Hello There!

I am so excited to be bringing you this set of grammar passages, where everything you and your students need to practice a specific type of grammar skill is on ONE page!

What Is Included:

1. 8 passages focused on understanding and identifying prepositions.
2. 8 complete answer keys.
3. Google Drive digital version

Ideas to Use the Passages:

1. As a mentor text during a whole group lesson on prepositions.
2. In a small guided reading group.
3. In a comprehension center.
4. As independent practice after a lesson on prepositions.
5. As a homework review.
6. Practice for taking standardized texts.

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Listing and Joining Commas

Apostrophes and Quotation Marks

Semicolons and Hyphens

Parentheses and Ellipses

Answer Keys

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Punctuation Passages

Professionally Leveled By Lexile ® and OOTWL®

Passage Title	Genre	Grammar Skill Covered	Word Count	Lexile Level	F&P Level	AR Level	DRA Level	Grade Level
Being Responsible	Fiction	• Listing and Joining Commas	235	580L	M	3.2	28	3.2
Money, Money, Money	NF	• Listing and Joining Commas	214	800L	T	5.0	44	5.0
Batter Up!	Fiction	• Apostrophes and Quotation Marks	238	520L	L	2.8	24	2.8
Louis's Horn	NF	• Apostrophes and Quotation Marks	206	790L	S	4.8	42	4.8
Class Meeting	Fiction	• Semicolons and Hyphens	209	580L	M	3.2	28	3.2
RMS Titanic	NF	• Semicolons and Hyphens	218	740L	R	4.4	38	4.4
The Gift	Fiction	• Parenthesis and Ellipses	248	740L	R	4.4	38	4.4
Tigers	NF	• Parenthesis and Ellipses	214	570L	M	3.2	28	3.2

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The Standards: Grade 2

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Being Responsible	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	2.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates.
Passage 2: Money, Money, Money	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	2.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates.
Passage 3: Batter Up!	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	2.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates.
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Passage 5: Class Meeting	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	2.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates.
Passage 6: RMS Titanic	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	2.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates.
Passage 7: The Gift	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	2.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: end punctuation, apostrophes in contractions, and commas with items in a series and in dates.
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The Standards: Grade 3

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Being Responsible	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	3.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series.
Passage 2: Money, Money, Money	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	3.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series.
Passage 3: Batter Up!	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	3.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series.
Passage 4: Louis's Horn	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	3.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series.
Passage 5: Class Meeting	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	3.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in contractions and possessives and commas in compound sentences and items in a series.
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Passage 1: Being Responsible	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 2: Money, Money, Money	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 3: Batter Up!	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 4: Louis's Horn	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 5: Class Meeting	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 6: RMS Titanic	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 7: The Gift	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.
Passage 8: Tigers	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including apostrophes in possessives, commas in compound sentences, and quotation marks in dialogue.

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The Standards: Grade 5

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Being Responsible	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
Passage 2: Money, Money, Money	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
Passage 3: Batter Up!	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
Passage 4: Louis's Horn	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
Passage 5: Class Meeting	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
Passage 6: RMS Titanic	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
Passage 7: The Gift	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1.A Explain the function of conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections in general and their function in particular sentences.	5.11Dx Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in compound and complex sentences, quotation marks in dialogue, and italics and underlining for titles and emphasis.
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	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Being Responsible	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 2: Money, Money, Money	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 3: Batter Up!	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 4: Louis's Horn	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 5: Class Meeting	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 6: RMS Titanic	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 7: The Gift	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.
Passage 8: Tigers	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10Dviii Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: punctuation marks, including commas in complex sentences, transitions, and introductory elements.

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Apostrophes and Quotation Marks

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: There are many types of punctuation used in texts. Apostrophes are used in 2 big ways. They show possession, like the example, *Katie's bed*. They also are used in contractions like *can't*. Quotation marks are used to show someone in the text is talking. Read the passage. Answer the questions. Take the challenge!

SAMPLE

Batter Up!

"Batter up!" shouted the umpire from behind home plate. The player before me stepped into the batter's box. I took my position in the warm-up area and choked up on the bat.

"Strike 1!" shouted the umpire after the batter missed the pitch. I felt my stomach flip. If he missed the ball, I'm never going to hit it. He's a much better hitter than me. I started to sweat, but I moved in the batting stance to practice. I watched the pitcher's eyes and his hand as he got his wind up.

"Strike 2!" hollered the umpire as the batter missed again.

"Let's go. You can do it!" I cheered from my team. He took his stance again, and I watched close. The pitcher stepped back and wound up.

