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# Peter Pan



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# Write-for-a-Month

# What Are Write-for-a-Month (WFAM) Writing Books?

The *Write-for-a-Month* (WFAM) series of books is from LAL's line of digital publications. WFAM is a digital arm of the small- press homeschool publisher, Character Ink Press/Language Arts Lady Blog, and houses a variety of month-long writing books, grammar downloads, readers, and more for teachers, parents, tutors, co-op leaders, and homeschoolers.

The WFAM books are writing/composition books of two to four lengthy lessons each, between 50 and 120 pages per book (depending on the level). These books contain writing projects that last one month (four weeks) and are based on old books/current movies/characters that children and adults love **or** historical characters/animals/nature topics (indicated by titles/covers). The books contain all types of writing, especially focusing on research reports, essays, and stories.

The projects in the WFAM books all use the author's signature "Directed Writing Approach," which takes students by the hand every step of the way from prewriting (brainstorming, character and plot development, research, etc.) to skill building (for projects requiring certain skills, such as quotes or imagery or persuasion, etc.) to outlining (based on the type of writing) to writing rough drafts to editing (via the Checklist Challenge) to final copy. Each project has detailed samples for students to see how the project was written by another student (a rarity in writing programs) and in-depth lessons of all of the skills needed in order to complete that project.

### Each series contains five books\*

Level I = Grade  $2^{nd}$  &  $3^{rd}$  – Purple Level II = Grade  $4^{th}$  &  $5^{th}$  – Red Level III = Grade  $6^{th}$ ,  $7^{th}$ , &  $8^{th}$  – Blue Level IV = Grade  $9^{th}$  &  $10^{th}$  – Green Level V = Grade  $11^{th}$  &  $12^{th}$  – Yellow

# Where teachers and parents can learn how to teach writing and grammar....OR hire me to teach for you!

### Projects:

- · Writing Boxes with Peter Pan Story
- Who Am I? Original Riddle Essay
- Questions and Answer Outline and Paragraph for Ship Report

### Skills:

- Introduction to the Sentence-by-Sentence (S-by-S) Outline
- Creating an S-by-S Outline
- · Writing From a S-by-S Outline
- Outlining Symbols
- S-by-S Outlining
- Researching
- Brainstorming
- Question and Answer Outline

# About the "Write-for-a-Month" Book Series

The Write-for-a-Month (WFAM) composition series is a non-religious, yet meaningful, writing program for use in homes, schools, co-ops, and tutoring situations. The books are writing/composition books of two to four lengthy lessons each, between 50 and 120 pages per book (depending on the level). These books contain writing projects of all types at grades two through twelve. Each WFAM book is either **topic-specific** (Mowgli, Peter Pan, Beauty and Beast, Christmas Friends, Dumbo, Slinky Dog, Fairy Tales, Nature, Animals, Famous People, etc.) or **writing-type-specific** (i.e. story writing, reports, essays, dialogue, Twice-Told Tales, Tools and Tricks, poetry, and much more). All of the books are grade-level specific (five levels from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades--see note below).

The projects in both series use the author's signature "Directed Writing Approach," which takes students by the hand every step of the way from prewriting (brainstorming, character and plot development, research, etc.) to skill building (for projects requiring certain skills, such as quotes or imagery or persuasion, etc.) to outlining (based on the type of writing) to writing rough drafts to editing (via the *Checklist Challenge*) to final copy. No vagueness. No questions as to what to write or how to write.

All of the book types that will be released are listed on the WFAM Series Titles back matter. I recommend that you start out with a *Tools and Tricks* or *Writing Boxes* book if you and your students are unfamiliar with Language Arts Lady's writing programs. (After that, your student will love any of the books!)

By utilizing our <u>writing-type-specific</u> books, you will be able to work on learning the LAL's ways! These writing type books include **Tools and Tricks** (introducing my methods to prepare for any future books) and <u>Twice-Told Tales</u> (story writing spin off projects).

By using our <u>topic-specific</u> book, your student can choose the characters, books/movie, science, or history themes he would like to write about. Again, both sets are month-long downloads with incremental and extremely-detailed instructions.

Partial sample lessons are available at the Language Arts Lady store (though the best way to try a WFAM book for your home or classroom is to purchase an early to mid-level book and try it out with your students). I recommend that younger students do a WFAM "Writing Boxes" book and middle and upper level students do a "Tools and Tricks" book first.

There are price differences for home/individual use vs. classroom/co-op use, and we ask that you follow our copyright guidelines of use by the purchaser only for whichever setting it was purchased.

# Project Labels/Levels and Printing/Use

The projects within each book are labeled with numbers. A larger project is labeled as Projects 1 and 2, indicating that, that project is lengthy and will likely take two weeks to complete if writing is a daily

subject for your students (longer than that if writing is a twice weekly or non-daily activity). The number of projects in each book roughly coincides with the length of the project in a one-month situation. (Most books will take about one month with daily writing.) The books can be stretched out over two months with less frequent writing or condensed to a two-week time period in remediation or workshop situations.

The author is creating videos about how to teach the projects, so check out the <u>How I Teach videos</u> at <u>Language Arts Lady Blog</u> or <u>YouTube</u> to see if the book you are interested in has a video yet. (There are over fifty there at this time.)

The author has tested each project in each book between three and six times live with fifty to sixty students every year and has made changes according to their responses. We recommend that you print out the books two-sided and three hole-punch them and put them in half or one-inch binders for ease of use. It is especially nice to print the cover in color and slide it into the front of the student binder.

### Time Spent in Write-for-a-Month

The method of instruction in most of the books will require one or two 30-60 minute meetings each week with the teacher to discuss the assignments, introduce the outlining technique, check the student's rough draft, review his Checklist Challenge (CC), and grade his final composition.

In addition, the student will need to work approximately 20-50 minutes (depending on level of book) per day four days a week by himself in order to complete all the assignments contained herein during a one-month period of time. (High school students will be on the upper end of that.)

