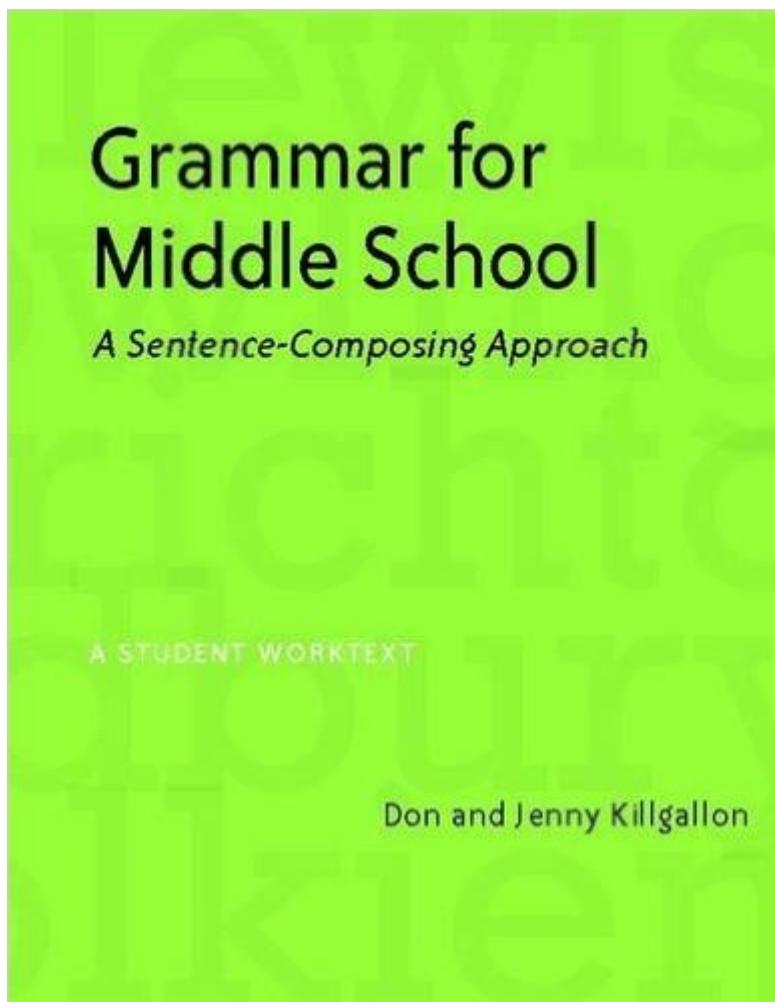


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# Grammar For Middle School: A Sentence-Composing Approach--A Student Worktext



## Synopsis

Don and Jenny Killgallon's sentence-composing approach has transformed how writing is taught in thousands of language arts classes, helping students all across America become more proficient, sophisticated writers. Now the Killgallons use their highly effective method for a unique, powerful textbook that links good writing to that perennially difficult-to-teach subject-grammar. *Grammar for Middle School: A Sentence-Composing Approach* gives your students the chance to absorb and replicate the grammatical structures used by some of the best writers of our times. Included among the over 150 authors, 200 titles, and 400 model sentences in *Grammar for Middle School* are award-winning young-adult literature such as Cynthia Voigt's *Homecoming*, popular favorites like J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*, and curricular staples such as John Steinbeck's *The Red Pony* and *The Pearl*. Fourteen grammatical structures are developed in the same predictable, understandable manner, using the sentence-composing approach. When students first encounter a tool, it is clearly defined and characterized. Then it's practiced through five activities: matching, unscrambling, combining, imitating, and expanding. Finally, a creative writing activity immerses students in the composition or revision of a paragraph through independent use of the sentence-composing tools they have already learned. Best of all, after each section, review activities—which can be easily graded as unit or final tests—offer opportunities for students to bring it all together and build better sentences. An online teacher's guide accompanies *Grammar for Middle School* and includes advice, tips, resources, answer keys, and even curricular plans for teachers who are either new to the Killgallon approach or sentence-composing veterans. No one can forge the link between grammar and writing like Don and Jenny Killgallon. Discover for yourself or rediscover how powerful the sentence-composing approach can be, and watch as your students get grammar like never before—and write better sentences too. [FREE TEACHER'S BOOKLET \(DOWNLOAD\)](#) [FREE TEACHER'S BOOKLET \(MAILED PRINT COPY\)](#)

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## Customer Reviews

Grammar for Middle School has worked quite well for my high school students. I work in an urban school district where students' skills are generally several years below grade-level, so this book is definitely appropriate for them. It has nice scaffolding, and corresponds better with their high school sentence composing book (the small, purple one).

I have tutored children in writing and English for 8 years. I was looking for books that I could use to help my students work on writing and have used other workbooks, but this one has exceeded my expectations. Grammar For Middle School helped my kids develop their writing skills and learn to manipulate parts of speech to create their own voice. I have ordered multiple copies through the past few years and it has always been a helpful tool.

This book is well done and will be of use in my classroom. Despite one reviewer's critiques, there aren't any problems with the pluperfect tense.

This is a terrific book for my tutee who is just entering high school. From kindergarten through the sixth grade, he was in ESL classes in which the teachers and aides spoke Spanish to him. He is now in desperate need of help in his English oral and composition skills. This book will certainly help.

This book provides a creative way to get students to recognize the importance and impact of sentence variety. I haven't used it in class yet, but I read through it this summer, and I'm anxious to use it once I know the foundational grammar concepts are set.

This is a great support for the regular grammar program. My students are responding well to this

approach. This way to teach writing makes a perfect sense!

Excellent ideas for improving writing at the 7th grade level.

As an 8th grade teacher, I hated teaching grammar before I found this. Practical, useful, and saves me from teaching rules in isolation. Definitely recommend!

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