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Fragment Activities:
- help students understand concept of a complete sentence and discern sentence boundaries
- help students understand the meanings of subjects, predicates and prepositional phrases
- encourage careful reading

Sentence-Type Activities:
- enable students to vary sentence structure
- provide one way to develop and improve concluding sentences
- encourage students to formulate questions

Developing questions:
- encourages students to think about the important features in text
- encourages careful reading and analytical thinking
- helps students to focus on the key elements
- provides practice in understanding and using expository terms
- helps students anticipate what questions they may be asked

Conjunction Activities:
- promote extended responses
- encourage analytical and deeper thinking about text
- foster close reading
- provide practice using new vocabulary words
- develop ability to craft linguistically complex sentences using written rather than oral language conventions
- enhance reading comprehension by familiarizing students with more complex syntax and sentence structure

> **The Hochman Method strategies are used to check students' comprehension and deepen their understanding of the content they are learning.**

These lists are not exhaustive; there are several additional strategies and associated benefits.

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Using appositives:
- provides another option for writing and improving topic and concluding sentences, together with sentence types and subordinating conjunctions
- enables students to vary sentence structure
- allows students to include more information and adds complexity
- improves reading comprehension
- promotes formal written language style
- encourages careful reading

Sentence expansion:
- enables students to anticipate what a reader needs to know and to provide that information
- teaches note-taking strategies (key words, symbols, abbreviations)
- enables students to craft written language structures
- develops the ability to summarize prepares student to revise more effectively

Sentence-combining:
- teaches grammar & usage effectively
- allows students to see various options for crafting complex sentences
- exposes students to varied writing structures
- enhances syntactic flexibility

Planning using an outline:
- enables students to visualize beginning, middle, and end of a paragraph or composition
- helps them distinguish between essential and non-essential material
- encourages placing information in logical order
- prevents repetition
- improves ability to stick with the topic
- promotes analytical thinking

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Summarizing:
• boosts reading comprehension
• generates concise and accurate responses to questions
• maintains focus on the main idea and supporting details
• helps students learn to paraphrase
• enables students to synthesize information from multiple sources
• allows students to analyze information
• develops the ability to make generalizations
• helps students recall the material they're learning
• provides a comprehension check

Using transitions:
• shows the relationship between ideas
• provides connections between sentences, paragraphs and sections
• provides cues for the reader about how to react, think about the writing or process the information presented
• helps the reader see the relationships between the main idea and the support presented for it
• provides additional information to a reader
• signals examples of textual evidence

Creating Multiple Paragraph Outlines
• develops organizational skills
• categorizes information
• produces and sequences expository, narrative and argumentative text structures
• supports adherence to a particular topic, purpose and point of view
• avoids repetition and irrelevant information
• crafts cogent introductions and conclusions
• helps students take notes efficiently
• transitions between ideas and paragraphs

Writing argumentative essays:
• develops analytical and logical thinking skills
• distinguishes reliable sources from unreliable ones, especially online
• improves organizational skills
• cites textual evidence effectively
• assesses the difference between good and weak arguments

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