

# Supplemental Aid: GRAMMAR & MECHANICS RULES

Supplemental aids are paper-based resources that assist students in recalling information. Supplemental aids should be chosen based on the student's needs and used consistently in instruction and assessment. Start with providing a completed version of the grammar and mechanics rules during instruction. Guide the student with prompts (verbal, written, visual) while they practice the new skill. As the student becomes more proficient, use increasingly complex questions for them to answer. When the student has mastered more challenging questions with the grammar and mechanics rules, slowly remove the examples. Continue this process until the student can routinely, independently, and effectively answer questions using the grammar and mechanics rules without examples. At this stage, the student is ready to use the allowable supplemental aid on the state assessment.

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Two adjectives that tell about the same noun	Sabrina is a clever, smart girl.
Between words in a series	Dylan likes pizza, hamburgers, and ice cream.
Before a direct quotation	"I know," answered Mary.
After a short introductory phrase	After all that candy, nobody was hungry for cake.
In a compound sentence	I want hamburgers, but Lois wants pizza.

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Add es to nouns that end in ch, sh, s, x, or z	bench – benches    dish – dishes    box – boxes
For nouns that end in y with a consonant before the y, change the y to i and add es	candy – candies    puppy – puppies
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