

Writing Skills Hive

*** Please Note ***

- **Activities are continually being uploaded to the Writing Skills Hive. When complete, the hive will contain the activities outlined below. All the resources will be uploaded by the end of August 2024.**
- **If you are a member of the Writing Club and there is a resource that hasn't been uploaded yet, please email me at natalie@teachingwithatouchofhoney.com and I'll move it to the top of my list to upload.**

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List of Writing Skills

The resources in the Writing Skills Hive focus on the following skills:

- Capitalization
 - Dates
 - Days of the Week
 - First Word in Sentence
 - Geographic Names
 - Holidays
 - Months of the Year
 - People
 - Places
 - Products
 - Streets
 - Titles
 - Towns and Cities
 - Word "I"
- Paragraph Writing
 - Add Details
 - One Idea

- Stay on Topic
- Punctuation
 - Apostrophes
 - Contractions
 - Possessives
 - Commas
 - Addresses
 - Dates
 - Dialogue
 - Greetings and Closings in Letters
 - Series
 - Exclamation Marks
 - Periods
 - Abbreviations
 - End of Sentences
 - Question Marks
 - Quotation Marks
 - Dialogue
- Sentence Writing
 - Action Words
 - Combine Sentences
 - Complete and Incomplete
 - Expand Sentences
 - descriptive words
 - use where, when, how, and why
 - Formal and Informal
 - Run-on Sentences
 - Sentences and Fragments
 - Show, Don't Tell
 - Simple and Compound
 - Subjects and Predicates
 - Subject/Verb Agreement
 - Tenses (past, present, and future)
 - Types (statements, questions, and exclamations)
 - Write a Sentence (capital, end mark, and complete thought)

Types of Writing Skill Activities

You'll find both digital and printable writing skill activities. The activities include:

- Digital Activities
- Printable Activities
 - Assessments

Ideas For Using Writing Skill Resources

You can use the writing skill activities in your classroom:

- as part of your regular language arts program,
- as a bell ringer activity,
- for homework practice,
- as an activity for early finishers, or
- in a literacy center.

Season and Holiday Writing Activities

There are a number of writing skill resources that can be used around the following seasons and holidays:

Seasons

- Fall
- Spring
- Summer
- Winter

Holidays

- Back To School
- Christmas
- Earth Day
- Easter
- End of Year
- Halloween
- New Year's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Thanksgiving
- Valentine's Day

Common Core Standards

The activities in the Writing Skills Hive address the following Common Core Standards:

Grade 1 Language Standards

- CCSS.L.1.2 – *Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.*
- CCSS.L.1.2 a – *Capitalize dates and names of people.*

- CCSS.L.1.2.b – *Use end punctuation for sentences.*
- CCSS.L.1.2.c – *Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.*

Grade 2 Language Standards

- CCSS.L.2.2 – *Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.*
- CCSS.L.2.2.a – *Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.*
- CCSS.L.2.2.b – *Use commas in greetings and closings of letters.*
- CCSS.L.2.2.c – *Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives.*

Grade 3 Language Standards

- CCSS.L.3.2 – *Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.*
- CCSS.L.3.2.a – *Capitalize appropriate words in titles.*
- CCSS.L.3.2.b – *Use commas in addresses.*
- CCSS.L.3.2.c – *Use commas and quotation marks in dialogue.*
- CCSS.L.3.2.d – *Form and use possessives.*