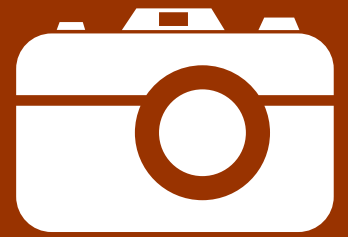


GRAMMATICAL SUBJECTS



The grammatical subject designates the focus of a sentence.

Maintaining a consistent grammatical subject throughout a paragraph, a section, or even an entire document keeps the discussion on topic.

ORIGINAL

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ASSESSMENT: Although each sentence has *something* to do with writing, different grammatical subjects shift the focus with every sentence, making the paragraph sound “choppy”...

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SUGGESTION. To enhance cohesion, decide which topic is most important and revise sentences to maintain a consistent focus, as the following revision options demonstrate.

REVISION OPTION 1: FOCUS ON **WRITING**

Writing is important. In fact, writing effectively can help people excel in school and in the workforce. Although students increasingly prefer other subject matter, writing should be taught in multiple classes, regardless of the time or resources it takes. After all, writing well can make it easier to get and keep a job.

REVISION OPTION 2: FOCUS ON **SCHOOLS**

Schools should promote the importance of writing. Because those who can write effectively often excel in school and in the workforce, schools should offer multiple writing classes. Schools should also devote time and other resources to helping students learn how to write. In doing so, schools can help students find and keep job.

REVISION OPTION 3: FOCUS ON **STUDENTS**

Students should value writing, because students who can write well often excel in school and in the workforce. Although they may prefer other subject matter, student should take multiple writing classes. If necessary, students also should advocate for time and resources that can help them learn to write. In doing so, they can better prepare to get and keep a job.

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