

The purpose of **DAILY GRAMS: GUIDED REVIEW AIDING MASTERY SKILLS - GRADE 5** is to provide students with **daily** review of their language. Review of concepts helps to promote **mastery learning**.

This particular text offers more "teaching" than some *Daily Grams* books. However, *this text is not a teaching text*; it has been specifically designed for review. As in other *Daily Grams* texts, concepts are usually repeated within twenty-five to thirty days.

### **FORMAT**

Note that each page is set up in this manner:

1. Sentence #1 always contains **capitalization**.
2. In sentence #2, students insert needed **punctuation**. You may want students to write this sentence, adding proper punctuation.
3. Numbers 3 and 4 address **general concepts**. You may wish to replace one of these items with material you are currently studying, especially if the concept provided has not yet been introduced.
4. Analogies, spelling rules, and compound/complex sentences are introduced and reviewed in #5.
5. Number 6 is always a **sentence combining**. Using sentences given, students will write a more intricate sentence. This helps students to develop higher levels of writing. If you feel that the sentences given are too difficult, simply delete parts or replace them.

**Note:** An excellent teaching text for this level is *Easy Grammar: Grades 5 and 6*. To teach higher level sentence structures, *Easy Writing* is suggested. See the back of this text.

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is designed as a guided review. There are 180 "GRAMS" in this book, one review per teaching day. **DAILY GRAMS** will take approximately **10 minutes** total time; this includes both completing and grading. (Do not be concerned if this takes slightly longer.)

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. Students should be **trained** to do "GRAMS" immediately upon entering the classroom. Therefore, "GRAMS" should be copied, written on the chalkboard, or placed on a transparency for use with an overhead projector. (The projector may need to be adjusted to enlarge the print.)
2. Students will finish at different rates. Two ideas are suggested:
  - A. Students read when finished.
  - B. Students write in daily journals.
3. Go over the answers orally as a class. Discuss answers. (Examples: Why is *Hispanic* capitalized? What is the rule for showing possession with any singular noun?)
4. In making students accountable for this type of activity, you may wish to take a quiz grade occasionally.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

1. Make transparencies and file them. These can be used each year. Simply draw that day's "GRAMS" from your file.
2. You may choose to purchase a **workbook** for each student or to make copies for each student. A transparency is still needed. Students usually learn more by **seeing** the answers.
3. Allow students to use a dictionary, if necessary, to complete analogies.
4. Solicit as much student response as possible. Keep the lesson lively!
5. If possible, allow students to write sentence combinations on the board. Use this for class "editing" and **praise!**
6. As one progresses through this book, some of the sentence combinations become longer and more complex. This may necessitate an adaptation to your own teaching style and to your students' needs.

**Note:** Student **workbooks** are available and will save you valuable time. These contain the same daily reviews as the teacher text. The introductory pages and the answers are not included in the workbooks.