

Develop Grammar, Punctuation and Sentence Variety

Teach grammar in context. Strengthen sentence craft. Build confident writers.

1 Why Grammar and Sentence Skills Matter

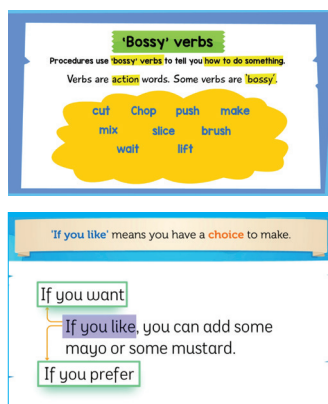
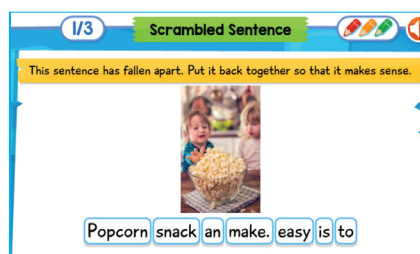
Grammar, punctuation and sentence variety are essential for clear, effective writing — but students often struggle to transfer isolated worksheets into real texts.

Writing Legends solves this by teaching grammar *inside meaningful writing tasks*. Students learn how language works, why choices matter, and how to improve their writing immediately.

Students learn to:

- Construct accurate, well-formed sentences
- Use punctuation purposefully
- Expand and vary sentences for clarity and impact
- Apply new skills directly to their writing
- Build mastery through guided practice and feedback

This approach keeps cognitive load low and leads to stronger, more confident writers.



2 Where Grammar and Sentence Skills Live in Writing Legends

These skills are embedded throughout the 5-lesson map for each text type. Every map includes:

- ✓ Short teaching videos introducing the focus skill
- ✓ Interactive grammar and sentence-level activities
- ✓ Sentence combining, expansion and revision tasks
- ✓ Worked examples and mentor sentences
- ✓ A writing task that applies the new skill in context

Students don't just "identify" grammar — they use it in purposeful writing.



3 What Skills Are Taught?

Writing Legends covers the full range of grammar, sentence and punctuation learning your students need:

Grammar

- Nouns, verbs and adverbs
- Adjectives (including 1-2-3 structure)
- Tense and subject-verb agreement
- Modal verbs
- Expanded noun phrases
- Phrases and clauses
- Figurative language
- Persuasive language devices
- Synonyms and precise word choice

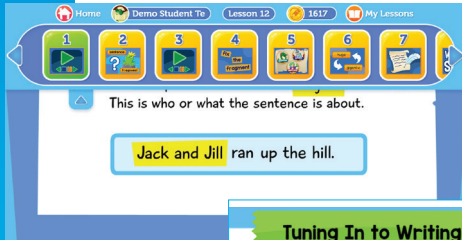
Sentence Construction & Revision

- Recognising sentence fragments and run-ons
- Types of sentences (simple, compound, complex)
- Kernel sentences and sentence expansion
- Joining sentences with conjunctions (FANBOYS and others)
- Writing complex sentences
- Mentor sentences
- Paragraph cohesion and flow

Punctuation

- Capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks
- Commas for lists, phrases and clauses
- Apostrophes for possession and contractions
- Quotation marks in dialogue
- Colons and semicolons
- Punctuation for clarity and meaning

Every skill is taught in service of producing stronger sentences and paragraphs that match the genre.



4 How to Use the Lessons Each Week

A simple 5-step routine keeps lessons clear and effective:

Step 1 Watch the teaching video

Introduce the focus skill in a shared, consistent way.

Step 2 Model one worked example

Show how the sentence grows or how punctuation changes meaning.

Step 3 Students complete the interactive tasks

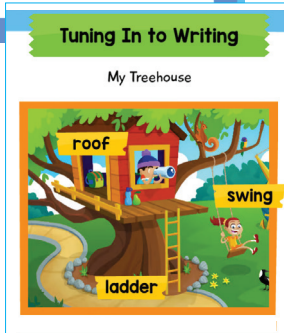
They apply the skill independently with immediate feedback.

Step 4 Apply the skill in writing

Students incorporate the new skill into a short, meaningful writing task.

Step 5 Review and revise

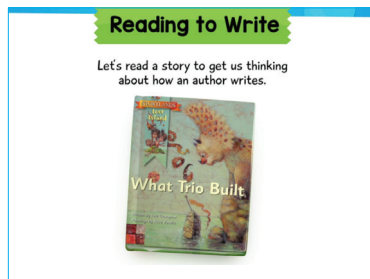
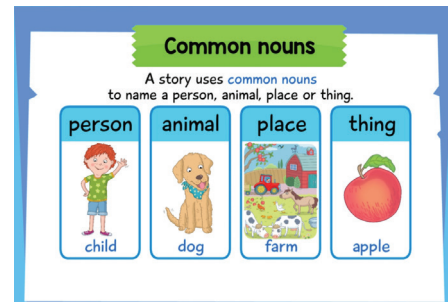
Use **Instant Legend Feedback** or teacher modelling to refine and strengthen their writing.



5 Why This Approach Works

Writing Legends makes grammar instruction more effective by ensuring every skill has a purpose.

- ✓ One clear focus per lesson — less overload
- ✓ Skills taught in context — not isolated drills
- ✓ Immediate application — improves retention and transfer
- ✓ Built-in revision and feedback — visible progress
- ✓ Supports differentiation — revisit tasks or extend writers easily



6 Tips for Maximising Success

Small teaching moves make big differences:

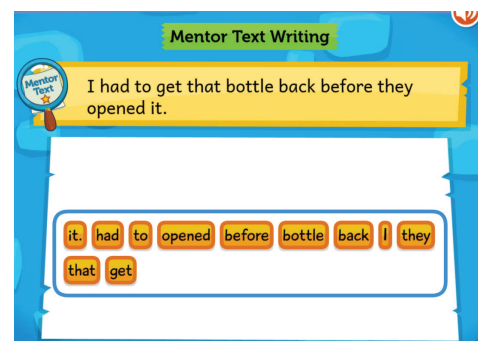
- ✓ Use the teaching video to ensure consistent modelling
- ✓ Read mentor sentences aloud to highlight rhythm and structure
- ✓ Ask students to identify one improved sentence after revising
- ✓ Display the weekly grammar focus for students to reuse in all writing
- ✓ Encourage sentence experimentation — not perfection

7 What Students Gain

With regular use, students develop:

- ✓ Clearer, more accurate sentences
- ✓ Stronger punctuation choices
- ✓ Greater sentence variety and complexity
- ✓ More confidence revising their work
- ✓ A deeper understanding of how language works

These improvements transfer directly into narratives, informational texts and persuasive writing.



Quick Start Checklist

You're ready to begin when:

- ☐ You've selected a text-type map
- ☐ You've accessed the Teaching Guide and Slide Deck
- ☐ You're ready to watch the lesson video as a class
- ☐ You've planned one shared example + independent student practice
- ☐ You've assigned a relevant Exciting Writing Idea to reinforce the skill

