinitives correctly.

Phrases and Clauses

Distinguish between phrases and clauses

Place phrases and clauses appropriately within sentences

Punctuate simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences

Introduction to Pronouns

Correct vague pronouns.

Identify different types of pronouns (personal, possessive, reflexive, intensive, reciprocal).

Recognize inappropriate shifts in pronoun person, number, and case.

Pronoun Agreement and Reference

Recognize and correct pronoun usage errors.

Recognize and correct subject-verb agreement errors.

Use subject, object, possessive, and intensive pronouns properly.

Correct Modifiers and Concise Wording

Apply strategies to improve expression in conventional language.

Locate and correct dangling, misplaced, and troublesome modifiers.

Recognize and revise wordiness and redundancy in writing.

Verb Tense and Voice

Explore the different ways verbs can be used

Understand what verb tense, aspect, and voice mean

Use verbs to discuss goals

Verbs and Their Moods

Understand how the subjunctive may be used with and without the conditional

Understand the structure and uses of indicative, imperative, interrogative verb moods

Understand the use of subjunctive mood in past, present, and future

Standard English Conventions: Sentence Structure and Mechanical Conventions

Simple Sentences: Sentence Parts, Verb Tense, and Verb Voice

Distinguish between active and passive voice.

Identify the parts of simple sentences.

Recognize when to use past, present, and future verb tenses.



Sentence Structure

Identify the parts of simple, compound, and complex sentences

Understand the function of sentence parts

Use a graphic organizer (sentence diagram) to improve sentence formation

Compound and Complex Sentences

Correctly punctuate compound and complex sentences.

Distinguish between independent and dependent clauses.

Identify the parts of compound and complex sentences.

Punctuating Restrictive and Nonrestrictive Elements

Correctly punctuate restrictive and nonrestrictive phrases and clauses.

Differentiate between restrictive and nonrestrictive phrases (appositives) and clauses.

Use commas correctly.

Writing Coherent Sentences

Apply rules for agreement and parallelism of grammatical structures.

Choose words and phrases for effect and purpose.

Vary sentence structure.

Punctuation and Capitalization

Edit for punctuation and capitalization

Identify common errors in punctuation and capitalization

Understand punctuation and capitalization rules

Using Punctuation

Use punctuation (commas, dashes, or parentheses) to set off nonrestrictive elements.

Punctuate lists and series correctly.

Use hyphens correctly.

Capitals and Commas

Edit a text to assess proper use of commas and capitalization

Identify and apply capitalization rules

Identify and apply comma rules

Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling

Correctly capitalize when using quotations

Place commas correctly

Recognize and distinguish between common spelling errors

Use ellipses before, in the middle of, and after a quotation to indicate an omission

Contested Usage

Identify active and passive voice and determine when to use passive voice.

Identify split infinitives and determine when to use them.

Recognize prepositions and determine when it is appropriate to end a sentence with a preposition.



Command of Evidence

Writing an Argumentative Essay about Education

Organize concepts and ideas using a graphic organizer

Research to gather appropriate information

Revise to include relevant facts and details

Write an argument that addresses claims and counterclaims

Writing an Argumentative Essay about a Social Topic

Brainstorm ideas and supporting examples

Revise to address claims and counterclaims

Write argumentative essay with a strong concluding statement

Writing a Convincing Argument

Develop a claim, reasoning, and evidence to make an argument

Identify counterclaims

Revise an argument to include relevant evidence from credible sources

Write a convincing argument that addresses counterclaims

Writing an Argumentative Essay about Health Care

Categorize information into cohesive sections

Research from credible sources to gather information

Revise to include concrete details, quotations, and other examples

Write a well-supported argument

Writing an Argumentative Essay about an Ethical Issue

Anticipate and address counterclaims.

Introduce and develop claims using supporting evidence and rhetorical devices.

Revise writing to strengthen connections between ideas and maintain a formal style.

Writing an Argument about How to Define Success

Develop a claim using strong reasons and evidence while addressing one or more counterclaims.

Introduce and establish the significance of a claim in an introduction.

Revise writing to eliminate biases, misconceptions, or fallacious reasoning.

Write an argumentative essay.

Words in Context

Choosing Precise Words to Eliminate Wordiness and Redundancy

Analyze the importance of word choice.

Eliminate wordiness and redundancy.

Make thoughtful choices of specific words.

Word Relationships: Accurate and Interesting Words

Choose precise words

Distinguish shades of meaning among words

Recognize word relationships and nuanced meaning

Tone and Style in Online Writing

Assess the use of tone in writing

Explore an online writing format

Make style choices based on audience



Writing an Argument that Supports the Characteristics of a Role Model

Develop a claim, reasoning, and evidence to make an argument

Organize reason and evidence logically

Revise to use precise language

Write an argument with a well-supported concluding statement

Research Workshop: Writing and Presenting the Argumentative Essay, Part 1

Conduct appropriate research using relevant print and digital sources, with standard source citation.

Construct an argumentative essay that supports a specific claim.

Edit and rewrite for word choice and sentence fluency.

Organize and write a clear, coherent argumentative essay based on reason and evidence using an appropriate style.

Revise for the writing traits of ideas and organization.

Expression of Ideas

Signal Words

Distinguish the purposes of signal words

Identify signal words in context

Use signal words to clarify the meaning of words and phrases by understanding relationships

Structuring an Effective Argument

Organize ideas in an argument

Support a claim with logical evidence

Use transition words to make an argument clear

Write a well-developed argument

Writing an Argumentative Essay about a Tradition

Establish a position on a topic with supporting reasoning and evidence

Revise to create a strong conclusion

Write a well-supported argumentative essay

Writing an Argumentative Essay about an Injustice

Organize ideas based on reasoning and evidence

Research to gather relevant information

Revise writing to show relationships between ideas

Write an argument with a strong concluding statement

Writing a Research-Based Informative Essay about Language

Develop an analysis with researched evidence.

Organize complex ideas by using a thesis statement, developed paragraphs, and transitions.

Revise writing for formal style and a strong conclusion.