

Writing Strategies

Strategy #1: Because, But, So

Kim plants the lima bean seeds **because** _____

Kim plants the lima bean seeds, **but** _____

Kim plants the lima bean seeds, **so** _____

Strategy #2: Subordinating Conjunctions:

Time	Contrast	Cause/Result	Concession	Contingency
before when while until since after	whereas while rather than	because since due to the fact that in order that so that	although even though though despite the fact that	if once provided that unless as long as otherwise

Even though it was cold and windy, _____

Since Kim has never met her father, _____

Strategy #3: Appositives

An **appositive** is . . .

- (a) a second noun, or a phrase or clause equal to a noun, that is placed beside another noun to explain it more fully.
- (b) usually placed next to the noun it describes

For example:

New York City, the largest city in the United States, is a major tourist attraction.

Directions: Match each noun with the appositive that best describes it.

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| _____ 1. Kim | a. Kim's project to honor her father |
| _____ 2. Lima beans | b. author of <i>Seedfolks</i> |
| _____ 3. Paul Fleischman | c. a nine year old Vietnamese girl |

Directions: Choose one (1) of the matching items from the "Appositives" section above and form a complete sentence using both parts.

Strategy #4: Kernel Expansion

Directions: Expand the following KERNEL using these question words.

Kernel: *She planted them.*

Who:

What:

Where:

When:

How/Why:

Expanded Sentence:

Start with WHEN it happened

Revise:

Strategy #5: Sentence Parameters

Vocabulary:

- **vacant** - something not filled, used or lived in

Questions With Parameters:

On page 3, Kim says, "I must show my bravery." Why does Kim need to show her bravery? Use ***vacant*** in your answer.

Why is it so important to Kim that her beans **thrive**? Answer in one beautiful sentence and begin with ***Due to the fact that . . .***

What is the central idea of "Kim"? Explain in one carefully wrought sentence.

After discussing the first 4 monologues in *Seedfolks*, summarize what you know about the garden in ONE sentence!

Revise one sentence from above by crossing out all unnecessary words.

Stretch It:

Why is it so important to Kim that her beans **thrive**? Answer in one beautiful sentence using a **subordinating conjunction**, an **appositive**, and the word ***vacant*** in your answer.