Again, the time and teacher assistance needed in each book will vary according to whether the student is learning to write sentences or multiple paragraph compositions (as well as whether he is doing a *Tools and Tricks* book vs a story vs a report—and his interest level in all of those). It is recommended that you start out working together and see which areas your student is able to work alone and which areas he needs your assistance. The time needed will also be different if a book is spread out over two months.

### Two Skill Levels in Each Book

All books have two skill levels within each level: Basic and Extension. These two levels provide two different skill levels of writing and revising for students in each book. Thus, a younger student using a certain book would not do as many paragraphs and revisions as an older (or more advanced) student using the same book. The composition is dependent upon a student at least understanding the fundamentals of sentence structure (and these are introduced and built upon in the *Tools and Tricks* books).

Students will be able to complete the projects much more effectively if they understand the functions of subjects and verbs. Students will be able to insert the Checklist Challenge revisions into their writings much more easily if they understand how to do the revisions (how to combine sentences, how to add sentence openers, how to write SSS5's, etc.). The groundwork for many of those skills is laid out in *Tools and Tricks* and *Writing Boxes*—for beginning students as well as older students who need instruction in those fundamentals.

(Also, the *Tools and Tricks* books, in addition to being grade-level appropriate, are strong remediation books with specific instruction in "How to Create and Write From a Sentence-by-Sentence Outline Over Given Material" and "How to Complete the Checklist Challenge," etc. These are good starter books and are available at all five levels.)

### **Grade Levels**

Note that WFAM books are not *exactly* grade level specific. The books are labeled with numbers that approximate the grade level of the projects. However, writing is extremely subjective. An advanced seventh grader (with years of writing experience) may do great in one of the Level V books whereas a seventh grader without much writing experience may be more comfortable going in the II or III *Tools and Tricks* books for what a sentence or paragraph contains and how to put paragraphs together for essays and reports. Check out the samples at our store to find the right fit for your student(s).

# **Semester-Long Character Quality Writing Books**

Note that homeschoolers or Christian schools who desire the types of projects in WFAM but want a complete writing program with Christian/character emphases (as well as many of the WFAM projects) should check out my semester-long books, *Meaningful Composition* (MC). Two-week samples of each MC book are available at our **Language Arts Lady Store.** 



# WFAM: Peter Pan--Level I (Early Elementary)

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# Project 1: Writing Boxes With Peter Pan Story

Story Over Given Material Using Writing Boxes

# **Overview of Writing Boxes Lesson**

This week will you will be writing a story over given material. That is, you will not find your own material to write from, but you will use material provided for you.

Don't worry! We will use LAL's Writing Boxes to learn how to write from a source.

It will be fun—and you will be surprised how quickly you learn how to take notes and write.

# I. TOPIC OF STORY

**Sentence-by-Sentence Outline** over given material about **Peter Pan**.

# III. SENTENCES PER PARAGRAPH

**All** students will write the number of sentences that each paragraph contains in the given passage.

# II. NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS IN THE BODY OF YOUR STORY

**All** students will write **2 paragraphs** for the body (P'soB\*).

\*Note: PoB stands for Paragraph of the Body (referring to a non-opening or non-closing paragraph) P'soB stands for Paragraphs of Body (more than one PoB).

# IV. WRITE ON/ADDITIONAL SKILLS

You will learn/further develop the following additional skills:

- A. Introduction to the Sentence-by-Sentence (S-by-S) Outline
- B. Creating an S-by-S Outline
- C. Writing From a Sentence-by-Sentence Outline

Note: This Overview Box, which is provided at the beginning of each project, is here to give students (and teachers) an at-a-glance look at the entire composition assignment. Each step of each lesson is assigned and detailed throughout the week(s).

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# Given Passage to Learn to Write From

PoB-A Paragraph 1 The kids told Peter Pan they would go with him. The fairy spread her pixie dust over them. They took to the sky! Wendy, John, and Michael lived with the Lost Boys and Peter Pan. Things got bad. Captain Hook wanted to hurt Peter Pan. He was mad at Peter Pan because Peter had thrown him into the water. The crocodile had eaten his arm!

PoB-B Paragraph 2 The children and the Lost Boys were flying back to the Darling home with Tinkerbell. The pirates caught them. They tied the kids up. They were going to throw them in the sea! Before they could, Peter Pan flew in. He fought Captain Hook and won! The croc got Hook again! The kids went safely home.

# **Lesson A. Study Skills:** Outline First Paragraph With Writing Boxes

When you write from a given source (either one that you find or one that your LAL book provides for you), you want to write the material in your own words.

You do not want to use the words that the original author wrote because that is plagiarism—stealing someone else's words and calling them your words.

How can you write from a source but still make it your own?

There are three important tips to remember in using sources in writing:

- (1) Always outline before you write!
  - The outline will take you one step away from the source when you write your own report or essay.
- (2) Use words from the source when you write your outline.
- (3) Choose synonyms (words that mean the same) for the words in the original source—when you write your paper.

You will be creating outlines and writing like a pro by the end of the first week!

A. Read the entire Peter Pan passage aloud with your teacher or to yourself to get an idea of what you will be writing about this week.

