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There is a strong correlation between students' ability to write, reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. *The Hochman Method* is most effective when the strategies are embedded in content and taught in a sequence starting with sentences and building to paragraphs and compositions. The sentence level writing activities in these Language Links, provide the foundation students need to write with clarity and fluency. They are also effective tools for teaching content and assessing comprehension.

Can I distinguish between sentences and fragments?

Aligned to Guidebooks 2.0 Unit Hurricanes, Week 1

Purpose: When students distinguish between sentences and fragments, and correct fragments, it helps them understand the concept of a complete sentence and discern sentence boundaries. You can assess your students' comprehension of content by having them convert fragments into sentences.

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Technical tips:

- Explain to students that when they correct the fragment, the sentence they create should be related to the text.
- To model this strategy with students prior to completing the exercise about **Surviving Hurricanes**, a practice activity about Creswell has been provided.
- 1. Display or project:
- 2. Say: "A sentence contains a subject (or 'who or what' of the sentence), a predicate (part of the sentence that tells what the subject does or is, and has at least one verb), and is a complete thought. A fragment is a phrase or part of the sentence

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Practice activity:

1.	creswell is
2.	mr dozier is
3.	was built in 1925
1.	my teacher at creswell

5. ____in third grade

- 1. Creswell is the name of my school.
- 2. Mr. Dozier is the name of my principal.
- 3. Creswell Elementary was built in 1925.
- 4. Mrs. Cooper is the name of my teacher at Creswell.
- 5. Last year I was in third grade.

- 3. Directions for students:
 - Write an "S" if the words form a sentence. Capitalize and punctuate the sentence.
 - Write an "F" if the words form a fragment. Change each fragment into a complete sentence. Sentence below are based on pages 1-5 of the text, Surviving Hurricanes.

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	oowerful storms
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	pecome stronger and larger
5v	vinds can blow

- *These are sample student responses. Your students' responses to 1, 2 and 4 may vary.
 - 1. F Hurricanes are the mightiest storms.
 - 2. F Hurricanes are very powerful storms.
 - 3. S Tropical storms gain strength over water.
 - 4. F Hurricanes become stronger and larger.
 - 5. S Winds can blow.
- 5. Note: According to the Grammar Guide, students learn how to correct fragments in grade 4. As needed, provide small-group instruction for students who need additional support with this skill.

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Pra	actice activity:	Stude	nt Look-Fors:	
1.	my favorite subject	1.	Science is my favorite subject.	
2.	in the auditorium	2.	In the morning I wait in the auditoric	
3.	ride the bus to school	3.		
4.	after recess I		After recess I go to the water fountal Coming to school each day is important.	
5.	is important	0.	Coming to School each day is impor	rtant.
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•	Write an "S" if the words form a sentence	се. Сар	italize and punctuate the sentence	e.
•	Write an "F" if the words form a fragmer Sentence below are based on pages 6-			e sentence.
1.	strong winds blew away houses			
2.	water flooded			
3.	the screams in the night scared everyone	е		
4.	many houses were destroyed			
5.	before the storm many people			

Student Look-Fors: *These are sample student responses. Your students' responses to 2 and 5 may vary.

- 1. S Strong winds blew away houses.
- 2. F Water flooded the streets of the town.
- 3. S The screams in the night scared everyone.
- 4. S Many houses were destroyed.

