

Increasing Expectations: Building Writing Confidence through Groups



April Muchmore-Vokoun
Hillsborough Community College

April Muchmore-Vokoun is an Assistant Professor for the English for Academic Purposes program at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus in Tampa, Florida. She has 25 years of ESL teaching experience in intensive, college-level, and worksite study programs. Her current academic interests include reading and writing skills as well as listening-speaking strategies. April is a co-author for *Great Writing* published by National Geographic Learning and has presented nationally and internationally.



Where in the world?





Today's Goals:

- Students' Attitudes towards Writing
- Usefulness of Cooperative Lessons
- Examination of Specific Activities

Do you have a sample?



- Different Writing Style
- Insufficient Practice
- Fear of Failure

Safety in Numbers



- Creates confidence
- Improves proficiency
- Increases risk-taking

A mother grizzly bear and her cubs stop traffic on Denali's 92-mile-long Park Road in Denali National Park, Alaska, USA.

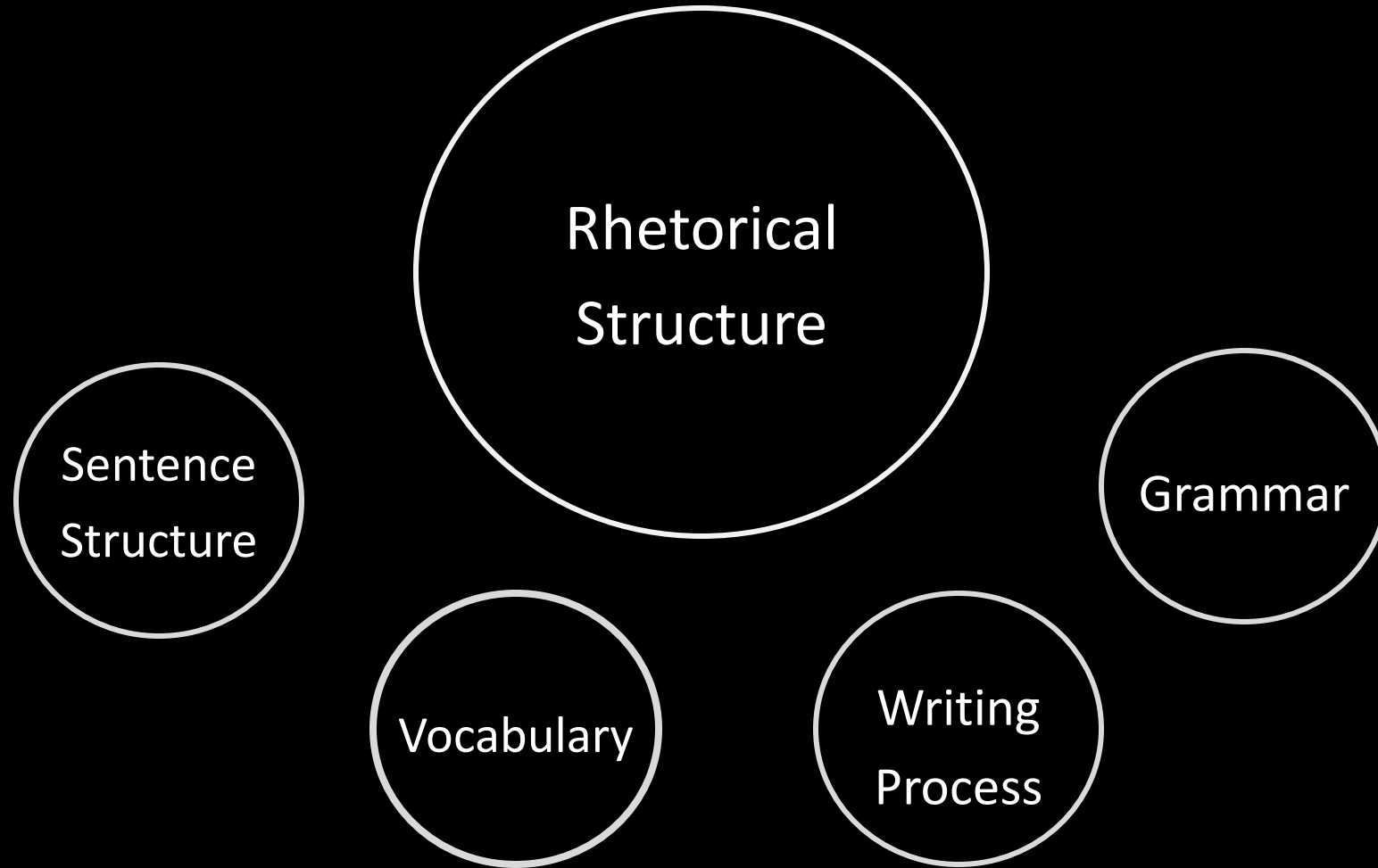
Safety in Numbers



- Partners
- Teams (3-4)
- Whole Class

A mother grizzly bear and her cubs stop traffic on Denali's 92-mile-long Park Road in Denali National Park, Alaska, USA.

