



Keys to Content Writing

Sentence Combining

We learned in Module 3 that sentence combining provides students practice with manipulating and rearranging words in sentences, expanding sentences, and clarifying sentence meaning. These activities ultimately help students understand possible options for revising their own writing.

Ideas to implement in your own classroom:

- 1) Write down several simple sentences that explain a common procedure in your classroom. Ask students to combine them into no more than 1-2 sentences.
- 2) Activate prior knowledge before your lesson by having students generate a list of facts or terms about a topic from a previous lesson. Ask them to combine the facts into 3-4 sentences to summarize their previous learning.
- 3) Use the previous process to solidify student learning at the end of your lesson. Have students peer review each other's sentences and challenge each other to think of more than one way to combine facts/ ideas to form new sentences.

Steps to teach sentence combining:

- 1) Model how to combine sentences.
- 2) Scaffold practice to guide students to multiple solutions.
- 3) Students practice independently.

Sentence Combining Reminders: Teach Students to...

-**Combine** sentences/ phrases together

-**Change** words or parts of the sentences/ phrases

-**Add** words or parts to the sentence/ phrase

-**Rearrange** words or parts of the sentences/ phrases

-**Delete** words or parts of the sentences/ phrases



Remember to plan for all learners!



