

Writing Strategies to Support Adult Learners

I want to share some tips on how you can help your students' writing. To assist students effectively, consider the following strategies:

- **Sentence Construction:** Encourage students to write basic and simple sentences using vocabulary we've covered in class. Begin with short and controlled sentences for low level learners to build confidence.
- **Vocabulary Building:** Encourage students to memorize 10 words from the textbook each week. During tutoring sessions, you can conduct dictation exercises to reinforce spelling and word recognition.
- **Use of Flashcards:** In class, we use flashcards to teach sight words. Implementing this method can aid in her spelling and vocabulary retention.
- **Grammar Practice:** We've been learning about tenses and subject-verb agreement. Encourage students to write their own sentences to practice these rules. Occasionally copying sentences in the textbook can also help beginners grasp sentence structure.
- **Writing Mechanics:** Emphasize the importance of punctuation, vocabulary choice, spelling, and paragraph structure. These components are integral to developing strong writing skills.
- **Regular Writing Practice:** Suggest that students maintain a diary, writing entries once or twice a week if they are at intermediate level and above. Providing feedback on these entries will help her improve over time.

I hope these tips are helpful for you and your students.