

Grammar and Writing Mini Lessons Curriculum Map

Quick two-page lessons to improve students' grammar and writing skills.

Grammar and Writing Skills

- Activities to practice and reinforce vocabulary development, spelling, grammar, punctuation and creative writing.
- Skills are based on the Canadian curriculum.
- Answers are included with each lesson.

Lesson Topic and the Skills Covered:

Lesson 1: Pure Maple Syrup - Identifying and Writing Kinds of Sentences

Lesson 2: An Amazing Escape Artist – Identifying Simple/Compound Sentences and Writing Compound Sentences

Lesson 3: Timber - Identifying Conjunctions and Using Conjunctions in Sentences

Lesson 4: The Phantom of Percé Rock - Identifying Prepositions and Using Prepositions in Sentences

Lesson 5: The Town That Moved - Identifying Adjectives/Adverbs and Identifying and Using Homonyms

Lesson 6: Ouch! My Aching Tooth! - Using “its” or “it’s” and Using “Can” or “May” and Expressing Ideas in Written Form

Lesson 7: The Travelling Shoemaker – Using Homonyms: “they’re, their, there” and Using Adjectives: “this, these”

Lesson 8: The Strongest Man in the World – Capitalization and Using the Comma

Lesson 9: The McIntosh Apple – Using Quotation Marks and Using Abbreviations

Lesson 10: Ah-h-h! That Feels Better! - Using Interrogative Words and Identifying Imperative Sentences

Lesson 11: Hello! Hello! Hello! - Identifying, Kinds of Sentences and Expressing Ideas in Written Form and Identifying Exclamatory Sentences

Lesson 12: Graveyard of the Atlantic - Identifying and Writing Kinds of Sentences

Lesson 13: How Cheesy! - Identifying Punctuation and Proofreading

Lesson 14: Billy Bishop – Proof Reading

Lesson 15: Light Up Our World – Writing Kinds of Sentences

Lesson 16: Go Girl! - Writing Kinds of Sentences

The Strongest Man in the World

One of the strongest men in the world was a policeman named Louis Cyr. He was born in Montreal in 1863. He defended his world title in many contests. Some of these contests were held as far away as Europe. There are many stories of Louis Cyr's outstanding strength. He could lift a platform with four horses standing on it. He could place a barrel of cement on his shoulder with one hand or pick up 225 kg with one finger. One story says that he once held a pair of horses to a standstill --- and they were pulling in opposite directions!



A. Punctuation

Capitalization:

We use **capital letters** for:

- the first word in a sentence
- proper nouns
- titles
- days, months, holidays, events

Rewrite the following sentences by using capitalization correctly.

1. one of the strongest men in the world was a policeman named louis cyr.

2. he was born in montreal in 1863. he defended his world title in many contests.

3. some of these contests were held as far away as europe.





The Strongest Man in the World

B. Punctuation: Commas

We use a **comma** to

- separate words or phrases in a series
- separate adjectives before a noun
- after **yes**, **no** or **someone's name** when it is the first word in a sentence.
- to set apart a direct quotation



Add **commas** where needed in the following sentences.

1. Louis Cyr was a policeman a strong man and a proud Canadian.
2. Yes he won contests as far away as Europe.
3. A reporter asked " How was it possible to hold those horses so still?"
4. Louis Cyr was strong brave and daring!



C. Using Your Ideas



Pretend that you are among a group of reporters at one of the Strong Man contests that Louis Cyr entered and won.

You are allowed to ask him only five questions.

Write your questions on the lines below.

1.	_____

2.	_____

3.	_____

4.	_____

5.	_____



The Strongest Man in the World

- A.** 1. One of the strongest men in the world was a policeman named **Louis Cyr**. 2. **He** was born in **Montreal** in 1863. **He** defended his world title in many contests. 3. **Some** of these contests were held as far away as **Europe**.
- B.** 1. Louis Cyr was a policeman, a strong man and a proud Canadian. 2. Yes, he won contests as far away as Europe. 3. A reporter asked, "How is it possible to hold those horses so still?" 4. Louis Cyr was strong, brave and daring! **C.** Answers will vary.