

Paragraph Assembling

ASSUMPTION

It can be useful to consider clauses, rather than individual words, as the fundamental unit of sentences and paragraphs.

DEFINITIONS

PHRASE	word group without both a verb and its subject
CLAUSE	word group with both a verb and its subject
SENTENCE	word group consisting of at least one clause

BUILDING BLOCKS

CONJUNCTIONS: *because* **TRANSITIONS:** *consequently, finally, for example, further*

CLAUSES

- 1. these are the building blocks of meaningful language*
- 2. paragraph assembling requires basic recognition of verbs and nouns*
- 3. paragraph assembling clearly can improve several skills*
- 4. paragraph assembling gives practice in combining phrases and clauses in the right ways to create meaningful compound and complex sentences*
- 5. paragraph assembling focuses on groups of words*
- 6. paragraph assembling enables a student to also recognize phrases and clauses*
- 7. paragraph assembling gives practice in combining sentences in the right way to create meaningful paragraphs*
- 8. paragraph assembling improves several skills*
- 9. creating paragraphs in this way also involves practice with pronouns and their antecedents*

DIRECTIONS

SUBSTITUTING PRONOUNS WHEN APPROPRIATE, COMBINE THE BUILDING BLOCKS TO CREATE AN ORGANIZED PARAGRAPH.

Because it focuses on groups of words, paragraph assembling improves several skills. For example, it requires basic recognition of verbs and nouns. Consequently, it enables a student to also recognize phrases and clauses. These are the building blocks of meaningful language. Further, it gives practice in combining phrases and clauses in the right ways to create meaningful compound and complex sentences. Finally, it gives practice in combining sentences in the right ways to create meaningful paragraphs. Creating paragraphs in this way also involves practice with pronouns and their antecedents. Paragraph assembling clearly teaches several skills.