"Strike 3! You're out!" yelled the umpire. My teammate hustled off the field, and it was my turn at the plate. I jogged up to the plate and bent my knees. I grabbed the bat and choked up on it. The pitcher stepped back and wound up again. I watched the ball quickly fly past me without doing anything.



"Strike 1!" screamed the umpire. I shook it off. I couldn't stand there and not swing. I needed to get into the game. The pitcher stepped off again and threw it.

I connected with the ball and couldn't believe my eyes as I rounded the bases. I hit a homerun!

Write About It: What do you think of the narrator based on what he says in the text?

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Challenge: Use the codes to identify apostrophes and quotation marks.

- blue: Apostrophes used to show possession
- red: Apostrophes used in a contraction
- green: Quotation marks used to show talking

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Multiple Choice:

Answer the following questions after reading:

1a. Apostrophes are punctuation marks used to _____ .

(a.) show someone is talking
(b.) end a sentence
(c.) show possession
(d.) both b and c.

1b. What evidence from the text includes an apostrophe that matches the answer in 1a?

(a.) "...stepped into the batter's box."
(b.) "He's a much better hitter than me."
(c.) "I watched the pitcher's eyes…"
(d.) "Let's go."

2a. Quotation marks are used to _____ .

(a.) show what the narrator is describing in the text
(b.) end a sentence
(c.) separate two big ideas
(d.) show that someone is talking

2b. Which phrase from the text includes quotation marks and is part of paragraph 4?

(a.) "Strike 1!"
(b.) "Let's go. You can do it!"
(c.) "Batter up!"
(d.) "Strike 2!"

3. What is true about apostrophes and contractions?

(a.) the apostrophe is at the end of the word
(b.) the first word is shortened
(c.) the second word is shortened
(d.) an apostrophe in not needed

Listing and Joining Commas

Name: Answer Key Date: _____

Directions: Commas tell readers to pause inside a sentence. Listing commas are used when there is a list of 3 or more details in a sentence. Joining commas are used to join two big ideas together. Joining commas are always followed by a connecting word like *and, but, or.* Read the passage. Answer the questions. Take the challenge!

Being Responsible

When I heard my bus rolling up to the stop outside, I grabbed the bag that I packed the night before. My soccer cleats, uniform, and water bottle were all neatly placed inside. I was going to be more responsible this year, so I decided to plan ahead. I would not forget anything this season. I carefully closed the door behind me, and I sprinted to my bus.

The bus ride to school was typical. John and Tim played cards in the back, and Julie and Gina scrolled through social media on their phones. I sat in an empty seat across from my friends, so I could think and also chat with them.

My mind drifted. I started a mental checklist, but I still felt like I was forgetting something. My uniform was in the bag, my cleats were in my bag, and my socks were in there too. What was I worrying about? Why was I feeling like I lost something, or I forgot something? Shin guards! Where were they?

The bus pulled into the school, and I saw Mom's car in the parking lot. She was standing by the entrance of the school, smiling, and holding my shin guards. I ran to her, and I took the shin guards. I thanked her.

I was going to be more responsible this year, or I was going to learn to play soccer without shin guards.



Write About It: Circle a sentence from the passage that includes at least one comma. Explain why each comma is used and how it helps readers.

Answer should tell why commas are used in the sentence they circled

Challenge: Use the codes to identify commas used in the text.

blue — Sentences with listing commas

red — Sentences with joining commas

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Multiple Choice:

Answer the following questions after reading:

1a. Commas are punctuation marks used to ____ .

(a.) end a sentence
(b.) separate a list of details
(c.) join two big ideas together
(d.) both b. and c.

1b. What evidence from the text includes a comma used as a listing comma?

(a.) "When I heard my bus rolling up to the stop outside, I grabbed the bag I packed last night."
(b.) "I started a mental checklist, but I still felt like I was forgetting something."
(c.) "My uniform was in the bag, my cleats were in my bag, and my socks were in there too."
(d.) "I would not forget anything this season."

2a. How many commas are found in paragraph 3?

(a.) 5 (b.) 4
(c.) 3 (d.) 1

2b. What evidence from the text includes a comma used as a joining comma?

(a.) "…door behind me, and I sprinted to my bus."
(b.) "My soccer cleats, uniform, and water bottle…"
(c.) "I thanked her."
(d.) "John and Tim played…"

3. A joining comma is almost always followed by ____ .

(a.) a new sentence
(b.) a joining word like *and*
(c.) the end mark of the sentence
(d.) a capital letter