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Writing Tutor Syllabus – Book 1

Book	Theme	Unit	Topic	Writing Form	Writing Focus (Grammar)	
1A	People	1	School Buddies	• Personal Recount (A Person's Experience)	• Sentence Identification	• Subject • Predicate
		2	Memorable Stories		• Complement • Object	• Direct Object • Indirect Object
		3	Things People Do	• Factual Recount (Series of Facts)	• Adjective and Adverb • Sentence Structure	
		4	Successful People			
	Activities	5	Popular Sports	• Information Report (Series of Facts)	• Recognizing Sentences	• Joining Sentences
		6	Saving the World		• Joining Sentences	• Types of Sentences
1B	Activities	1	Interesting Hobbies	• Explanation	• A Statement • A Question	
		2	Festivals Around the World			
	Arts and Crafts	3	Famous Works of Art	• Descriptive Writing	• Combining Sentences	
		4	Famous Architecture			
		5	How to Make Something	• Procedure Writing	• Topic Sentences and Supporting Sentences	
		6	How to Cook			

Scope & Sequence (Sentence Writing)

Title of the Writing (Writing Tutor)	Title of the Writing (e-Tutor)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At My School Lunch Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Most Valuable Treasure • The Lunch Bully
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Visit to an Amusement Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My First Babysitting Job • Garbage Boy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Rescue Workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighter: A Lifesaving Day • A Day in the Life of a Museum Curator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple Computer's Steve Jobs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Genius • Andrew Carnegie: A Very Successful Man
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windsurfing: A Popular New Sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer • Triathlon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthworms Help the Earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Disappearing Rainforests • Our Dying Coral Reefs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising Tropical Fish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kite Flying • Fishing Rocks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cinco de Mayo Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holi Festival • The National Cherry Blossom Festival
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Starry Night</i> by Vincent van Gogh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Luncheon at the Boating Party</i> • <i>The Trevi Fountain</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Empire State Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leaning Tower • Taj Mahal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Make a Pine Cone Bird Feeder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper Bag Puppets • Paper Airplane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Cook French Toast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Make Spaghetti • How to Make a Ham and Cheese Omelet

Unit 1




Interesting Hobbies

Title: **Raising Tropical Fish**

Writing Form: Explanation

Writing Form My Vegetable Garden

Warm-Up

-  What is your hobby? Do you have many hobbies or just one?
-  What is the most interesting part of your hobby?
-  Have you heard of an unusual hobby? What is it?

Key Words

A Put the correct word in the blank.

weeds
damage

~~visit~~
pick

neighbors
ripe

soil
pests

1. I have three jobs to do every time I visit my garden.
2. First, I pull _____ and unwanted grass from my garden.
3. Second, I check the _____ to see if it is wet or dry.
4. Third, I check the garden for _____.
5. Insects can cause _____ to the plants or eat the vegetables.
6. In autumn, my vegetables and fruits are _____.
7. Then, I _____ them to eat.
8. My family, friends, and _____ visit me in my garden.

Writing Form: Explanation

- Tell how something works or why something happens.
- Use the simple present tense.
- Use the outline below:

Title

A name for the topic

Topic

Tells what the topic is

Steps

In a series of steps, tells how or why something happens, using cause/effect relationships (*then, as a consequence, so, if*) or time relationships (*first, then, following, finally*)

Comment

Gives a final comment on the topic

A Answer the questions.

1. What is used in the body paragraph to tell how something is done?
 - a. Events that have happened to you or other people
 - b. Facts about a subject like animals or oceans
 - c. A series of steps
2. Which topic is suitable for telling how something is done?
 - a. The biggest pumpkin in the world
 - b. My favorite holiday
 - c. Steps to building a tree house
3. When telling how something is done, write in the _____ tense.
 - a. future
 - b. present
 - c. past

B Read the story and complete the chart.

My Vegetable Garden

Gardening is my hobby. It allows me to be outside a lot. In my vegetable garden, there is no television or radio. In my vegetable garden, I have time to be alone. I have no need to think. My brain rests while my hands work.

All kinds of gardens need much care. I have three jobs to do every time I visit my garden. First, I pull weeds and unwanted grass from my garden. If not removed, these wild plants will take water and growing space away from my vegetables. Second, I check the soil. I feel it to find out if it is wet or dry. If it is too dry, I water my vegetables. Third, I check the garden for pests. Insects can cause damage to the plants or eat the vegetables. Larger pests, such as rabbits, can cause the same kind of damage, too.

In autumn, my vegetables and fruits are ripe and ready to be picked. Then, my family, friends, and neighbors will visit me in my garden. Some of them do a little work. All of them are given fresh vegetables to take home and eat.

Title

My Vegetable Garden

Topic

Steps

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Comment

Writing Focus 1

Yes and No Statements

- A *yes* statement tells that something is true.
- A *no* statement tells that something is not true. The word *not* or *never* is used.