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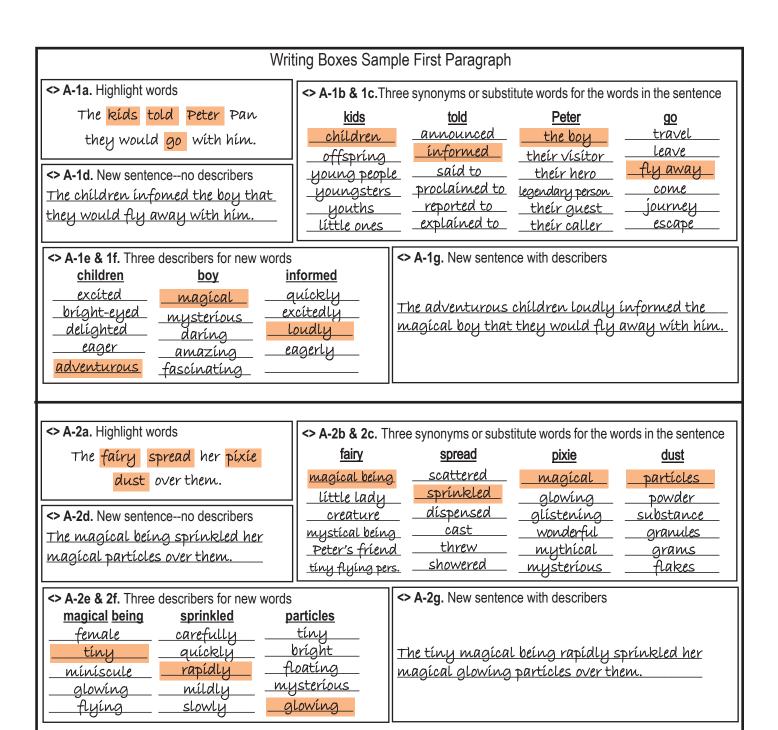
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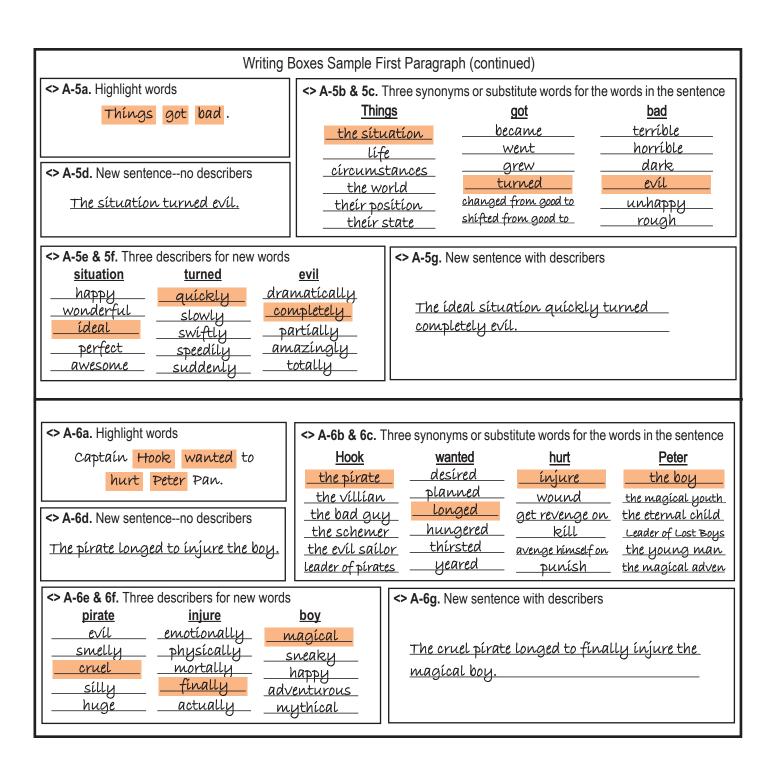
<> A-9.	<b>A-9.</b> Write all of your final sentences from each page of Lesson A on the lines provided as one complete paragraph.		

# Sample of Paragraph One With New Sentences and Describers

The adventurous children loudly informed the magical boy that they would fly away with him. The tiny magical being rapidly sprinkled her magical glowing particles over them. The unique group soared into the high clouds. The oldest Darling child, John, and Michael happily resided with the Lost Boys and their youthful leader. The ideal situation quickly turned completely evil. The cruel pirate longed to finally injure the magical boy. He was enraged at Peter Pan because the arrogant, magical young man had long ago knocked him into the blue bay. The slimy scaly beast had happily devoured the villain's upper-body appendage.



Writing Boxes Sample First Paragraph (continued) <> A-3a. Highlight words <> A-3b & 3c. Three synonyms or substitute words for the words in the sentence they took sky They took to the sky! flew clouds the group launched the band atmosphere went up the kids aír <> A-3d. New sentence--no describers soared blue the party travelled The group soared into blue clouds. the troops firmament ventured the travellers heavens <> A-3e & 3f. Three describers for new words <> A-3g. New sentence with describers clouds group excited fluffy The unique group soared into blue high clouds wet large <u>unique</u> híah varied dark small dense <> A-4a. Highlight words <> A-4b & 4c. Three synonyms or substitute words for the words in the sentence wendy, John, and Michael Lived Wendy lived Peter the girl the boy roomed with the Lost boys and Peter Pan. the lady boarded the magical child the young woman moved in their leader <> A-4d. New sentence--no describers oldest Darling child resided the mysterious youth The oldest Darling child, John, and the amazing kid John & Michael's sister Lodged Michael resided with the Lost Boys the female child mythical young man dwelled and their leader. <> A-4e & 4f. Three describers for new words <> A-4g. New sentence with describers leader resided <u>mysterious</u> happily The oldest Darling child, John, and Michael hapmagical eagerly pily resided with the Lost Boys and their youthful youthful joyfully leader. adventurous sorrowfully sadiy spunky



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# Lesson B. Study Skills: Outline Second Paragraph

PoB-B Paragraph 2 The children and the Lost Boys were flying back to the Darling home with Tinkerbell. The pirates caught them. They tied the kids up. They were going to throw them in the sea! Before they could, Peter Pan flew in. He fought Captain Hook and won! The croc got Hook again! The kids went safely home.

