

Sentence Writing Strategy alert

Since the first *Sentence Writing Strategy* instructor's manual was published in 1985, many teachers have requested an "easier version." Teachers said they needed materials for teaching foundational concepts, such as the meaning of basic terms such as "subject" and "verb" and rules such as each sentence beginning with a capital letter and ending with a period. Other teachers shared instructional aids they had invented to help students do well as they learn the complex skills associated with the *Sentence Writing Strategy*. All of this feedback led to a revised version of the *Sentence Writing Strategy* program, which now features two parts: *Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy* and *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy*.

NOTE: We are in the process of revising the *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy: Instructor's Manual* (formerly known as the *Sentence Writing Strategy: Instructor's Manual*). The student materials that accompany this manual already have been revised and published. Until the instructor's manual is published, **information in the instructor's manual and student materials books will not match.** Please be aware of this during training sessions for the *Sentence Writing Strategy*.

Calendar

Feb. 5-6, 1999
Far West/Midwest
Regional Update Meeting
Las Vegas, NV

March 4-6, 1999
Southeast Regional
Update Meeting

March 26-27, 1999
Northeast Regional
Update Meeting
Marriott Hotel,
Charleston, West Virginia

April 21-23, 1999
Update Meeting
St. Johns Island

July 8-10, 1999
National SIM Trainers'
Conference

The new *Fundamentals* instructor's manual and student materials are now available. This instructional option is most appropriate when students need a thorough grounding in basic concepts and terms (for example, subject, verb, infinitive, and preposition). The instruction can be used either as a developmental writing curriculum or as a very fast "bring-them-up-to-speed" set of lessons. The instructions in this manual can be used to teach students to write four types of simple sentences.

Once students have mastered simple sentences and have an understanding of the basic concepts introduced in the *Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy*, they can proceed to the advanced program, *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy*. Here, students learn more advanced sentence writing skills, including how to write compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences.

This revision has necessitated changes to the *Sentence Writing Strategy* manuals with which trainers are familiar. These changes were required to coordinate all parts of the program. The new titles of the books with which trainers are familiar are *Proficiency in* ►

Concept Mastery training packet

The Concept Mastery Trainers' Packet has been revised and is available from the Center for Research on Learning. Call (785) 864-0617 to obtain an updated packet. The cost of the packet is \$6.40.

Trainer news

- **Alice Henley** of Cromwell, Connecticut, is happy to report that Connecticut will celebrate 10 years of the Strategies Intervention Program this month.
- **Cathy Kea** of Greensboro, North Carolina, recently celebrated her 10-year wedding anniversary with husband Dextor Morgan.
- **Ann Knackendoffel** of Manhattan, Kansas, added one more member to her family last May when her daughter Francie was born.
- **Cynthia Krause** of Lincoln, Nebraska, got married last August.

Send your news to Julie Tollefson, at the Center for Research on Learning, 3061 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045 or e-mail Julie at jtollefson@ukans.edu

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the *Sentence Writing Strategy: Instructor's Manual* and *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy: Student Materials*. The main changes are as follows: The instructor's manual now follows the new eight-stage instructional sequence with all of the adjustments associated with those stages. The student lessons manual requires students to mark subjects with an "S" and verbs with a "V."

The CRL staff is in the process of revising the *Proficiency in the Sentence Writing Strategy: Instructor's Manual* (formerly known as the *Sentence Writing Strategy: Instructor's Manual*). The book has been typeset and should be ready in about a month. The student lessons book already has been revised and published by Edge Enterprises, Inc. Trainers should note that until the revised instructor's manual is published, *information in the instructor's manual and student materials books will not match*. Please be aware of this during any training sessions you conduct for the *Sentence Writing Strategy*. As soon as the new books are published, we will stop shipping the old books.

The availability of the new instructor's manual will be announced in *Stratenotes*. The revisions to the *Sentence Writing Strategy* will be described in more detail in a future issue of *Strategram*.

The new *Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy: Instructor's*

Now available

In addition to the revised *Sentence Writing Strategy* manuals, the following new manuals are available:

- **The Framing Routine**, featuring a graphic organizer called the "Frame." The Frame is used to promote understanding and recall of the key topic and associated essential details. Available from Edge Enterprises.
- **Practicing the Storage Strand: LINGS, FIRST, and PAIRS**, containing supplemental materials for teaching three of the storage strand strategies. The materials have been designed so that teachers can provide advanced practice activities for students. Available from Edge Enterprises.
- **The Recall Enhancement Routine**, focusing on procedures teachers can use to help students remember information. Available from CRL.

More information about each of these manuals will be published in future issues of *Strategram*.

Manual may be ordered from the Center for Research on Learning, and *Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy: Student Materials* is available from Edge Enterprises.

SIM study groups forming

Study groups are forming now for the 1998-1999 year.

