

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify and use different types of sentence structures in your writing.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil
- Highlighters or colored pens

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

Activities

1. Activity 1: Sentence Structure Sort

Write different types of sentences on separate pieces of paper, such as declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Mix them up and place them face down on the table. Take turns picking a sentence and reading it aloud. Then, identify the type of sentence and discuss why it falls into that category. Use different colored pens or highlighters to mark the different sentence types.

2. Activity 2: Sentence Building

Using the different sentence types discussed in Activity 1, create a sentence-building game. Write down different subject and predicate options on separate slips of paper. Mix them up and place them face down on the table. Take turns picking a subject and a predicate, and use them to create a complete sentence. Identify the sentence structure and discuss why it fits that category.

3. Activity 3: Sentence Detective

Read a short paragraph or story together. As you read, identify different sentence structures within the text. Use the highlighters or colored pens to mark the different sentence types. Discuss how the sentence structures contribute to the overall flow and meaning of the text.

Fourth Grade Talking Points

- "Today, we are going to learn about sentence structure. Do you know what a sentence is? It is a group of words that expresses a complete thought."
- "There are different types of sentences. Can you think of any? Some examples include statements, questions, commands, and exclamations."
- "Let's play a game where we sort different sentences into their types. We will read each sentence and decide if it is a statement, question, command, or exclamation."
- "Now, let's create our own sentences using different subjects and predicates. We will mix and match to build complete sentences. Remember to identify the sentence structure as well."
- "As we read a paragraph or story, we will look for different sentence structures. We will use highlighters or colored pens to mark the different types. This will help us understand how authors use sentence structure to convey meaning."