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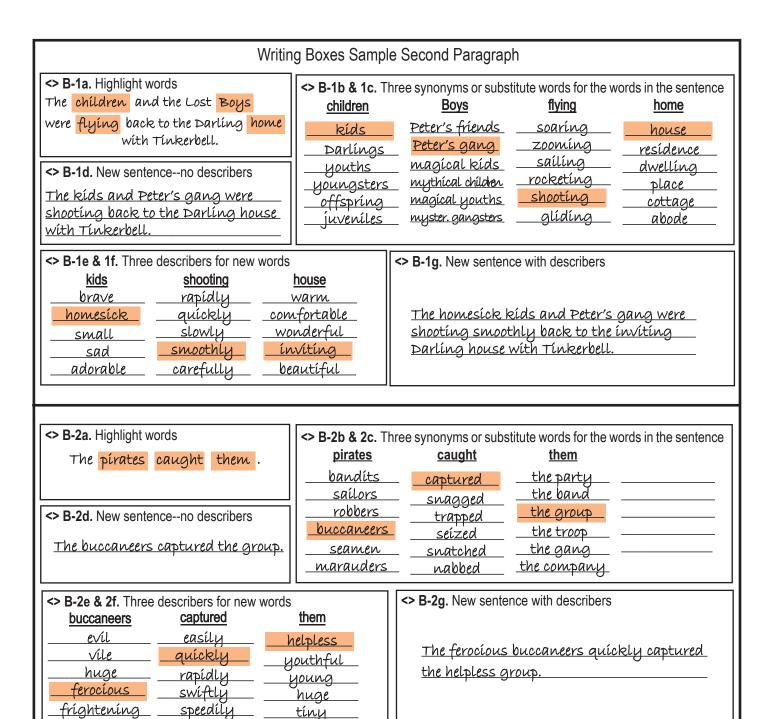
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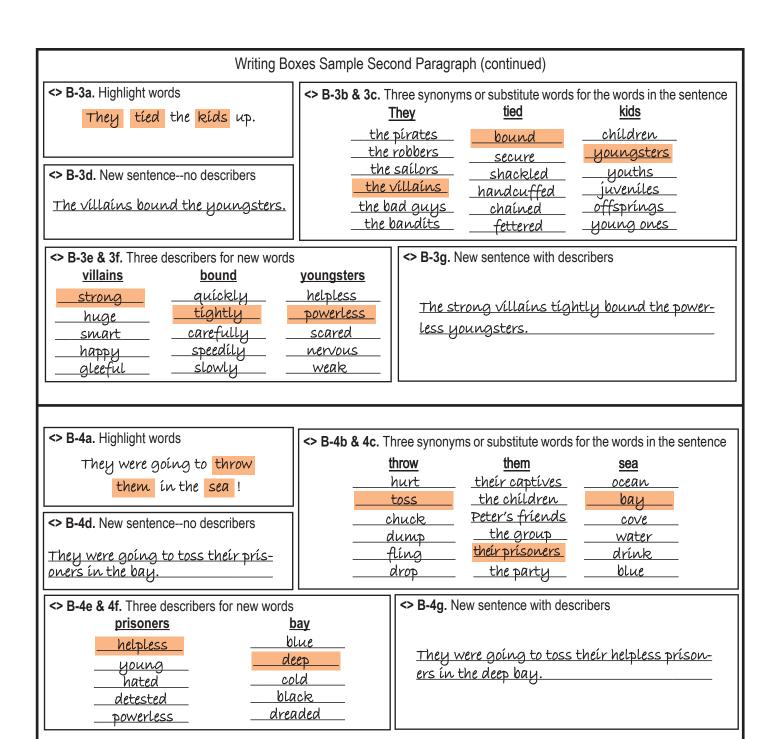
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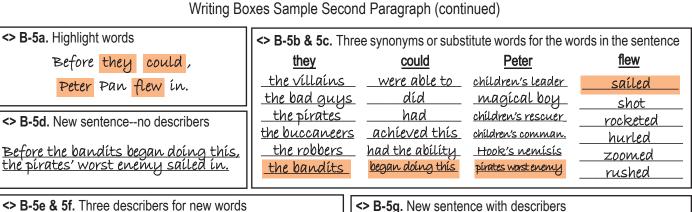
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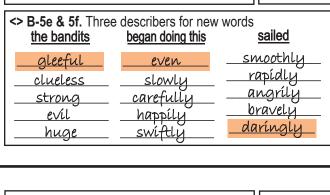
#### Sample of Paragraph Two With New Sentences and Describers

The homesick kids and Peter's gang were shooting smoothly back to the inviting darling house with Tinkerbell. The ferocious buccaneers quickly captured the helpless group. The strong villains tightly bound the powerless youngsters. They were going to toss their helpless prisoners in the deep bay. Before the gleeful bandits even began doing this, the pirates' worst enemy daringly sailed in. Determined Peter energetically battled his lifelong enemy and triumphed. The delighted beasts happily grabbed the scared villain for a second time. The homesick Darlings journeyed safely to their warm dwelling.









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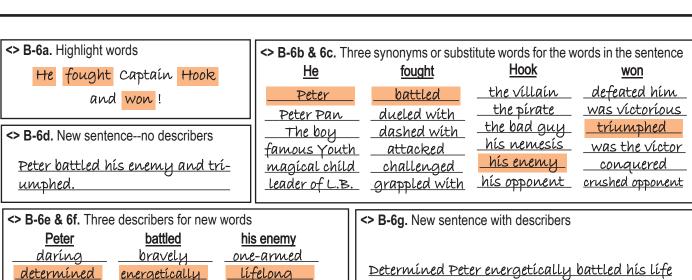
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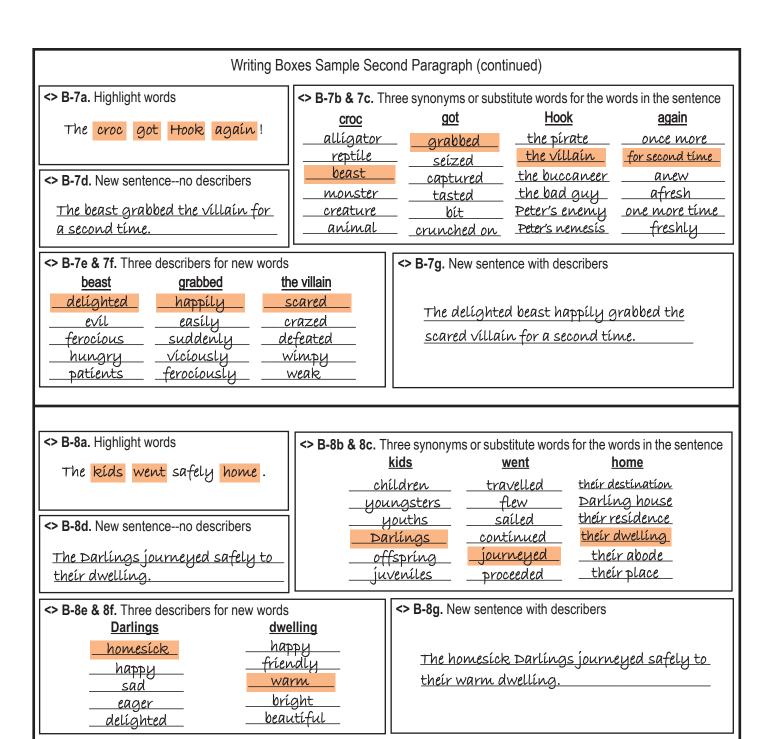
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## Project 2: Original Riddle Essay