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- 5. F Before the storm many people nailed their windows shut.
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Practice activity:	Student Look-Fors:
1school begins at 745	1. S -School begins at 7:45.
2the color of my classroom	 F -The color of my classroom is blue. F -My least favorite subject is math. S -I have homework today. F -Next year I will be in fifth grade
3my least favorite subject is	
4i have homework today	
5in fifth grade	3.1 -Next year I will be in filtingrade
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_	on pages 12-14 of the text, Surviving Hurricanes.
1. in australia hurricanes are called	
2. the hurricane hit australia on	
2 hid under a hig had	
3. hid under a big bed	
4. antony and his family survived but the	neir house was wrecked
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- 1. F In Australia hurricanes are called cyclones.
- 2. F The hurricane hit Australia on Christmas.
- 3. F Antony and his family hid under a big bed.
- 4. S Antony and his family survived, but their house was wrecked.
- 5. S Today Antony is all grown up and still lives in Darwin, Australia.
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Practice activity:	Student Look-Fors:				
1is east of texas	1. F Louisiana is east of Texas.				
2is west of mississipi 2. F Louisiana is west of Mississippi					
3louisiana is famous for3. F Louisiana is famous for					
4i live in shreveport la	4. S I live in Shreveport, LA.				
5in louisiana we eat	5. F In Louisiana we eat gumbo.				
5. Directions for students:					
•Write an "S" if the words form a sentence.	Capitalize and punctuate the sentence.				
•Write an "F" if the words form a fragment.	Change each fragment into a complete				
sentence. Sentence below are based on p	pages 16-19 of the text, Surviving Hurricanes.				
1. hurricane katrina struck louisiana missis	sippi and alabama in 2005				
2. many people evacuated new orleans du	ring katrina				
3. floodwaters covered					
4. was a category 5 storm					

5. cnr	ris nungesser and	i nis tamily		
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- 1. S Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama in 2005
- 2. S Many people evacuated New Orleans during Katrina.
- 3. F Floodwaters covered many homes in New Orleans.
- 4. F Hurricane Katrina was a Category 5 storm.
- 5. F Chris Nungesser and his family evacuated to New Iberia.
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Practice a	activity:	Student Look-Fors:
1.	baton rouge is	1. F Baton Rouge is the capital of
2.	louisiana is famous for	Louisiana.
3.	louisiana is a southern	2. F Louisiana is famous for its crawfish.
	state	3. S Louisiana is a southern state.
4.	the strawberry is the	4. S The strawberry is the state fruit of
	state fruit of louisiana	Louisiana.
5.	we celebrate mardi gras	5. S We celebrate Mardi Gras in
	in louisiana	Louisiana.
•Write an sentence 1. some I 2. the ast	"F" if the words form a fragment. C	
4. after th		

5. fer	na and the red cr	OSS		

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- S Some Hurricane Katrina evacuees stayed in the Houston Astrodome.
- 2. S The Astrodome is a stadium in Houston, Texas.
- 3. F People with boats helped to evacuate people who were trapped.
- 4. F After the hurricane poor people could not afford to rebuild their homes.
- 5. F FEMA and the Red Cross helped to take care of Hurricane Katrina victims.
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Purpose: When students rearrange words into sentences, it promotes their ability to discern sentence boundaries. Rearranging scrambled sentences can help review and reinforce content and vocabulary.

Activity description: In this activity, students are given scrambled sentences about the text to rearrange.

Technical Tips:

- The scrambled sentences do not contain end punctuation. The word that should appear first is not capitalized in the scrambled sentence (proper nouns are capitalized). When students rewrite the sentence, they will supply the correct capitalization and end punctuation.
- For students who need additional support, consider making the first word in the sentence bold.
- To model this strategy with students prior to completing the exercise about My Louisiana Sky, a practice activity about Louisiana has been provided for you at the end of this link.

Display or project:

Say: "Sentences need to be clear so that the reader understands what we are writing."

Have students work independently, in pairs, groups, or as a class to rearrange the words into sentences. Remind students to add the correct capitalization and punctuation.

Practice activity:

- through river flows the mississippi louisiana
- 2. louisiana is rouge capital the baton of
- 1. The Mississippi River flows through Louisiana.
- 2. Baton Rouge is the capital of Louisiana.
- 4. After several minutes, ask a few students to share their sentences with the class.
 - 1. and tiger are jesse wade friends
 - 2. radio singers tiger and listen to on jesse wade the sometimes
 - 3. so television a tiger her family were didnt they have like jesse wade and poor
 - 4. read tiger comic liked woman to like donald superman duck wonder books and
 - 5. doesnt aunt and kay family live saitter with in dorie tiger her

