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## ...But first some definitions!

*Passive voice*

*Noun phrases*

**Connectives**

## ...And some examples

**Noun Phrases**      The farmer planted a tree.

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*Passive Voice*      The large tree was planted by the farmer.

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**Connectives**      Therefore, the large green plantation in the tropical rainforest was cared for by the farmer.

before it was destroyed.

## ELA CCSS—Language standards (6-12)

1. Conventions of standard English:	<b>Lesson #:</b>
Grade 6—Recognize and correct (c) inappropriate shifts in <b>pronoun</b> number and person,* (d) vague <b>pronouns</b> (i.e., ones with unclear or ambiguous antecedents).*	5
(e) <b>variations</b> from standard English in their own and others' <b>writing and speaking</b> *	2, 3, 4, 5
Grade 7—(c) Place phrases and clauses within a sentence, including misplaced and dangling <b>modifiers</b> .*	2, 4
Grade 9-10—(b) Use various types of <b>phrases</b> ( <b>noun</b> , verb, adjectival, adverbial, participial, <b>prepositional</b> , absolute) and clauses ( <b>independent</b> , <b>dependent</b> ; <b>noun</b> , <b>relative</b> , adverbial) to convey specific meanings.	
2. Knowledge of language	
Grade 8—(a) Use verbs in the <b>active and passive voice</b> and in the <b>conditional and subjunctive</b> mood to achieve particular effects	3
Grade 11-12—(a) Vary syntax for effect; apply an understanding of <b>syntax</b> to the <b>study of complex texts</b> when reading.	2, 3, 4, 5

## Research Results

Original (2011) study		
Content area passage and questions	Change from pretest to posttest	Effect Size
Comparison (n = 25)	0.971	1.960
Experimental (n = 24)	28.654	
Confirmation (2013) study		
Content area passage and questions	Change from pretest to posttest	
Comparison (n = 8)	1.429	
Experimental (n = 12)	18.330	

## The Learning Strategies Curriculum

Acquisition Strategies	Storage Strategies	Expression & Demonstration of Competence Strategies
Word Identification	FIRST-Letter Mnemonic	Fundamentals of Sentence Writing
Visual Imagery	Paired Associates	Proficiency in Sentence Writing
Self-Questioning	LINCS Vocabulary	EDIT
Fundamentals of Paraphrasing & Summarizing	Listening and Note-taking	Paragraph Writing
Paraphrasing		Theme Writing
Word Mapping		Assignment Completion
Inference		Test-Taking
Understanding Academic Language		Essay Test-Taking

## The strategy steps...

- Tune into the noun phrases ←
- Evaluate active/passive voice
- eXamine the connectives
- Track the pronouns

## Tune into the noun phrases

pack -age  
 refuse -al  
 avoid -ance  
 occupy -ancy  
 inhabit -ant  
 employ -ee  
 work -er  
 paint -ing  
 move -ment  
 operate -tion

Articles	Ordering words	Describing words	Main subjects	Prepositional phrases
the	third	big	relationship	in his life
the	only	tired	runner	in the race
the	two	long	applications	for a job
a	lone	angry	fighter	on our side
a	single	harsh	punishment	from the court

### Transformers

Cue Card #4  
 Certain suffixes can be used to change verbs into nouns.

#### Examples

- age package
- al refusal
- ance inheritance
- ancy occupancy
- ant inhabitant
- ee employee
- er worker
- ing painting
- ment argument
- tion operation

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## Evaluate active/passive voice

### •Parts of a sentence...

- The **subject** is the noun that the sentence is about.
- The **verb** shows the action or state of being of the subject.

### •Look at the **SUBJECT** of the sentences...

- Jonah picked up the baby.
- The baby was picked up by Jonah.
  
- The water leak destroyed the computer.
- The computer was destroyed by the water leak.

### Active and Passive Voice

**ACTIVE VOICE**  
 The subject of the sentence DOES the action

#### Examples:

- The flood destroyed the computer.
- Jonah placed the book on the table.
- The catcher threw the ball.
- Toby scratched the cat's belly.
- Many Americans display flags on Memorial Day.

**PASSIVE VOICE**  
 The subject of the sentence IS AFFECTED BY the action

#### Examples:

- The computer was destroyed by the flood.
- The book was placed on the table by Jonah.
- The ball was thrown by the catcher.
- The belly of the cat was scratched by Toby.
- Flags are displayed by many Americans on Memorial Day.

