



The Lantern English Co.  
The Advanced Writer

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## **Advanced Writing Skills – Syllabus**

**Course Description:** After studying grammar and mechanics, the student now has an understanding of the eight parts of speech, grammatical sentence structure, and punctuation rules; however there are still many writing skills to cover. Students in this class will learn about active vs. passive voice, logical sentence construction, faulty comparisons, mixed constructions, parallelism, misplaced and dangling modifiers, effective use of language, and concise writing.

### **Course Outline:**

**Week One:** Active vs. Passive Voice

**Week Two:** Logical Constructions

A. Basic Rules

B. Errors of Shift

**Week Three:** Pronoun Agreement & Reference

**Week Four:** Faulty Comparisons

**Week Five:** Structure Errors

A. Mixed Constructions

B. Parallel Structure

**Week Six:** Misplaced & Dangling Modifiers

**Week Seven:** Improving Writing Voice

A. Effective Use of Language

B. Concise Writing

**Week Eight:** Final Review



## Advanced Writing Skills – Grading Outline

*Advanced Writing Skills* will be graded based on the number of answers in each assignment. Because most of the assignments are technical, they will be graded similar to a test or quiz. For example, if the student must change ten verb tenses in an assignment and misses two, the student would receive an 80% on that assignment.

As there are numerous assignments in each lesson, the total number of required answers per lesson will be added up. Any incorrect answers will be subtracted from the score, and the grade will be given accordingly. For example, if there are 50 answers in a lesson, and a student misses 4, the grade is as follows:

$$50 - 4 = 46 \text{ points}$$

$$46/50 = 92\%$$

Course Components	Percentage of Final Grade
Weekly Assignments	70%
Final Test	30%

### EXAMPLE

assignment grades: 70, 80, 90, 75, 87, 92, 94, 86 = 84%

average test grade: 94 %

$$.84 \times 70 = 58.8$$

$$.94 \times 30 = 28.2$$

**FINAL GRADE: 87%**