

# PLATO<sup>®</sup> Intermediate Writing Process and Practice

**Grade Level:** 7–9  
**Target Audience:** Middle/High School/Adult  
**Audio Support:** Yes

## Product Features

- 49 discrete learning objectives
- Two courses: Writing Strategies and Grammar & Mechanics
- Offline activities for the Writing Strategies components
- Rubrics to evaluate writing
- Real life scenarios and sources of information
- Tutorials, application, mastery tests, and offline activities
- Audio support in the tutorial
- Interactive glossary and notebook

## Product Benefits

- Follows NCTE and McREL guidelines
- Demonstrates writing strategies using a “think aloud” approach
- Teaches learner to write for different audiences and purposes
- Teaches conventions of written language that aid communication
- Promotes critical thinking skills
- Develops confidence in writing
- Helps learner meet high-stake tests requirements

## Online Tools

Notebook—allows learner to type, save, and print notes

Glossary—provides definition of terms (Grammar and Mechanics only)

## Menu Icons

Jump—allows learner to move to the following components: objective, study, practice, and certificate (Grammar and Mechanics)

Jump—allows learner to move to the following components: writer, objective, study, strategy, map, and certificate (Writing Strategies)

Refresh—allows learner to refresh the screen

Help—allows learner to repeat the module

Transcript—allows learner to view and listen to a transcript read by a narrator

Audio—allows learner to turn audio off and on

Left arrow—allows learner to return to the previous screen

Right arrow—allows learner to proceed to the next screen

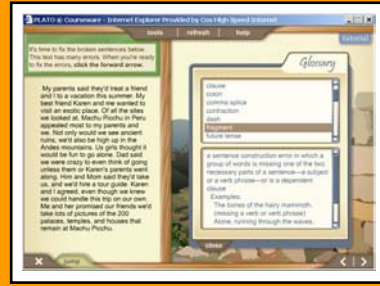
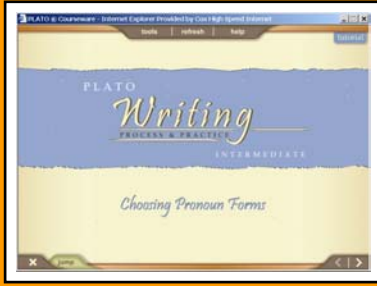
Exit—allows learner to stop an exit the module

## Reference Materials (Refer to PLATO Documentation CD)

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Intermediate Writing Process and Practice

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Intermediate Writing Process and Practice—Offline Activities

PLATO Curriculum Guide—Intermediate Writing Process and Practice—Implementation Models



## Getting Started

- Refer to the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Intermediate Writing Process and Practice to review the implementation components and models.
- Preview the Writing Strategies and Grammar & Mechanics courseware modules.

## Lesson Progression

### Writing Strategies

- Tutorial 1—teaches background concepts and links strategies to real world scenarios.
- Tutorial 2— teaches the writing strategy.
- Tutorial 3—extends the writing strategy and exposes common misconceptions.
- Offline Activity—provides a writing assignment to check understanding of the strategy.

### Grammar & Mechanics

- Tutorial—introduces and teaches grammar and mechanic concepts (not scored).
- Application—reinforces grammar and mechanic concepts covered in the tutorial (scored).
- Mastery Test—includes random questions to assess mastery of concept (scored).

## Assessment

- Assign the mastery test as a pretest to determine placement in Grammar & Mechanics.
- Use the offline activities to identify learning gaps relative to the concepts taught.
- Use a state or local assessment to further identify and prioritize instructional needs.

## Implementation Strategies

Use the following implementation models described in the PLATO Curriculum Guide—Intermediate Writing Process and Practice to effectively incorporate the writing strategies:

- Document Centered
- Pre-Teaching
- Computer Sequenced
- Collaborative Learning
- Class Demonstration
- Teacher Training

## Evaluation

- Generate reports to track learner progress and measure gains.
- Discuss report data with learner to determine next steps.
- Collect and evaluate learner portfolios that include writing samples.
- Use offline activities and rubric as an extension exercise to evaluate learner performance.

## Extension Exercises

- Direct the learner to create mini-lessons and model the “think-aloud” approach to explain the writing strategy used.
- Set up a peer review to model writing strategies in small groups.
- As a follow up, schedule a conference with individual learners to review and evaluate written responses.

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Curriculum  
Structure

Curriculum



Intermediate  
Writing  
Process and  
Practice

Course



Grammar and  
Mechanics  
(Level HH)

Module



Choosing  
Pronoun  
Forms

Tutorial

Application

Mastery Test