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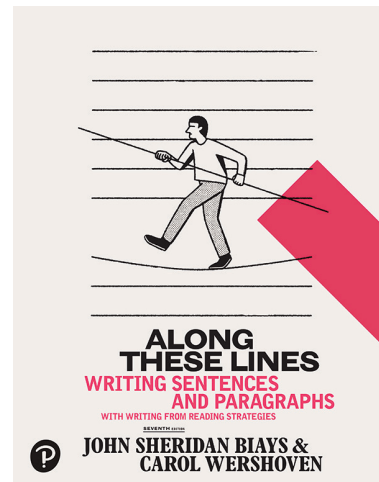
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# Preface for Instructors

Students need more help than ever in becoming proficient writers and effective communicators. We applaud your ongoing commitment to helping developing writers become confident learners, and we remain extremely grateful for your ongoing trust in our work.

*Along These Lines: Writing Sentences and Paragraphs with Writing from Reading Strategies, 7/e*, retains the intensive grammar coverage and writing process instruction that adopters have praised, and the self-contained chapters provide a flexible framework that can easily be adapted for a host of learning styles and instructional preferences. Many caring reviewers have offered insightful, practical, and creative revision suggestions, and thanks to their collective wisdom, this updated edition is the most engaging and visually appealing text to date. We hope you'll agree and that this updated edition serves you well in your quest to educate those students who aspire for a college degree and the promise that it offers.

## NEW FEATURES AND ENHANCEMENTS IN THE SEVENTH EDITION

- **Grammar chapters have been clarified and streamlined** where needed.
- **More critical thinking boxes** have been added to the writing chapters to encourage students to develop the role critical thinking plays in writing and reading.
- **Significant improvements have been made to the Readings**, including the incorporation of many new readings on current and interesting topics and one more reading than in the last edition. The new readings include several short writing selections, two essays written by students, a selection from literature, and a new multi-mode essay.
- **Improved questions and writing prompts have been added to support the Readings.** These new questions and writing prompts better differentiate between reading comprehension and opportunities for discussion.
- **New, current, and engaging exercises and writing prompts** on topics interesting to students have been included in every chapter.
- **New Appendix on the Basics of College Research** has been added to this edition. It is designed to give students the basics about how to conduct library and Internet research and to help students better evaluate the credibility and trustworthiness of online sources.

## POPULAR FEATURES RETAINED

Based on positive feedback from current adopters and new reviewers, the following popular and distinctive features have been retained:

### The Grammar Chapters

- Grammar concepts taught step-by-step, as in “Two Steps to Check for Sentence Fragments”
- A “Quick Question” opener in each chapter that provides an incentive for students to preview a chapter’s content
- Three types of grammar exercises: **Practice** (simple reinforcement), **Collaborate** (partner or group work), and **Connect** (“in context” application of a grammar principle to a paragraph requiring revision and/or editing)
- A Chapter Test at the end of chapters, ideal for class review or quick quizzes

### The Writing Chapters

- Visually appealing and easy-to-follow checklists and “Info Boxes” that guide students through the writing process and help them grasp basic principles and patterns
- Examples of an outline, draft, and final version of a formal assignment
- A “Walk-Through” writing assignment at the end of each chapter that guides students, step-by-step, through the stages of the writing process
- Numerous, timely writing topics that promote critical-thinking skills and spark collaborative or individual assignments

### The Reading Sections

- A separate “Writing from Reading” chapter providing instruction on prereading strategies, marking a selection, taking notes, summarizing, and reacting to a writer’s premise, and writing timed papers for in-class tests
- Carefully selected readings grouped in a separate appendix for easy reference
- Writing options, including critical-thinking topics, inspired by a reading selection’s content and designed to elicit informed, reasoned responses

### Throughout the Text

- Engaging teaching tips in the *Annotated Instructor’s Edition*, including tips tailored for English language learners and special emphasis on interactive class activities

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