

THE LEARNER'S TOOLKIT SERIES

The Writer's Toolkit

Year 1

Explicit, Skills-Based Writing Instruction for Early Elementary Learners

Student Workbook

From First Sentences to Original Stories

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Because and Worksheet

Part 1

I am singing _____ I like this song.

I love popsicles _____ sometimes they make my brain hurt.

Hippos are cute _____ they are ferocious.

I have a red coat _____ red is my favorite color.

I am hungry _____ it is not dinnertime yet.

I am smiling _____ I am happy.

The baby is crying _____ he is tired.

Her dad loves to cook _____ her mom does not.

Part 2

Answer the questions, asking *why*. Remember, questions with *why* expect answers with *because*.

Jake wanted to go to the park, but it started to rain. *Why couldn't he go to the park?*

Amy brought her kite to the field, but there was no wind. *Why couldn't she fly her kite?*

Mia wore boots because it was snowing outside. *Why did she wear her boots?*

The dog and cat played together because they were friends. *Why did they play together?*

Fragment to Sentence Worksheet

Picture 3



Fragment: collect shells

This fragment tells who or what. (Circle: YES or NO)

This fragment tells what happens. (Circle: YES or NO)

What is missing? _____

Add the missing part: _____

Write the sentence: _____





Choosing the Right Sentence Type Worksheet

Directions: Read each sentence. Write a sentence that matches the sentence type below.

You want to know if your friend can come over.

Write a question: _____

You want to tell someone about your pet.

Write a statement: _____

You need someone to pass you the scissors.

Write a command: _____

You are surprised by a gift.

Write an exclamation: _____

Single Paragraph Outline (SPO)

Topic: _____

Topic Sentence (T.S.):

Detail 1 (D): _____

Detail 2 (D): _____

Concluding Sentence (C.S.):

Illustrated Worksheet



T.S.: Birds fly.

Circle the sentence that does NOT belong with the topic sentence.

Their wings flap fast.

Some birds run fast.

They soar through the air.

The bar-tailed godwit flies from Alaska to New Zealand.

Illustrated Worksheet



T.S.: Penguins keep their eggs warm.

Circle the sentence that does NOT belong with the topic sentence.

They sit on the nest.

They use their body heat.

They have black and white feathers.

They fluff their feathers to trap heat.

Illustrated Worksheet



T.S.: Soccer keeps players moving.

Circle the sentence that does NOT belong with the topic sentence.

Players run up and down the field.

You kick the ball to your teammates.

The goalie jumps to block the ball.

Some sports use rackets instead of balls.

Single Paragraph Outline (SPO)

My Perfect Pet Story Plan

Topic: _____

Topic Sentence (T.S.): _____ are the perfect pet because _____

Reason 1 (D): _____

Reason 2 (D): _____

Reason 3 (D): _____

Concluding Sentence (C.S.): _____



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