LightUnit 7 Overview

Section 1

1. Demonstrative and Interrogative Pronouns

Pronouns that point our particular things or persons and pronouns that ask questions

2. Personal Pronouns

A review of the person, number, gender, and case of personal pronouns

3. Indefinite Pronouns; Relative Pronouns

Pronouns without a specific antecedent; singular, plural, or either Pronouns that begin adjective clauses

4. Taking Notes From a Written Source

How to take notes when reading

5. Review and Quiz 1

Section 2

6. Compound Pronouns: Reflexive and Intensive; Compound Pronouns: Usage

How to tell if a compound pronoun is reflexive or intensive

Compound pronouns should not be used in place of regular pronouns

7. Reciprocal Pronouns; Pronoun Courtesy Order

Review of reciprocal pronouns

When to use I and you in connection with other names

8. Taking Notes From a Speaker

How to take notes on a sermon or a talk

9. Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement

Number and gender agreement in pronoun usage

10. Review and Quiz 2

Section 3

11. Correct Pronoun Reference

Correcting problems where the antecedent is unclear

12. Pronouns Used with Appositives; Problem Pronoun Pairs

Making pronoun case agree with the noun with which it is used

Correct use of its, it's; your, you're; there, they're, their; and whose, who's

13. Condensing Sentences

Making writing clearer by making it more concise

14. Self Check

Review for the Test

LightUnit 8 Overview

Section 1

1. Review of Noun, Adjective, and Adverb Clauses

Working with the three types of clauses

Also reviewed: adverbials nouns; italics or quotation marks in titles

2. Types of Sentences

Review of simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences Also reviewed: verbals and verbal phrases

3. Diagramming a Compound Sentence; Diagramming a Complex Sentence

Includes a variety of complex sentences

4. Diagramming a Compound-Complex Sentence

Several types of compound-complex sentences

5. Review and Quiz 1

Section 2

6. Conjunctive Adverbs; Using Transitions

Adverbs that join two closely related thoughts, showing the relationship between them Conjunctive adverbs as transitions

7. Types of Conjunctions

Review of coordinating, correlative, and subordinating conjunctions Also reviewed: basic comma rules; compound pronouns

8. Diagramming Compound Parts of Sentences; Compound Parts and Compound Sentences

Diagramming compound subjects, verbs, direct objects, adjectives, and prepositional phrases

Distingushing between a compound sentence and a sentence with compound parts

9. Using Commas

Commas with introductory parts, appositives, multiple adjectives, quotations, coordinating conjunctions, and nonessentials.

10. Review and Quiz 2

Section 3

11. Subject-Verb Agreement

A review of various aspects of subject-verb agreement

12. Using Complete Sentences

How to correct sentence fragments, run-on sentences, and stringy sentences

13. Using Brackets; Using Apostrophes

Inserting something into a quotation, parentheses within parentheses, and editorial corrections in quotations

Correct use of apostrophe and s to show possession and for certain plurals

14. Self Check

Review for the Test

LightUnit 9 Overview

Writing a Research Paper

This LightUnit has no Looking Back sections, self check, or LightUnit Test. You will grade students on the various steps of the writing process, as well as the finished paper.

1. Choosing a Topic; Preliminary Research

Brainstorming and freewriting; considering purpose, amount of resources, and audience Becoming familiar with the subject and resources available; choose three subtopics

2. Working Bibliography

Preparing bibliography cards for sources that may be used in researching the paper

3. Thesis Statement and Preliminary Outline; How to Take Notes; Avoiding Plagiarism

A purpose statement and working outline to guide the research and writing

Using index cards to take notes

Careful documentation helps to avoid plagiarizing.

4. Specialized Sources

Almanacs, atlases, Bible commentaries and concordiances, periodicals, interviews and speeches, computers

5. Taking Notes

Students should make a bibliography card for any new sources they use.

6. Taking Notes, Continued

Sorting cards by subtopic, and concentrating on subtopics for which they have less information.

7. Taking Notes, Continued

Students should be getting their information from a variety of sources—not too much from any one source.

8. Taking Notes, Continued

Students should have at least thirty note cards.

9. Organizing Your Notes; Writing the Introduction

Students may use their cards to organize their outline, or they may use clustering. The introduction should catch the reader's attention and cause him to read on.

10. Acknowledging Your Sources; Writing the Rough Draft

How to format and credit quotations

11. Writing the Rough Draft, Continued

Getting the information onto paper for the first time

12. Writing the Conclusion; Choosing a Title

Effective conclusions

A fitting title

13. Revise and Edit

Checklists for content and grammar

Includes a sample rough draft with revision marks

14. The Final Draft

Typing and formatting the finished copy

15. The Bibliography

Making a bibliography to accompany the paper

The Teacher's Role in LighUnit 9

This LightUnit focuses entirely on writing a research paper. It includes no grammar exercises and no "Looking Back" sections. Many lessons have Teacher Checks for you to initial as students do the required work. Having your own copy of the LightUnit will help you keep abreast of what your students are doing.

Take the time to discuss students' work with them, encouraging and giving ideas where necessary. Better yet, do a research paper along with them.

Grading the Research Paper

This grading plan appears on page 29 of the LightUnit. Grade carefully and without prejudice, preferably when you are well rested and able to think clearly.

Category	Points Possible	Points Received
Preliminary Work Outline - good preliminary outline - proper format	6	
Note-taking – good notes – follow the outline	10	
Rough Draft	12	
Revising and Editing - good changes, thinking about content	10	
Final copy Correct format - title page - thesis statement and outline page - bibliography	6	
Correct punctuation, spelling, and grammar	6	
Purpose - fulfilled the thesis statement	10	
Outline - followed outline in writing paper	10	
Writing Style – good sentences – clarity and logic – interesting & creatively written	10 10 10	
Total	100	

Proofreaders' Marks

These marks appear on page 30 of the LightUnit. You may want to use them for any corrections you make on the student's paper.