Who Am I? Riddle Paragraphs

#### **Overview of Creative Essay**

Many people enjoy reading riddles. Did you know that you can write a riddle paragraph?

A riddle paragraph is one in which you give hints in your paragraph about the answer to your riddle—but you do this in a certain order so that your reader cannot guess the answer right off the bat.

Doesn't that sound like a fun paragraph to write? You will be directed in this step-by-step, so don't worry! I will help you learn how to write a fun riddle paragraph!

#### I. TOPIC OF ESSAY

You will write an informative essay about one or two of the characters from *Peter Pan*:

- A. Peter Pan
- B. Tinkerbell
- C. Captain Hook
- D. Smee
- E. Wendy
- F. Michael
- G. John
- H. Mr. Darling
- I. Mrs. Darling
- J. Nana (the dog/nanny)
- K. The mermaids
- L. Tic Toc the crocodile

## II. NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS IN THE BODY OF YOUR ESSAY

- A. **Basic** students will write **1 paragraph** for the body.
- B. Extensions students will write 2 paragraphs for the body (two different riddles/two different characters).

#### III. SENTENCES PER PARAGRAPH

- A. Basic students will write 4-6 sentences per paragraph.
- B. Extension students will write 5-7 sentences per paragraph.

## IV. OPENING PARAGRAPH Students will not write an Opening

Students will <u>not</u> write an **Opening Paragraph**.

#### V. CLOSING PARAGRAPH

Students will <u>not</u> write a **Closing Paragraph** 

#### VI. ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- A. Researching
- B. **Brainstorming**

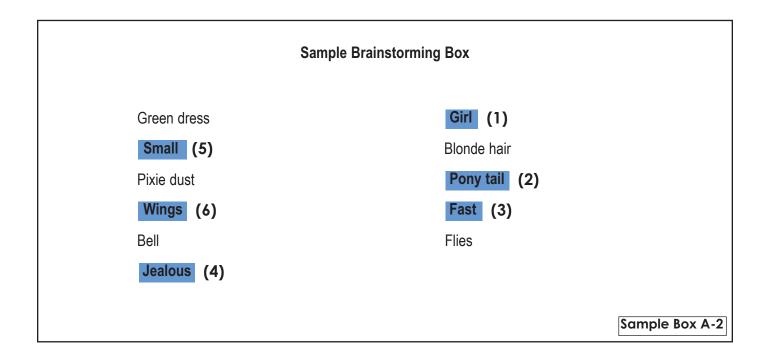
Note: This Overview Box, which is provided at the beginning of each assignment, is here to give students (and teachers) an at-a-glance look at the entire composition project. Each step of each lesson is assigned and detailed throughout the week(s).

#### Lesson A. Choose Your Character and Brainstorm

<> A-1. Choose a character (or two for Extension) from the story of *Peter Pan* from the Overview Box provided for this lesson. Choose someone that you enjoy learning about and that you think you can stump somebody with guessing game clue sentences! Write your person's (or two people's) name on the line.

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<> A-2. Take a look at the Sample Brainstorming Box (Sample Box A-2) provided.



- <> A-3. Brainstorm and write characteristics, attributes, funny things, etc., about the character you chose (in A-1) in the Brainstorming Boxes provided (Box for A-3).
  - (1) Just write anything you can think of.
  - (2) Don't worry about whether you will use it or not.
  - (3) Jot down things even if you don't know that much about that tidbit since you will be researching in the next lesson.

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## Lesson B. Research Your Character(s)

- B-1. Highlight or underline things that you wrote in your Brainstorming Box that you are unsure of or that you need more information about in order to write a sentence about it.
- B-2. With your teacher's help or permission, look up your character in an online source or find information in order to write a sentence about him or her.
  - (1) Look for more information about the tidbits you already have, if needed.
  - (2) Look up new information that you didn't think of when you were brainstorming.
  - (3) Add all of this to your **Brainstorming Boxes** (Box A-3).
  - (4) You will need six to ten pieces of information for each character/each box, according to your teacher's instructions.

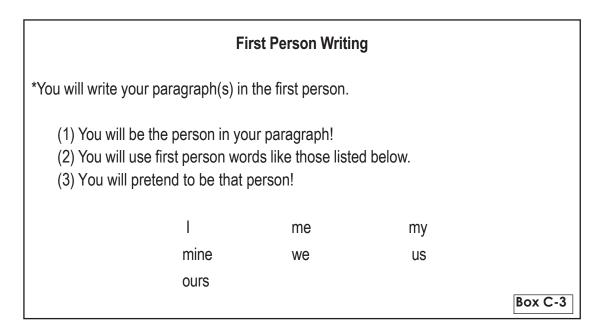
## **Lesson C. Compositon:** Write Sentences

<> C-1. Look at the Sample Sentences provided (Student Sample Box C-1).

