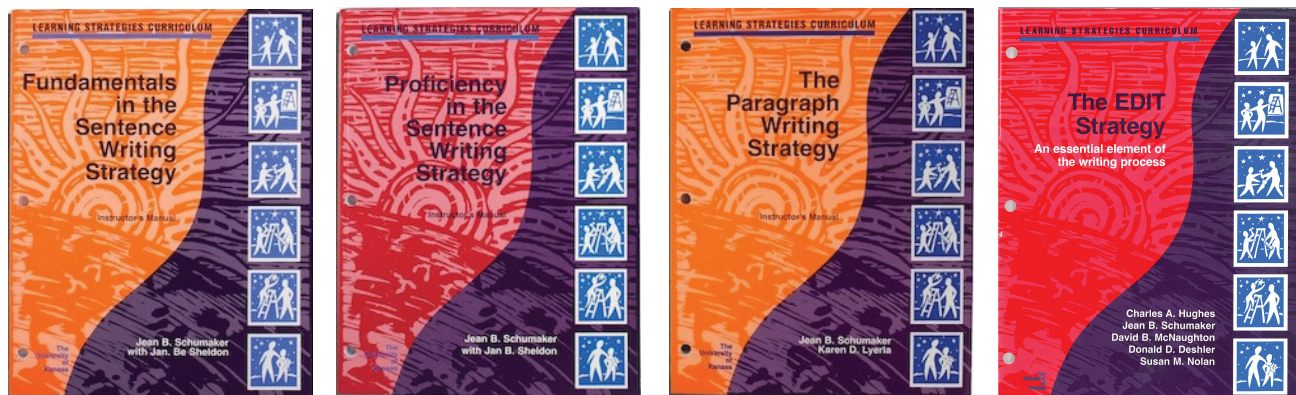


The Writing Strategies programs comprise an evidence-based curriculum that can be used to teach students the writing skills required in most state standards lists across grades 2 through 12. The individual programs have been shown in research studies to produce substantial and socially significant gains in students' writing performance. For more details about each program, visit [www.edgeenterprisesinc.com](http://www.edgeenterprisesinc.com) and choose "Learning Strategies" from the yellow "Edge Product" menu list. Click on the product you wish to review, the "Research" tab for a summary of the research, and the "Author" tab for a story of the development of the program.



## **FUNDAMENTALS IN THE SENTENCE WRITING STRATEGY (GRADES 2+)**

Just because a sentence may be "simple" doesn't mean it's easy to write. Now you can shed some light on the subject (and the verb) of Simple Sentences with this effective instructional program. Students will learn basic grammar terms as well as how to write and check several types of Simple Sentences.

## **PROFICIENCY IN THE SENTENCE WRITING STRATEGY (GRADES 3+)**

No... a dependent clause is not one of Santa's children. With this program, you can teach students about clauses and the other mysteries that surround advanced sentence structure. Students learn how to write and check fourteen types of sentences, all of which are specified in state standards across the nation.

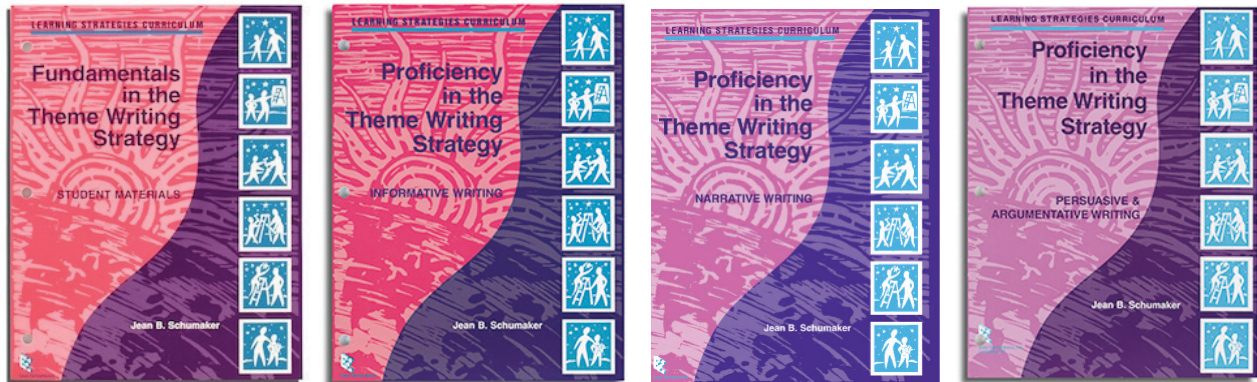
## **PARAGRAPH WRITING STRATEGY (GRADES 4+)**

For some students, writing is easy. For others, it's nothing short of torture. "What can I say? How do I say it?" Fortunately, writing paragraphs is a skill that students can learn—especially if you teach them the Paragraph Writing Strategy. Students learn to plan a paragraph and to create several types of paragraphs. They learn the basics related to the internal structure of paragraphs, including differentiated details and transitions. They also learn to apply the concepts of point of view, tense, and sequence.