Each year, we give SIM Trainers the opportunity to form small groups to discuss the research findings of the Center for Research on Learning. To facilitate discussion, we produce videos for study group members to watch, and we provide supplementary materials related to the video topic.

Study groups can take many different forms. During the past year, two people conducted their study group via the Internet. You can even be a study group

of one if you are interested in receiving the materials. All we ask in return is that you complete an evaluation of each video and send it back to us.

We plan to produce three or four more videos during the coming year. Some of them will focus on the Content Enhancement Curriculum. Now is the perfect time to think about forming a study group. If you are interested in participating in a study group, please contact Janet Roth at the Center. She can be reached by phone at (785) 864-4780.

StrateNet changes allow access through Internet

Long-awaited changes to the Center for Research on Learning's StrateNet electronic communication system are now in place. The most significant change is that you now have the capability of accessing StrateNet through the Center's Web site. Any SIM Trainer who has paid his or her \$35 Strateworks membership fee and who has access to the World Wide Web can log on to StrateNet from the Center's Web site, thus avoiding the long-distance charges incurred when you dial in to StrateNet directly.

To access StrateNet through the Word Wide Web,

1. Point your Web browser to the Center's Web site at www.ku-crl.org. A welcome screen appears briefly, then the main CRL table of contents page appears.
2. On the left side of the table of contents page is a list of sections you can visit on the CRL Web site. Select "StrateNet." This will take you to the StrateNet Introduction/Information page. This page describes StrateNet and the system requirements for using the FirstClass software to access StrateNet independently of the Internet. The left side of the screen again lists several options.
Download: Allows you to download free copies of the FirstClass software needed to access StrateNet independently of the Internet.
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Web Login: Allows you to log in to the StrateNet system.
Home: Allows you to return to the main CRL table of contents Web page.
3. Select Web Login to go to the StrateNet login page. From this page, you can log in to StrateNet or use

StrateNet's Directory feature to find the e-mail address of another StrateNet user.

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1. Click on the red Login button. You will be asked to enter your user name and password.
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 - If you are new to StrateNet, you must e-mail the StrateNet administrator and request a user ID and password. In your message, provide your name and address, the user name and password you would like to use, and your return e-mail address. The StrateNet administrator will e-mail confirmation when your account has been set up.
 - If you have forgotten your user name and password, e-mail the StrateNet administrator for help. E-mail the StrateNet administrator at admin@stratenet.sped.ukans.edu.

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 4. Click on the person's name on the left side of the screen to see the person's resume, if one is available.
- Or**
 Click on the person's e-mail address on the right side of the screen to send an e-mail to the person.

If you do not have Internet access, you still can take advantage of the benefits of StrateNet using a modem and special software. Call Andy Barker, StrateNet administrator, for more information. Andy can be reached at (785) 864-4780.

StrateNet benefits

StrateNet is your electronic connection to the Center for Research on Learning. We are working to make it a place for bringing together SIM Trainers, ideas, and information in a collaborative environment.

You currently can use StrateNet to e-mail other members of the SIM Trainers' Network as well as members of the Center for Research on Learning staff, post questions or information for all StrateNet users to read, and engage in SIM-related discussions in a bulletin board-like atmosphere or in real-time chats. Some of the information permanently available on StrateNet now includes an archive of completed Concept Diagrams and thumbnail sketches of CRL strategies.

In the next several months, look for the following to appear on StrateNet:

- Workshop, regional meeting, and conference information for the coming year
 - Tips for trainers by trainers
 - "For the Classroom" ideas organized by strategy
 - Information about Stratellite Connection videos and other videos developed by the Center for Research on Learning
 - Archives of past *Strategram* and *Stratenotes* articles
- Help us tailor StrateNet to your needs. Use it to communicate with CRL and other trainers, and let us know what changes will make it better.

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Caribbean update

If you plan to attend the SIM Update Trainers Meeting in April at St. Johns Island, make your arrangements now. Ed Pieper of St. Rose College in Albany, New York, is coordinating the meeting. Keith Lenz and Janet Roth from the Center for Research on Learning will attend.

Cottages cost \$70 per night for one or two occupants. Additional occupants are \$17 each per night, with a maximum of four people. If you do not have a roommate and would like to share with someone, indicate this on the registration form. To reserve a cottage, call (800) 392-9004. Ask for Jessica and tell her you are with the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning conference. If she is not there, someone else can help you. All reservations require a 50 percent deposit with the balance plus 8 percent tax due at check in.

Airline reservations can be made through American Airlines at (800) 433-1790. To receive a discount, refer to the conference identification number: HBM 300 49 811 22 and the University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning conference.

The opening session of the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. April 21, and the closing session will end at noon April 24. The group will meet each day from 8:30 until noon. Special meetings may be arranged in the afternoons and evenings.

If you have questions, call Janet Roth at (785) 864-4780 or Ed Pieper at (518) 454-5123. The best time to reach Ed is between 1:30 and 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Tuesdays. He is unable to return calls.

