

Grade Level / Content Area:	<i>Grade 3-5 / ELA</i>
Standards:	<i>CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.W.4.2</i>
Concept/Topic to Teach:	<i>Writing / How-To Writing</i>

I. Getting students set to learn

Step 1: Review -- Review introducing topics clearly, grouping related information, adding illustrations or other multimedia to aid in comprehension, and using sequencing words effectively.

Step 2: Anticipatory Set -- Play a short game where partners take turns building a small structure (with just 3-4 HyPars) and describe the structure to their partner to see if they can build an identical match. Afterwards discuss, “Did your partner’s structure match yours?” “What descriptions helped?” “Which parts were confusing?”

Step 3: Objective -- Students will write an explanatory text to clearly convey steps for building their HyPar structure. Students will write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

II. Instruction

Step 4: Input and Modeling -- Have a simple structure already built, or build one together, and model how you would write an informational paragraph, using sequencing words, to explain the steps.

III. Checking for understanding

Step 5: Checking Understanding -- Go through the teacher modeled text and highlight sequencing words and other parts that helped build an effective explanatory text.

Step 6: Guided Practice -- Place students in groups (2-4 students) and have each group build one HyPar structure. Groups then work together to an explanatory paragraph, explaining how to build their structure. Groups then switch pieces of writing and see if they can build the structure based on the directions given. Afterward, have groups give each other constructive feedback. If they could build the structure correctly, what words and phrases helped? If they were not able to build the structure, what was the confusing part? Groups can then take their feedback and try again (if needed).

IV. Independent practice

Step 7: Independent Practice -- Students individually build a HyPars structure and write a paragraph explaining how to build it.