- 1. I am a short male.
- 2. I wear a hat on my head.
- 3. I have a large number of friends.
- 4. I took the Darlings to Neverland.
- 5. I fought Captain Hook.
- 6. I wear green leggings and can fly.

Student Sample Box C-1

- <> C-2. Work in your Brainstorming Box to get ready to write your six to eight guessing sentences by doing the following (Box A-3).
  - (1) Highlight all of the information that you think you will want to use in your sentences.
  - (2) Put a number beside each piece of information:
    - a. Put a #1 beside the information that is the least obvious--the information that you can put in a sentence at first that will stump your reader. (You don't want your reader to guess your character with the first sentence!)
    - b. Put a #2 beside the next least obvious (next to the hardest clue)
  - (3) **Extension**: Repeat these steps for another paragraph/character.
- C-3. Write your sentence on the lines provided following these instructions:
  - (1) Using your hardest clue (the one you put a #1 beside), write a complete sentence on Line One.
  - (2) Write as though you are that person--say I, me, we, etc. (See First Person Writing Box provided.)
    - a. For example, don't say, He is male.
    - b. For example, do say, I am a male.
  - (3) Using your next hardest clue (the one you put a #2 beside), write a complete sentence on Line Two.
  - (4) **Continue in this manner.** Be sure that your hard clues come first (the ones that will NOT give your person away) and your easiest ones come near the end.
  - (5) Write as many sentences as you have notes for or as many sentences as your teacher assigned you.
  - (6) **Extension**: Repeat these steps for another paragraph/character.



### All--Your Riddle Sentences for Character 1 (C-3)

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Note: You may not use all of these lines.

### **Extension--Your Riddle Sentences for Character 2 (C-3)**

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Note: You may not use all of these lines.

## Lesson D. Composition: Write a Paragraph

> **D-1.** Read the two sample paragraphs provided (Sample Box for D-1).

#### Sample Riddle

I am a male, not female. I am named after someone else. I am married. I have two sons and one daughter. My wife's name is Mary. My daughter's name is Wendy, and she is a friend of Peter Pan. I work with money.

Sample Box for D-1

#### Sample Riddle

From the following clues, attempt to guess who my character is from the movie *Peter Pan*. I am a male and not a female. My upper lip is covered with hair, formerly described as a mustache. I am fairly tall with a head of long flowing hair the color of licorice. I only have one hand and a hook in place of my missing hand. Peter Pan is also my worst enemy.

Sample Box for D-1

- **> D-2.** On the lines provided, write your sentences in paragraph form.
  - (1) Write your first sentence first. (Be sure you indent a finger space or two to show that it is a paragraph.)
  - (2) Right where your first sentence ends, after your period, leave a tiny space and write your next sentence.
  - (3) **Keep doing this with all of your sentences,** making a nice, neat paragraph (not a line of sentences).
  - (4) At the very end, add a sentence that tells who your character is, such as *By now, you probably guessed that I am Peter Pan!*
  - (5) **Extension**: Repeat these steps for another paragraph/character.

### All--Your Riddle Paragraph 1 (D-2)

### Extension--Your Riddle Paragraph 2 (D-2)

## Projects 3 & 4: Question and Answer Outline and Paragraph for Ship Report

#### **Overview of Informative Report**

You will learn how to write a report in this longer lesson. This is a longer lesson because it is a "research" project. This means that you are going to research from paragraphs that are given to you.

You will take notes from those paragraphs using a Question and Answer Outline. Then you will write a report from your outline.

Don't worry! I will help you learn how to write a report every step of the way!

#### I. TOPIC OF REPORT

You will write an informative report about a ship. There are pirate ships in the story of *Peter Pan*, but there are hundreds of types of ships used through history for many purposes.

## II. NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS IN THE BODY OF YOUR REPORT

- A. **Basic** students will write **2 paragraph** for the body.
- B. Extension students will write 3 paragraphs for the body.

#### III. SENTENCES PER PARAGRAPH

- A. Basic students will write 4-6 sentences per paragraph.
- B. Extension students will write 5-7 sentences per paragraph.

### IV. OPENING PARAGRAPH

Students will <u>not</u> write an **Opening Paragraph**.

#### V. CLOSING PARAGRAPH

Students will **not** write a **Closing Paragraph** 

#### VI. ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- A. Researching
- **B. Question and Answer Outline**

Note: This Overview Box, which is provided at the beginning of each assignment, is here to give students (and teachers) an at-a-glance look at the entire composition project. Each step of each lesson is assigned and detailed throughout the week(s).

## Lesson A. Reading and Study Skills: Read About Ships

> A. Read the paragraphs about different ships aloud to your teacher or someone else.

#### **Ship 1: Classic Clipper**

One famous ship is the *Classic Clipper*. Some called it the greyhound of the seas. These ships were built in America in the early 1800s. The Clipper is known for its speed. It got its name because it would "clip" days off a sea voy-age. Because it was so fast, it was a good ves-sel piracy, for spying, and transportation. Eventually, this ship was replaced by the steam boat.

#### Ship 3: Galleon

The *Galleon* is a well-armed merchant ship It could defend itself against most pirates. It had three decks and three masts. Even though this ship was quite tall, it could achieve speeds up to eight knots. But its height was also a liability. It caused the ship to pitch and roll in rough waters. Eventually, it was only used for coastline voyages where the ocean was calmer.

#### Ship 2: Ship of the Line

The *Ship of the Line* is a famous ship. From the 17th century to the 19th century, the English and Spanish would use it for a flagship for their navies. This huge ship flaunted big guns that made it an ancestor of the battleship. During battle, the vessel with the biggest guns usually won. For this reason, the *Ship of the Line* was created. Unfortunately, its size and weight also made it slow and hard to maneuver.

#### Ship 4: Brigantine

An American-built ship is the *Brigantine*. It became popular in the 1700s. The *Brigantine* would vary in size. Because it was fast and easy to maneuver, it could be used as a pirate, spy, or exploration ship. This vessel was also capable of escorting larger ships. It was a popular choice for captains as they loved its many uses.

