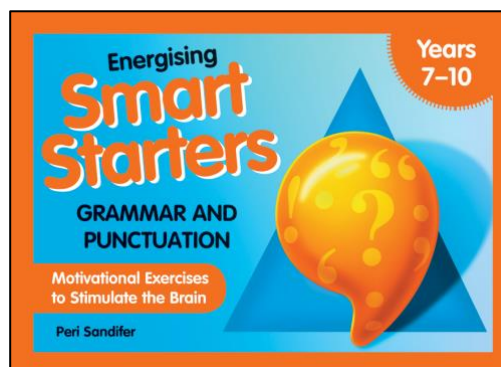


Energising Smart Starters – Grammar and Punctuation: Motivational Exercises to Stimulate the Brain

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Summary

Short on time, but not on substance, Smart Starter activities will warm up brains and quick-start classroom action. The high-interest activities are grouped by skill sets to be used to begin a unit, review a concept, expand into a larger lesson or just make every moment in the classroom a learning moment. Each Smart Starter can be completed in a few minutes to provide the satisfaction of quick success and focus minds for further learning.

Kick-Off a New Unit

The starters are grouped by general topics and skill areas. One or more might help to ease students into a new area of study. For instance, start off a unit on learning about pronouns with *Let's Agree* or *It Is Definitely Indefinite!*

Spark a Longer Lesson

Any of these short activities can be expanded. A starter may inspire your students to develop questions or examples along the same lines or to expand the warm-up into a full-blown writing project. The concrete poetry project is a good example.

Review a Concept

Dust off those rusty skills with a Smart Starter. For instance: Are your students using misplaced and dangling modifiers? Refresh and deepen what they know about word order and meaning with *I Misplaced It!*

Charge-Up Thinking Skills & Ignite Creativity

Smart Starters are not only for English. Use them anytime to stimulate minds. Doing a Smart Starter will sharpen thinking processes and challenge brains. In addition, Smart Starters work well as starting points for students to create other similar questions and problems.

Other Resources

- *Energising Smart Starters – Vocabulary: Motivational Exercises to Stimulate the Brain* (INA2618)
- *Energising Smart Starters – Humanities and Social Sciences: Motivational Exercises to Stimulate the Brain* (INA2571)
- *Energising Smart Starters – Science: Motivational Exercises to Stimulate the Brain* (INA2625)
- *Energising Smart Starters – Writing Prompts: Motivational Exercises to Stimulate the Brain* (INA2588)
- *Energising Smart Starters –Pre-Algebra: Motivational Exercises to Stimulate the Brain* (INA2601)