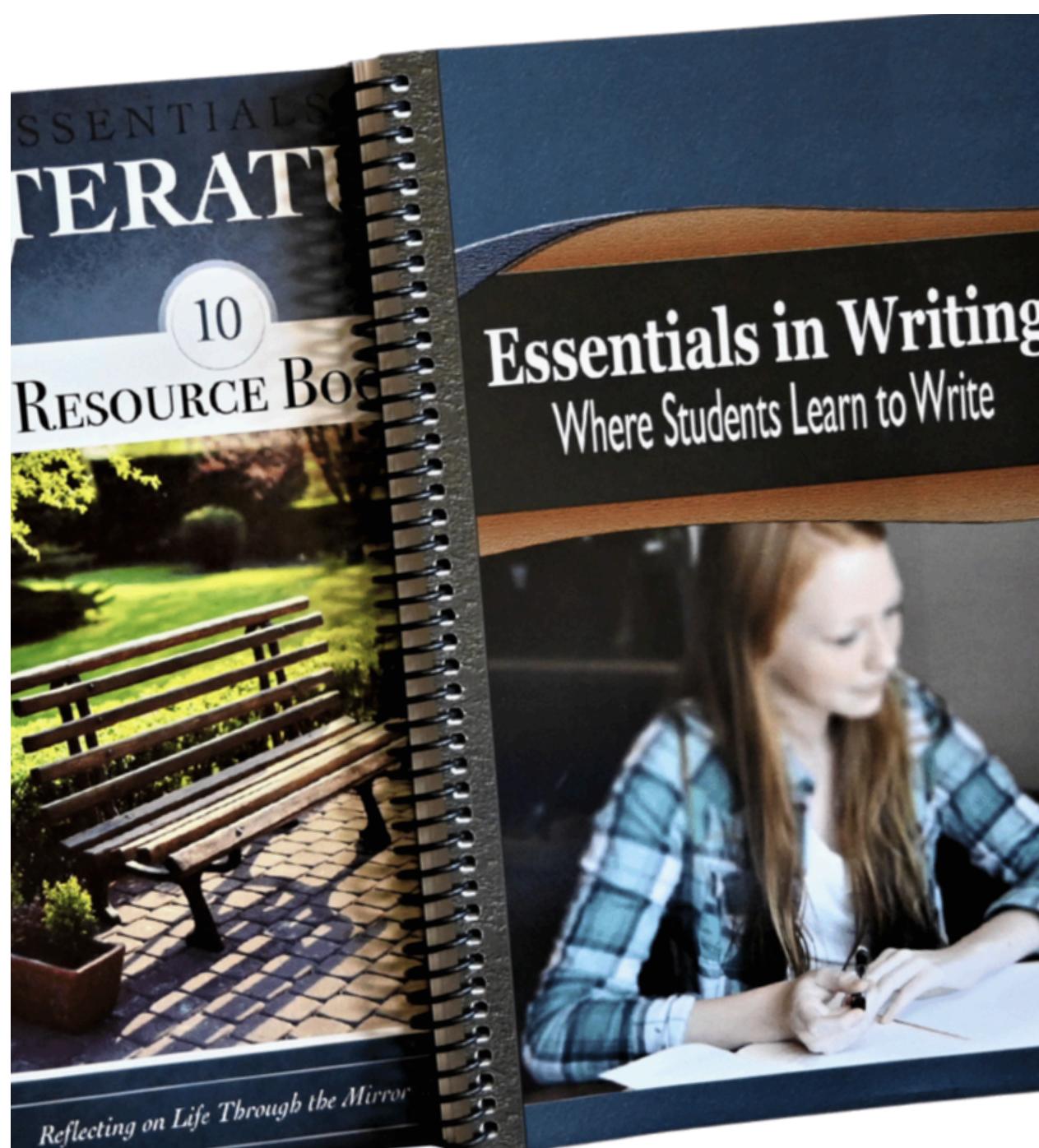




ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



Building Confident Writers with Clear, Step-by-Step Guidance

Essentials in Writing helps students develop strong writing skills through a step-by-step approach. It's perfect for families who want their kids to learn how to write clearly and effectively, from basic sentences to more complex essays. The lessons are straightforward and include plenty of examples and practice, so your child gets the support they need at their own pace. Plus, the program is designed to make writing less intimidating, with clear instructions and helpful tips to guide them through every assignment.

Whether your child is just starting to build their writing skills or looking to refine their technique, Essentials in Writing helps them grow as confident writers. It's also great for independent learning, with video lessons that guide students through each step of the writing process.

Lesson 21 – Adjectives in Action

Beware! Dangerous Words Ahead!

Sometimes adjectives are used too much in writing and speech. Using adjectives effectively is more important than using them in every sentence. Additionally, some adjectives are overused. Use a thesaurus to replace adjectives that are common or boring.

Common Adjective: The dog is big. (overused and vague)

Better Adjective: The dog is enormous. (effective adjective)

Instead of...	Try one of these...
cool	wonderful, marvelous, fantastic, incredible, terrific
happy	delighted, beaming, blissful, pleased, cheerful
nice	pleasant, charming, enjoyable, lovely, polite
small	miniature, peewee, tiny, microscopic, puny
sad	gloomy, sorrowful, tragic, glum, heartbroken

1. Use adjectives to form a clause. Place a punctuation mark (a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point) at the end of the clause. Use commas to separate clauses with a comma.

2. Use adjectives to form a sentence. Use a period at the end of the sentence.

3. Use adjectives to form a sentence. Use a period at the end of the sentence.

4. Use adjectives to form a sentence. Use a period at the end of the sentence.

5. although it took a while riding became easier

6. I am a champion rider now even though I had a rough start

7. Additionally, you might notice things you didn't see before when you hear yourself read.

Read your draft aloud, touching each word as you read.

Revised word choice
 Revised sentence structure

Quick Highlights:

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- Step-by-step lessons, from sentences to essays
- Clear examples and guided practice
- Video instruction for each concept
- Great for independent or parent-supported learning
- Builds writing confidence at any level

BCA Guides for Essentials in Writing

BCA's curriculum coordinators have created pacing guides to support families using this program.

