

Sentence expansion for critical writing

Sentence-level strategies for improving critical writing

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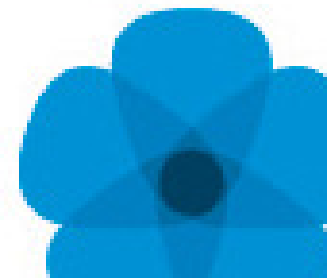
Overview

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Examples of straightforward sentence-level approaches for improving critical writing. These examples are based on responses to George Orwell's *Animal Farm* and will need to be adapted.

Points to consider when using this resource

This approach can work well within the context of retrieval practice, perhaps as a starter task within lessons. Repeated practice is recommended so that the approaches become very familiar. Some students may benefit from a vocabulary task such as a *Zone of Relevance* before applying the vocabulary within this context.



Doubling

Model adding an extra adjective or noun to increase the precision of the statement.

Napoleon is a brutal tyrant who uses fear to crush dissent.

*Napoleon is a brutal **and unforgiving** tyrant who uses fear **and manipulation** to crush dissent.*

Under the
rule of
farmer
Jones, all
animals lived
in harsh
conditions.

Under the _____ rule
of farmer Jones, all animals lived in
harsh and _____ conditions
of _____ .



Say three things

Model using lists of three adjectives or nouns to ensure precision and depth of detail.

Squealer is a manipulative character.

*Squealer is a **manipulative, controlling and charismatic** character.*

Modify and expand

Model using adverbial modifiers to expand descriptions

Snowball is a more **lively, original and intelligent** pig than Napoleon.
mentally lively, politically original and strategically intelligent

Napoleon is **cowardly, calculating and selfish.**

physically cowardly, politically calculating and unrelentingly selfish

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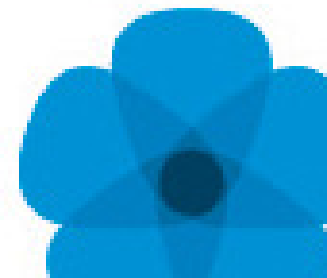
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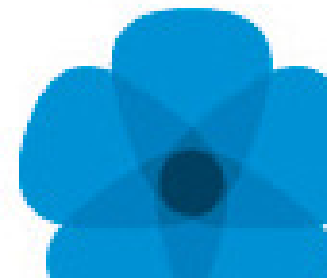
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