SIM Goes Caribbean Update Meeting Registration Form

April 21-24, 1999
St. Johns Island, Virgin Islands

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

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Social Security Number: _____

Number in my party attending the conference: _____

Total number in my party: _____

People rooming with me: _____

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The management will not allow last minute cancellations so that participants may share cottages.

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By **December 1, 1998**, send registration and payment of \$75 to

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Attn: Janet Roth
(Phone: (785) 864-4780)

Amount Enclosed: _____

If your place of employment is unable to have your payment by this date, please send in the registration form with your best estimate of when payment can be expected. Your registration fee includes conference expenses, training materials, and the morning refreshments. No meals will be provided.

Suggest topics you would like to have addressed:

(A number of new manuals are available and training will be provided on these manuals. The program will cover the following manuals, strategies, and routines: *The Course Organizer, the Clarifying Routine, the Framing Routine, the Recall Enhancement Routine, Practicing the Storage Strategies, Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy, the Quality Assignment Routine, and the Survey Routine.*)

About the resort...

We have reserved a limited number of one-room cottage/tents constructed of wood frame and translucent materials. Each cottage has cooking utensils and a grill. There are no bathrooms inside the unit. However, bathrooms are located in common areas throughout the camp. A few studios with private baths and kitchens are available at a cost of \$185 per night.

The resort is built on a hillside with steps connecting the cottages to the beach, restaurant, and conference area. Be prepared to climb stairs.

If you are interested in arriving the Saturday before the meeting, some cottages are set aside for your rental.

The camp area includes a store and a restaurant. The cost of breakfast and dinner at the restaurant is about \$23 per day.

A taxi ride from Maho Bay to town costs \$4. Car rental runs \$50 to \$60 per day.

Far West/Midwest Update Meeting Registration Form

February 5-6, 1999
Las Vegas Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV
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Position: _____ School/Agency: _____

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Work Telephone: _____

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For registration postmarked after December 15, add a \$10 late fee. If your institution is paying your bill and is not able to meet this deadline, please send the completed registration form by December 15 and indicate that payment will follow. A late fee will not be charged in this case.

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Registration: \$95 _____

Late Fee: \$10 _____

Total: _____

Your registration fee includes all training materials, beverages at break times, a social on Friday afternoon, a continental breakfast on Saturday morning, and a luncheon at noon on Saturday.

Note: Because the hotel requires that KU-CRL pay the conference bills in advance, we cannot guarantee meals for anyone registering after **January 22**. We also may not be able to provide refunds to people who register and then are unable to attend.

Manuals on which I would like to receive training:

(Several new manuals are available or will be available by the time of the conference: *The Framing Routine*, *the Quality Assignment Routine*, *Practicing the Storage Strategies*, *Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy*, *the Recall Enhancement Routine*, and *the Course Organizer*.)

Far West/Midwest regional meeting

We have received widespread interest in the conference planned for February 5 and 6 at the Las Vegas Tropicana Resort. Barbara Millikan of Portland, Oregon, is in charge of the program, and Joe Crank of Las Vegas is responsible for the local arrangements. Don Deshler and Keith Lenz of the Center for Research on Learning will attend.

Room rates are \$59, single or double occupancy, plus 9 percent tax for Sunday through Thursday nights, and \$119, single or double occupancy, plus 9 percent tax, for Friday and Saturday nights. A block of rooms will be reserved through January 14, 1999. After that, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis. To reserve a room, call (800) 634-4000. Identify the meeting as the **Learning Strategies**

Conference and give the code word **SUNLV99**. You must guarantee the reservation with payment for the first night using a major credit card or by sending a check or money order. The credit card charge will be processed immediately. No refunds will be issued if the reservation is canceled less than 48 hours before arrival.

The conference will begin at 11:30 a.m. February 5 with registration, and the opening session will begin at noon. The final session will conclude no later than 5 p.m. February 6.

If you have questions about local arrangements, contact Joe Crank at (702) 895-1110.

New Stratellite Connection videos

Stratellite Connection videos 10 and 11 have been completed and were distributed to SIM Trainers attending the 1998 National SIM Trainers' Conference in July.

Video 10 topics: Strategic Tutoring, how to teach differences in concepts and examples, and a review of the content of CRL videos made before the first Stratellite Connection video.

Video 11 topics: Overview of Learning Strategies by Don Deshler; Overview of Content Enhancement by Keith Lenz; and Parent-Teacher Partnerships, a segment on the joint responsibility of teachers and parents to help special needs students to respond not only at school but also at home.

Copies of these videos are available for \$15 from the Center for Research on Learning. Complete the order form at right and send it with your check or purchase order to KU-CRL, 3061 Dole, Lawrence, KS 66045.

Stratellite Connection Video Order Form

Please send me the following videos:

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_____ Video No. 11 (\$15)

Copies of videos 1 through 9 also are available at a cost of \$15 each.

Also send me the following videos.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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