

Writing Foundation Skills Common Core State Standards

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Sentence Frames - Why

Sentence frames are used to:

Give students a framework to support thinking and writing

Encourage use of content vocabulary

Provide scaffolding for academic language

Increase oral language proficiency

Sentence Frames

What Words Clearinghouse Practice Guide

Activity	Description	Examples	How the Teacher Can Implement the Activity
Sentence Framing	Teachers provide sentence frames to guide students' sentence writing.	<p>I like_____.</p> <p>I like to_____and_____.</p> <p>My_____is_____.</p> <p>When I_____,I like to_____.</p> <p>She didn't go to _____because_____.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Develop a sentence frame for students to use.2. Model the use of the of the sentence frame.3. Have students use the sentences frame to construct their own sentences.4. Have students share their sentence with peers and discuss their word choices.5. Slowly fade the use of sentence frames during instruction until students can write sentences independently.

Sentence Frames - Examples

Compare and Contrast

**Compare = same
different**

Contrast =

_____ and _____ are both similar because they both _____.

There are several major differences between _____ and _____. The most notable is _____.

Paragraph Frames

Summary - Informational Text

Chapter: _____ Topic: _____

This chapter conveyed information about _____>

First, the authors stated that...

This was important because...

Next, the authors mentioned that...

Furthermore, they indicated...

This was critical because...

Finally, the authors suggested that...

Summary – Narrative Frame

The title of this story was

The setting of the story was

..... was the main character of the story.

In the story, we learned that was

His/her main problem/conflict/goal was ...

At first, ... tried to resolve this problem/conflict/goal by ...

Later, he/she tried to resolve the problem/conflict/goal by...

In the end, the following happened: ...

Summary – Narrative Example

The title of this story was *My Summer Vacation*. The setting of the story was *a cattle ranch in Texas during summer vacation*. Wallace was the main character of the story. We learned that Wallace was a young city boy who was spending his summer with the crew on the ranch. His main problem was that he had to learn all of the skills of a wrangler such as how to move the cattle from one location to another and use a lasso properly. At first, Wallace tried to resolve this problem by carefully observing the ranch hands and mimicking their behaviors. Later, he tried to resolve the problem by asking the other wranglers, the ranch manager, and even the cook to teach him ranch skills. In the end, the following happened: Wallace stopped a stampede.

Compare and Contrast

Although...and...are different, they are alike in some interesting ways.

For example, they both...

They are also similar in

The...is the same as...

The ...resembles...

Finally they both...

Explanation

There are a number of reasons why

The most important reason is...

Another reason is ...

A further reason is ...

So you can see why...

Process

To ..., you need to follow these basic steps.

First, you need to ...

Next ...

Then...

When you finish, you should have

Opinion

I think that ...

I feel this way because ...

Another reason I feel this way is...

Most importantly, I think ...

For these reasons, I believe that ...

Opinion

Though not everybody would agree, I want to argue that...

I have several reasons for arguing this point of view.

My first reason is ...

A further reason is...

Furthermore...

Therefore, although some people might argue that ...

I have shown that ...

Description

When describing ..., the word that comes to mind is ...

One reason is ...

Another reason is ...

Finally, ... is ... because ...

Thus, ... is the best description of ...

Character Analysis

The character ... in ... can best be described as ...

This is evident when ...

... also shows this trait when he/she...

Further, his/her...is evident when ...

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