#### Ship 5: Chebec or Xebec or Zebec

A ship that was well-known throughout Europe is the *Chebec*. Different countries gave it different names. It was known as the *Chebec* or *Xebec* or *Zebec*. As with other ships, its speed made it great for pursuing and fleeing vessels. This was due to its specially-designed sail. It could also choose its own battles as it held up to thirty-six guns.

## Lesson B. Prewriting: Writing Notes that Become Sentences

- (1) When you are older and you write essays, reports, letters, and stories, you will often take notes from a book or write down some notes that you want to remember to use in your writing.
- (2) This is a good skill to have—and you will start learning little bits of it throughout this book.
- (3) Your parents do this all the time!
- (4) For example, when your dad takes a phone message for your mom, he might write
  - D. call back after 5 Tues—Sarah at 475-9888 about shower.
- (5) Those are notes!
- (6) Your dad could have written the following down for your mom:

Donna needs to make a call on Tuesday after five o'clock to Sarah. Sarah's number is 475-9888. She wants to talk about the shower.

- (7) But instead your dad took notes!
- (8) And your mom knows how to read your dad's notes!
- (9) It is the same way when you jot down things you want to write later.
- (10) The reason you take notes is because you do not have time to write down everything right now.
- (11) But you do want to remember the information.
- (12) So instead of writing down full sentences now, you just write down notes.
- ❖ B. Write down notes that answer the questions listed below with your teacher's help following these steps.
  - (1) Choose one or two ships that you would like to write about (**Basic**--one ship; **Extension**--two ships).
    - a. Do **not** write down complete sentences.
    - b. Just write down enough information to help you write sentences later, such as one word or a few words.
  - (2) Read each question and look back in the paragraph for the answers.
  - (3) Write your answer in note form on the line provided.
  - (4) Continue with all questions for the ship(s) you chose.
  - (5) **Extension:** Repeat these steps for another ship.

# All--Question and Answer Outline Box: Ship #1 **Question Outline** (1) What is the name of the ship? (2) What is the type of ship (highlight or circle one) a. Greyhounds of the sea b. Flagship for navies c. Well-armed merchant ship d. Fast, easy to maneuver ship e. Speedy ship to pursue other ships (3) Countries and/or years developed \_\_\_\_\_ (4) What is interesting about this ship or what is it known for? (5) Another interesting fact about this ship: (6) Notes from last line of paragraph (if not already used):

Box B

### Extension--Question and Answer Outline Box--Ship #2 You Chose

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(1) What is the name of the ship?	
(2) What is the type of ship (highlight or circle one)	
a. Greyhounds of the sea	
b. Flagship for navies	
c. Well-armed merchant ship	
d. Fast, easy to maneuver ship	
e. Speedy ship to pursue other ships	
(3) Countries and/or years developed	
(4) What is interesting about this ship or what is it known for?	
(5) Another interesting fact about this ship:	
(6) Notes from last line of paragraph (if not already used):	
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## Lesson C. Composition: Writing Sentences From Notes

- (1) In the last assignment, you learned to write notes from information.
- (2) You did this by answering questions.
- (3) This is a good way to take notes from a book.
- (4) Today you will learn how to make notes into sentences.
- C. Look back in your answers from the last assignment and write one or two paragraphs following these steps:
- (1) Read the first question and your short answer.
- (2) Then use the question and your answer to create a sentence and say it aloud.
- (3) If you and your teacher agree that it answers the question, makes sense, and is a complete sentence, write the sentence you created on the lines provided (or key it on the computer).
- (4) **Continue** this for all of the sentences in your paragraph.
- (5) Repeat the steps if you took notes over two paragraphs.

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# **Lesson D. Composition and Revising:** Learning the Checklist Challenge (CC)

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- (2) You can learn this with CAVES—the five parts of a sentence.
- (3) This week you will work on being sure that the sentences you and your teacher wrote are really sentences according to CAVES.
- (4) You have probably learned about synonyms.
- (5) Did you remember that synonyms are words that mean the same or almost the same?
- (6) Do you know this trick--
  - · Capital at beginning
  - All make sense
  - Verb
  - End mark
  - Subject
- > **D-1.** Read the Checklist Challenge item below with your teacher.
- Check every sentence in one paragraph (or more, according to the check boxes) to make sure that each one is a complete sentence--CAVES:
  - Capital at beginning
  - All make sense
  - Verb
  - End mark
  - Subject
- **D-2.** Flip back over to Lesson C of this week and use the sentences you wrote there in one paragraph to do the following:
- (1) Check the first one for all five parts of the CAVES list that are listed in the CC item above:
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  - V erb
  - E nd mark
  - **S** ubject
- (2) Put a check in the first check box when you are finished with the first sentence.
- (3) Do the same thing for the sentences in Paragraph Two (if you wrote two paragraphs).

> **D-3.** Read the Checklist Challenge item below with your teacher. Choose a word (or forms of a word) that you used more than one time within each paragraph. All If the word sounds redundant, change that word, at least once, to a word with a similar meaning. If you do not have any redundancy, just highlight the check box(es) as directed by your teacher. Examples: If joyful is redundant, substitute elated the next time. • If drove is redundant, substitute careened the next time. • If answered is redundant, substitute retorted the next time. Do not change insignificant words such as was, it, and, etc. (4) This item is one that uses synonyms—words that mean the same. (5) When you write about something in a report—like a ship—you will use the word ship over and over again. (6) Sometimes it gets boring to read the same word over and over again. (7) Because of this, the CC will teach you how to put in more interesting words when needed. > D-4. Choose one word that you could put in place of the underlined word ship from the Synonym or Similar Word Box in one of the sentences below and copy the new sentence with your new words in place of ship. **Synonym or Similar Words Box** boat barge cruiser vessel catamaran schooner scull watercraft skiff frigate Box D-4

(8) Now you know how to do two CC items!
(9) You are becoming a great writer!
Lesson E. Writing: Write One Final Paragraph
<> E. Complete the following steps to create a clean version of one of your paragraphs:
(1) Pull one of your paragraphs about a ship out of your notebook (or print yours).
(2) Read your paragraph aloud to your teacher. Listen together for errors, and pen the changes in to your paragraph.
<ul><li>(3) Write the final copy of your paragraph on the lines provided.</li><li>(a) Indent a couple of fingers so it is obvious that it is a paragraph.</li><li>(b) Include one of the synonyms for "ship" from this week's synonym box somewhere in your paragraph.</li></ul>
(4) You or your teacher may key the final copy on a computer, if desired.