Examples:

Yes	No
School is/was over.	School is not/was not over.
She can pass the exam.	She cannot pass the exam.
He speaks English.	He does not speak English.
They will find it.	They will never find it.

A Write **Yes** if it is a *yes* statement. Write **No** if it is a *no* statement.

1. Jenny likes bananas. Yes
2. Tom will not go to the party. _____
3. You were at school yesterday. _____
4. We cannot play outside. _____

B Make *no* statements. Use the expressions in the box. You can use your own expressions, too.

afraid	famous	mad	lazy
raise fish	grow tomatoes	read the novel	play baseball


1. I do not raise fish.
2. Tony does not _____.
3. We are not _____.
4. They cannot _____.

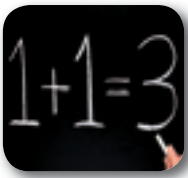
 Compare your sentences with your friends'.


Prewriting Raising Tropical Fish


Key Words and Expressions

A Match the picture to the correct word.

1.  •

2.  •

3.  •

4.  •

• raise

• aquarium

• tropical

• wrong

B Circle ALL the possible words or phrases to complete the sentence.

- Are you _____ a hobby?
 - trying to find
 - looking for
 - searching
- You should _____ companion fish.
 - think about
 - buy
 - try raising
- You _____ all these things.
 - are made
 - must know
 - can learn
- _____ tropical fish is easy to do.
 - Being
 - Raising
 - Finding for

Write Your Own Outline

A Look at the pictures and talk about them with your friends.



B Write what you and your friends discussed about the pictures.

1. What kind of hobby does this girl have?

2. What size fish are in the aquarium on the left? How about the aquarium on the right?

3. Why is the little fish afraid?

4. Why can't we use this water in the aquarium?

5. What type of food do fish eat?

C Complete the outline.



Title

Your Outline

Raising Tropical Fish

Topic

Raising tropical fish is a very popular hobby. To raise tropical fish, you just need the right aquarium, food, and water.

Steps

1. The size of the aquarium is important.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Comment

Raising tropical fish is easy to do.

Steps: Main Points

- You need to know what type of food your fish eat.
- ~~The size of the aquarium is important.~~
- You should know about the water to use in the tank.
- You should think about the type of companion fish.

Writing Focus 2

Questions

- Questions are used to ask something.
- To make questions from statements that:
 1. use a *be verb* or a *helping verb* → switch the subject and the verb
Examples: I am hungry. → **Am I** hungry?
I can swim. → **Can I** swim?
 2. use a *regular verb* → add *do, does, or did* and change the main verb to the base form
Examples: Sam has a dog. → **Does** Sam have a dog?
Sara cooked chicken. → **Did** Sara cook chicken?

A Change the statement into a question.

1. I am missing something. Am I missing something?
2. They know each other. _____
3. Crossword puzzles are fun. _____
4. You were there with him. _____
5. You can help me. _____

B Correct the mistake in the sentence. Each sentence has one mistake.

1. Is Sally finish her homework? Is → Did
2. Does Mike and James your friends? _____
3. Will raise you fish? _____
4. Could you opening the door, please? _____
5. Am I come in? _____

Drafting Raising Tropical Fish

Practice Drafting

A Look at the pictures and the sample outline. Then label each part.

Sample Outline

1


2


3


4


5


6


Steps	Comment	Topic	Title
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Fishing Rocks

My favorite hobby is collecting fishing rocks. What are fishing rocks? They are flat rocks I find when I go fishing. I take them from the river, stream, or lake where I catch fish. I bring home a fishing rock if my fishing day is successful.

1. The reason I bring home flat rocks is that I write information on them.
2. I write the date of my fishing day.
3. I write the number of fish I caught that day.
4. I write the name of the river, stream, or lake where I caught the fish.
5. I keep the rocks in my treasure box.

I hope to continue fishing for the next thirty years.

- B** Read the sample draft. Write the proper linking word or phrase in the blank.

Sample Draft

After that

Second

First

Third

Fishing Rocks

My favorite hobby is collecting fishing rocks. What are fishing rocks? They are flat rocks I find when I go fishing. I take them from the river, stream, or lake where I catch fish. I bring home a fishing rock if my fishing day is successful. Now, I have fifty-seven fishing rocks.

The reason I bring home flat rocks is that I write information on them.

① First, I write the date of my fishing day on the rock. It is good to think of all the wonderful feelings and memories of the day.

② _____, I write the number of fish I caught that day.

③ _____, I write the name of the river, stream, or lake where I caught the fish. If there is any space left, I draw the fish I caught.

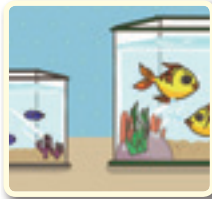
④ _____, I keep the rocks in my treasure box. The box must be strong enough to contain all the rocks.

I hope to continue fishing for the next thirty years. After thirty years, I'll have many fishing rocks. I could probably make a rock fence and a statue of myself with the fishing rocks I collected.