- 1. Tiger and Jesse Wade are friends.
- 2. Sometimes Tiger and Jesse Wade listen to singers on the radio.
- Tiger and her family were poor, and they didn't have a television like Jesse Wade.
- 4. Tiger liked to read comic books like Donald Duck, Superman, and Wonder Woman.
- 5. Aunt Dorie Kay doesn't live in Saitter with Tiger and her family.
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- 2. paradise louisianas is nickname the sportsmans
- 3. flower the magnolia is state I Louisianas

- 1. Louisiana is famous for its fishing and hunting.
- 2. Louisiana's nickname is the sportsman's paradise.
- 3. The magnolia is Louisiana's state flower.
- 4. After several minutes, ask a few students to share their sentences with the class.
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- 2. intelligent was very tiger a and grades school in good child made
- 3. Ionnie dad tiger hair red like her had
- 4. mom kitten tiger once had tigers a
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- 1. Granny taught Tiger's mom to read.
- 2. Tiger was a very intelligent child and made good grades in school.
- 3. Tiger had red hair like her dad Lonnie.
- 4. Tiger's mom had once a kitten named Tiger.
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- 2. gras mardi tuesday mean words fat the
- parades beads eat during gras mardi cake and king during i watch catch
- 4. fun the krewe highland of lot is parade
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- 1. In Louisiana we celebrate Mardi Gras.
- 2. The words Mardi Gras mean Fat Tuesday.
- During Mardi Gras I watch parades, catch beads and eat King Cake.
- The Krewe of Highland parade is a lot

fun.

- 4. After several minutes, ask a few students to share their sentences with the class.
 - 1. deliverymen box the about the getting who tiger is tease television box
 - 2. tea tiger iced offers of the drink deliverymen cold s
 - 3. wade leave jesse goes deliverymen the home after
 - 4. money Lonnie believes of that the lot television kay must aunt cost dorie have a
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- 2. Tiger offers the deliverymen a cold drink of iced tea.
- 3. Jesse Wade goes home after the deliverymen leave.
- 4. Lonnie believes that the television must have cost Aunt Dorie Kay a lot of money.
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- 1. purple mardi green gras colors gold are and
- 2. the natchitoches is louisiana town oldest in
- 3. are louisianas gold colors white blue and
- 4. louisiana the that counties is instead has of only parishes state
- 5. a louisiana has canada large of descendants population of speaking french acadians cajuns from
- 1. Mardi Gras colors are purple, gold and green.
- 2. Natchitoches is the oldest town in Louisiana.
- 3. Louisiana's colors are gold, white and blue.
- 4. Louisiana is the only state that has parishes instead of counties.
- 5. Louisiana has a large population of Cajuns, descendants of French speaking Acadians from Canada.
- 4. After several minutes, ask a few students to share their sentences with the class.
 - 1. tiger else to someone be wanted
 - 2. was the name ramsey of tigers jewel granny
 - 3. a the delivered from television alexandria was louisiana store in
 - 4. aunt louisiana kay worked dorie as baton secretary in rouge a

- 1. Tiger wanted to be someone else.
- 2. The name of Tiger's Granny was Jewel Ramsey.
- 3. The television was delivered from a store in Alexandria, Louisiana.
- 4. Aunt Dorie Kay worked as a secretary in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
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- 1. of of the is north gulf louisiana mexico
- 2. oklahoma Louisiana of is southeast
- 1. Louisiana is north of the Gulf of Mexico.
- 2. Louisiana is southeast of Oklahoma.

- 3. mexico north is of lousiana
- 4. louisiana of is canada south
- 3. Louisiana is north of Mexico.
- 4. Louisiana is south of Canada

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 - 1. television noise box granny call the did a why
 - 2. along do think granny aunt kay you that and dorie get
 - 3. television music momma tiger and were the on the having dancing fun to
 - 4. tiger daddy why and up get didn't with dance
 - 5. dorie kay distance aunt what as was gazed off about thinking she the in

- 1. Why did Granny call the television a "noise box"?
- 2. Do you think that Granny and Aunt Dorie Kay get along?
- 3. Momma and Tiger were having fun dancing to the music on the television.
- 4. Why didn't Daddy get up and dance with Tiger?
- 5. What was Aunt Dorie Kay thinking about as she gazed off in the distance?
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