## **EDIT STRATEGY (GRADES 4+)**

Okay, the paper is done, but given the shape it's in, is anyone going to read it? They will if students have used the Edit Strategy to find and correct errors in capitalization, appearance, punctuation, and spelling.

## THE WRITING STRATEGIES SERIES: THEME WRITING



### **FUNDAMENTALS IN THE THEME WRITING STRATEGY (GRADES 5+)**

Writing themes or essays can be a daunting challenge, too! However, once students learn the building blocks, they can create TOWERs of power! With this program, they learn how to plan and write a basic theme containing an Introductory Paragraph, Detail Paragraphs, and a Concluding Paragraph. They learn how to vary the structure of these paragraphs and to grab their readers' attention using a variety of options.

### **PROFICIENCY IN THE THEME WRITING STRATEGY: INFORMATIVE WRITING (GRADES 7+)**

Yikes! Writing a research paper for any class can be a bear! With this program, students learn how to conduct research to gather and then organize facts for their papers. They also learn how to apply the Theme Writing Strategy to write several types of themes plus convey their message. For example, they learn to write basic research papers, compare and contrast themes, cause and effects themes, and long research papers.

### **PROFICIENCY IN THE THEME WRITING STRATEGY: NARRATIVE WRITING (GRADES 7+)**

We all tell stories, but writing a story with a captivating plot plus a message takes skill. This program enables students to plan and write non-fiction stories, such as personal stories, biographical stories, journalistic stories, and historical stories. They also learn to write short fictional stories and long stories. Underlying all is the basic story-grammar structure which gives a story its pizzazz!

### **PROFICIENCY IN THE THEME WRITING STRATEGY: PERSUASIVE & ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING (GRADES 7+)**

Convincing someone else to do something or believe something can be tricky! This program enables students to be persuasive and also to use evidence to support their arguments. Students learn how to plan and write basic persuasive and then basic argumentative themes. They also learn how to plan and write themes with counterclaims, themes with examples, and long argumentative themes.

## PARAGRAPH AND THEME STAR WRITER PROGRAMS

THE FOLLOWING INTERACTIVE STUDENT PROGRAMS REQUIRE THE TEACHER TO SCORE SENTENCES, PARAGRAPHS, AND/OR THEMES AT THE END OF SOME LESSONS. OTHERWISE, THE PROGRAMS ARE SELF-PACED AND THE ACTIVITIES ARE SELF-SCORING. EACH PROGRAM IS EMBEDDED WITHIN A SPACE ODYSSEY PLOT.



### FUNDAMENTALS IN PARAGRAPH WRITING

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students the basic skills associated with paragraph writing. They learn how to plan and write a paragraph by including transitions and an internal structure while using a consistent point-of-view and tense. The final activity is planning and writing a whole paragraph.

### FUNDAMENTALS IN THEME WRITING

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students the basic skills associated with theme writing. They learn how to plan and write a theme. Included are lessons on Introductory Paragraphs, Detail Paragraphs, and Concluding Paragraphs.

### PROFICIENCY IN PARAGRAPH WRITING

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students how to write five types of paragraphs: instructive, narrative, informative, persuasive, and descriptive. Students learn how to plan and write the paragraph by seeing examples, hearing authors think aloud as they plan and write the paragraph, and by practicing planning and writing.

### PROFICIENCY IN THEME WRITING

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students how to write three types of themes: informative, narrative, and persuasive themes. Students learn how to plan and write a type of theme by seeing examples, hearing authors think aloud as they plan and write the theme, and by practicing planning and writing.



## MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTS: WRITING MECHANICS

FOR EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS, TEACHERS CORRECT STUDENTS' APPLICATION OF THE STRATEGIES IN THEIR WRITTEN SENTENCES AT THE END OF EACH LESSON. OTHERWISE, THE PROGRAM IS SELF-PACED AND SELF-CORRECTING.

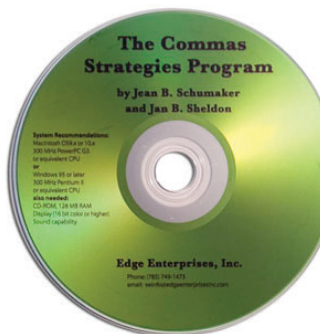
### THE CAPITALIZATION STRATEGIES (GRADE 4+)

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students strategies for applying the capitalization rules. Along the way, they learn how to write Simple Sentences as well.



### THE COMMAS STRATEGIES (GRADE 7+)

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students strategies for applying the commas rules. Along the way, they learn how to write Compound Sentences and Complex Sentences as well as sentences with introductory clauses, restrictive clauses, and nonrestrictive clauses, and sentences containing dialogue.



### THE PUNCTUATION STRATEGIES (GRADE 7+)

This interactive computerized program teaches individual students strategies for applying the punctuation rules for all types of punctuation except commas. Along the way, they learn how to repair incomplete and run-on sentences, use compound adjectives, write Compound Sentences with semicolons, write sentences containing dialogue, and much, much more.

