

How to Help your Child with Mechanics (DOL)

Our Daily Oral Language program focuses on many of the mechanics of writing—capitals, punctuation, grammar, and spelling. If your child is having difficulty with these skills, here are a few suggestions on how to help them at home.

- Make up silly sentences, leaving out the punctuation, capitals, and correct spelling. Have your child correct the sentences.
- Have your child try to “stump” you by making up silly sentences. Miss some of the corrections and have your child “stump” you by correctly identifying them.
- Write short paragraphs about upcoming events or family activities. Have your child edit them and make corrections. Have your child write their own paragraphs in a journal about activities. Have them check themselves for corrections.
- Help your child practice editing their homework. This could be the spelling sentences, reading answers, and writing.