Groups are good. Now what?



Brainstorming & Graphic Organizers

- Next Saturday you are going to two birthday parties. Both of them are for women. One woman is related to you, and one is not. What gifts could you buy? Make a list of five to ten suitable gifts.



Grandma	Girlfriend

Vocabulary Building

- Put the vocabulary word on one slip of paper and the definition on the other.
- Each student gets a slip and must find their partner.
- Verify the match with the instructor.
- The pair goes to the board and writes a sentence with the word.



PARAGRAPH 7.3

Math or Magic?

This math trick will amaze your friends. Your friends choose any number they want, and then they all do the same math problem. **No matter** which number they **select**, their answer will always [REDACTED]. First, tell your friends to think of a number greater than zero (e.g., 5). Next, they should **multiply** their number by itself ($5 \times 5 = 25$). After that, they should add their answer to their **original** number ($25 + 5 = 30$). Now they should **divide** their new total by their original number ($30 \div 5 = 6$). In the last steps, your friends should add 17 ($6 + 17 = 23$) and then subtract their original number from this last total ($23 - 5 = 18$). Finally, they should divide their answer by six ($18 \div 6 = 3$). The final [REDACTED] Try it on your friends. They are sure to be **impressed!**

Process Writing

Brainstorm the steps for a great cup of coffee.



What are some advantages of being on social media? Are there any disadvantages?



Young women walk and talk together after school in Bangladesh. Cultivating relationships is critical in this age of social media.

Comparison Writing



Crazy Couples: Compare Squirrels & Toddlers



ACTIVITY 18 | Scrambled sentences

Unscramble the words and phrases to write complete sentences.

1. a better exercise / over 50 / than / for people / running / swimming is

2. solution / can be / for / services / busy / grocery delivery / a / families / convenient

3. your sleep / common / a / impact / on / several / can have / activities / negative

Several common activities can have a negative impact on your sleep.

4. by people / driverless cars / over cars / have / several / distinct advantages / driven

5. apartments / on-campus housing: / of / two choices / or dorms / have / students

ACTIVITY 12 | Combining sentences

Combine the ideas into one sentence. You may change the word forms, but do not change or omit any ideas. There may be more than one answer.

1. It was exhausting.

The hikers made it to the summit.

2. The tech equipment is old.

The tech equipment is bulky.

The tech equipment is difficult to use.

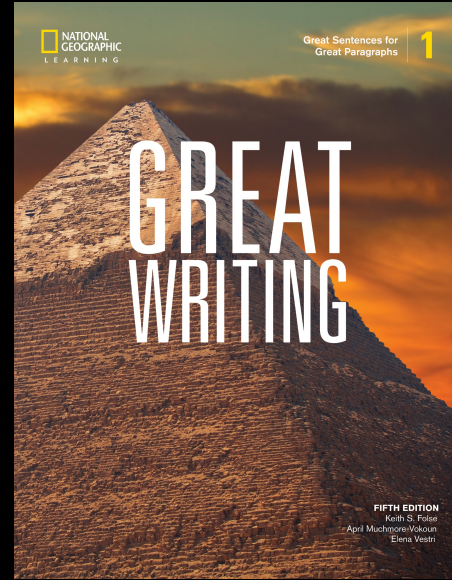
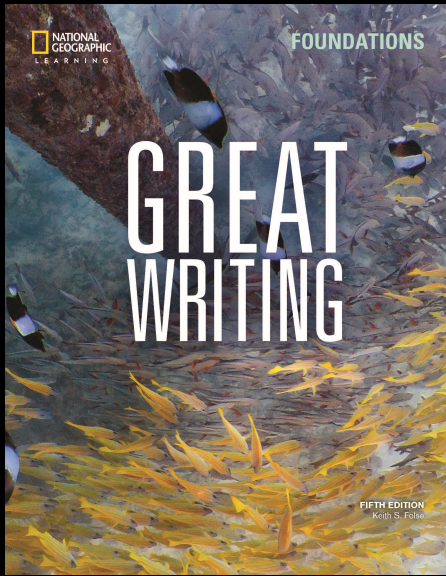
The tech equipment is in the computer lab.

The tech equipment in the computer lab is old, bulky, and difficult to use.

3. Biomedical engineering is an industry.

Biomedical engineering is fast growing.

This is especially true in Western Europe.



A scenic view of the Great Wall of China winding across mountain ridges at sunrise. The sky is a mix of soft orange, pink, and blue, with thick white mist or clouds filling the valleys between the mountains. Several watchtowers are visible, some perched on peaks and others along the wall's path. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

THANK YOU!



Join National Geographic Learning!

webinars

ELTNGL.com/webinars

in focus

ELTNGL.com/infocus