- C** Compare the sample draft with the outline. Which sentences are new? Underline those sentences.

Complete the Sample Draft

- A** Read the sample draft and write the proper linking word or phrase from the box on the green line.



Sample Draft

In conclusion

Next

Lastly

First

Also

Raising Tropical Fish

① Are you looking for a hobby? Then, take a look at tropical fish. Raising tropical fish is a very popular hobby. Tropical fish are not expensive, and they are beautiful to watch. To raise tropical fish, you just need the right aquarium, food, and water.

② _____
_____, First, the size of the aquarium is important.

③ _____
_____, you should think about the type of companion fish. ④ _____

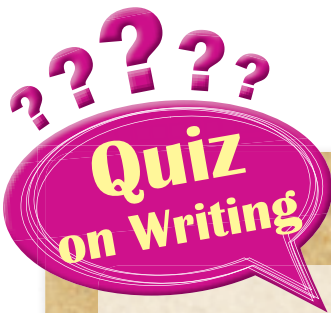
_____, you should know about the water to use in the tank. ⑤ _____

_____, you need to know what type of food your fish eat. ⑥ _____

_____, raising tropical fish is easy to do. ⑦ _____

B Add the other details in the blanks. Write each answer in the blank. You can write your own sentences, too.

- A. The wrong water can kill your fish.
- B. Just remember the important points above, and you will enjoy this popular hobby.
- C. ~~Are you looking for a hobby? Then, take a look at tropical fish.~~
- D. Some fish will eat other fish. So you have to know which fish can live together.
- E. Small fish need a small aquarium. Large fish need a larger one.
- F. When you raise tropical fish, you must know all these things.
- G. If you want to raise tropical fish, there are a few things to remember.



Answer the questions.

1. What words tell you that a sentence is a *no* statement?
 - a. can, do
 - b. not, never
 - c. will, would
2. How do you make a question with a regular verb?
 - a. Add *can, could, or will*
 - b. Add *do, does, or did*
 - c. Add *not or never*
3. What do you do when you complete the final draft?
 - a. Proofread it
 - b. Revise it
 - c. Publish it

Revising and Proofreading

Complete Your 1st Draft

- A** Complete your 1st draft. Use the sentences in the boxes. You can write your own sentences, too.

Raising Tropical Fish

1. **Topic:** what the topic is

- To raise tropical fish, you just need the right aquarium, food, and water.
- When raising tropical fish, you only need the right aquarium, food, and water.

2. **Steps:** how or why something happens

- First, the size of the aquarium is important.
- The first thing is the size of the aquarium.

- Next, you should think about the type of companion fish.
- Another important thing to think about is the companion fish.

- Also, you should know about the water to use in the tank.
- Also, you have to know what type of water to use in the tank.

- Lastly, you need to know what type of food your fish eat.
- Last of all, you should know what type of food to feed your fish.

3. **Comment:** a **final comment** about the topic

- In conclusion, raising tropical fish is easy to do.
- To conclude, it is easy to raise tropical fish.

Are you looking for a hobby? Then, take a look at tropical fish. Raising tropical fish is a very popular hobby. Tropical fish are not expensive, and they are beautiful to watch. When raising tropical fish, you only need the right aquarium, food, and water.

If you want to raise tropical fish, there are a few things to remember. _____

Small fish need a small aquarium. Large fish need a larger one. _____

Some fish will eat other fish. So you have to know which fish can live together. _____

_____ The wrong water can kill your fish. _____

When you raise tropical fish, you must know all these things.

Just remember the important points above, and you will enjoy this popular hobby.

B Revise your 1st draft. Use the checklist to help you revise.



CHECKLIST

Title

Do you want to change the title?
.....

Topic

Does it tell what the topic is?
.....

Steps

Are the steps in order?
Is it written in the simple present tense?
Are cause/effect or time relationships used?
Are linking words used properly?
.....

Comment

Did you give a final comment on the topic?

Writing Focus Review

Statements and Questions

- In a statement, the verb follows the subject.

Example: Steve and I watched the game together.
subject verb

- In a question, a *be verb*, *helping verb*, or *do verb* comes before the subject.

Example: Did he come late again?
do verb subject

A Choose the correct verb to complete the question.

1. You are thirsty. → _____ you thirsty?
a. Is b. Do **c. Are** d. Can
2. You will go to the park. → _____ you go to the park?
a. Will b. Does c. Are d. Is
3. Jenny likes animals. → _____ Jenny like animals?
a. Do b. Does c. Are d. Am
4. You speak French. → _____ you speak French?
a. Is b. Do c. Are d. Can

B Change the question to a statement.

1. Is your mom at home? Your mom is at home.
2. Am I hungry? _____
3. Does she do her homework? _____
4. Can he skate? _____
5. Will they be here tonight? _____

Complete the Final Draft

Title: _____

Topic:

Steps:

Comment:

 **Proofread your writing using the checklist.** (See the last page of the book.)