

Writing Better

Effective Strategies for Teaching Students
with Learning Difficulties

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Table 1.1. Scientifically validated writing strategies

Strategy	Description	Genre	It Helps the Writer	Location
Self-monitor and record writing output PLEASE	Count and graph the number of words written in each paper Plan and write a paragraph containing a topic sentence, supporting details, and a concluding statement	All genres All genres	Generate content Sustain attention Generate content Organize content Evaluate content Write a paragraph	Chapter 15 Chapter 4
PLANS	Plan and write a paper by determining what it will include once it is completed	All genres	Plan in advance Set writing goals Generate content Write a complete paper	Chapter 5
STOP and LIST	Plan and write a paper by setting goals, brainstorming, and sequencing ideas	All genres	Plan in advance Set writing goals Generate content Evaluate content Write a complete paper	Chapter 6
Summary writing	Summarize reading material in writing by identifying main idea and important points	All genres	Identify important information Plan in advance Organize content Evaluate content Write a complete summary	Chapter 9
Set a goal for revising	Revise a paper by setting a goal to add three or more ideas to it	All genres	Generate content Revise by adding text	Chapter 16
Peer revising	Revise and edit a paper after receiving feedback from a peer on its substance and form	All genres	Revise for clarity Revise by adding text Edit for spelling, punctuation, and sentence errors	Chapter 7
CDO	Revise a paper by using specific criteria to evaluate and modify each sentence	All genres	Revise sentences for clarity, intention, interest, and believability	Chapter 8
Self-monitor and record story parts	Count and graph the number of basic story parts included in each story	Story	Generate content Write a complete story	Chapter 15

Vocabulary	Plan and write a story by brainstorming action and describing words to use in it	Story	Plan in advance Generate content	Chapter 10
Story grammar	Plan and write a story by brainstorming ideas for each part of the story before writing it	Story	Plan in advance Generate content Organize content Write a complete story	Chapter 10
Set general and elaborated goals	Plan and write a persuasive paper by setting a general goal to persuade the reader that your position is correct; set elaborated goals to include a clear premise, give reasons and examples to support the premise, and refute reasons for the other side of the argument	Persuasion	Generate content Write a complete essay	Chapter 16
Three-step strategy with TREE	Plan and write a persuasive paper by brainstorming ideas for each part of the essay before writing it	Persuasion	Plan in advance Set writing goals Generate content Organize content Evaluate content Write a complete essay	Chapter 11
STOP and DARE	Plan and write a persuasive paper by brainstorming ideas for each part of the essay before writing it; evaluate if each part of the paper is included	Persuasion	Plan in advance Set writing goal Generate content Organize content Evaluate content Write a complete essay	Chapter 11
SCAN	Revise a persuasive paper by strengthening support for the premise, adding needed information, checking each sentence for clarity and cohesiveness, and correcting spelling and other errors	Persuasion	Revise for clarity Revise for coherence Revise by adding text Evaluate content Correct spelling and other errors Write a complete essay	Chapter 11
POWER strategy: Explanations	Plan, write, and revise an informative paper by brainstorming and organizing possible ideas before writing it; revise the paper with the help of a peer to ensure that it is clear, interesting, and complete	Explanation	Plan in advance Set writing goal Generate content Organize content Revise for clarity, interest, and completeness	Chapter 12

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Strategy	Description	Genre	It Helps the Writer	Location
POWER strategy: Comparison/contrast	Plan, write, and revise a comparison/contrast paper by brainstorming and organizing possible ideas before writing it; revise the paper with the help of a peer to ensure that it is clear, interesting, and complete	Comparison/ contrast	Plan in advance Set writing goal Generate content Organize content Revise for clarity, interest, and completeness	Chapter 13
Report writing	Plan and write a report by brainstorming and gathering additional information from other sources, organizing the collected information on a web, deciding what information to use and the order of its presentation, and checking to be sure the report is complete	Report	Plan in advance Generate content Gather content Organize content Evaluate content Write a complete report	Chapter 14

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