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## Appendix A: Editing and Revising

It is recommended in this curriculum that students be taught from the beginning of their writing days how to edit and proofread their compositions using proofreaders' marks. It will be laborious at the beginning, but these marks ensure consistency in editing, as well as efficiency in marking. When students devise their own systems for marking errors, they are often long and indistinguishable markings that are different each time. Then when the teacher edits a paper for her student, her markings will be different too. By teaching proofreaders' marks, everyone who edits will mark errors in the same way. (This also encourages peer editing, which is valuable for both those who are editing and those being edited.)

Obviously, young students will not learn all the proofreaders' marks the first year of writing, but when used consistently, everyone will begin using the same markings and these markings will take on immediate meaning for anyone who sees them in writing. Begin with the simplest, most commonly-used markings and continue adding new markings as your student matures as an editor.

The author has used proofreaders' marks with hundreds of students over the years, and even the youngest students enjoy learning proofreaders' marks and catch on rather quickly. Editing often becomes a challenge--a game, of sorts--for analytical students, and even those without superb editing skills enjoy the thrill of finding errors and recommending changes.

### **Proofreader's Marks**

Symbol	Meaning
a	Capitalize a letter
A	Make a capital letter into a lowercase letter.
annd	Delete (take out)
He went to town.  When he left, he went to town.	Insert punctuation
He went town.	Insert
He to went town.	Reverse
He went totown.	Insert space
He went to town.	Leave as it was before the mark was added.
He town went to.	Move
A	Make a new paragraph

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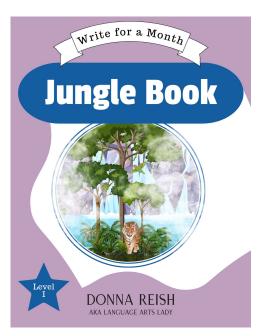
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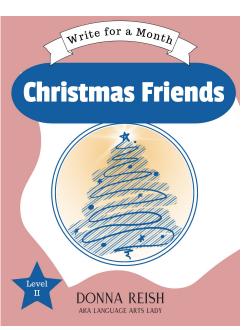
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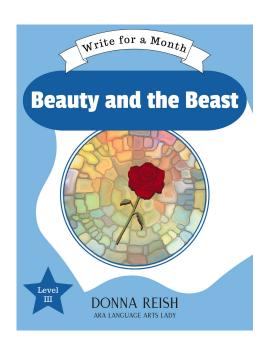
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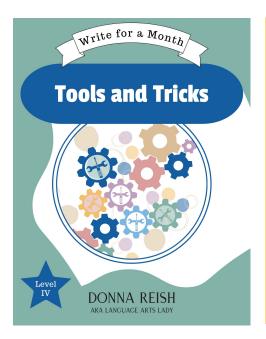
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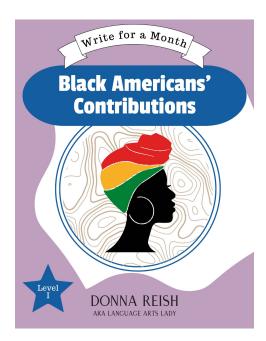




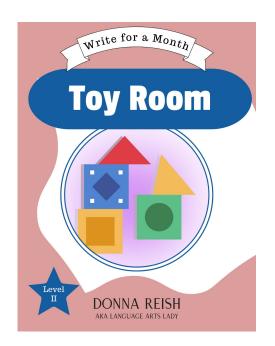


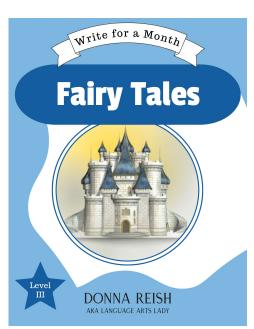


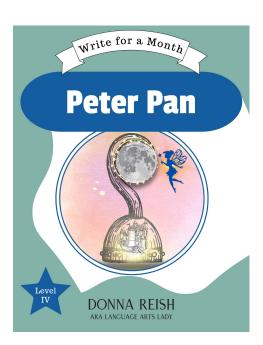


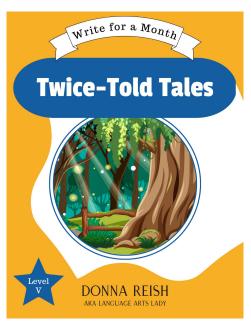


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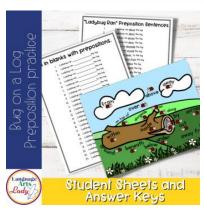




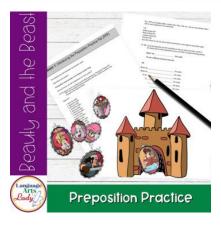




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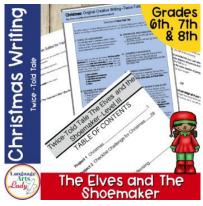


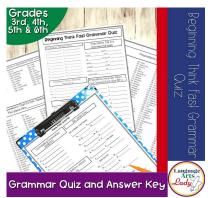


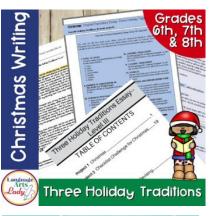


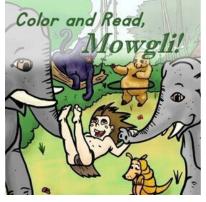


















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