

Power Writing in Math Class

(1) Power 1: Main Idea

(2) Power 2: Major Detail to Explain or Support Main Idea

- ◇ first, second, third, lastly, finally, one of, another
- ◇ likewise, others, moreover, in addition, also, next, besides that, still others

(3) Power 3: Minor Detail to Explain a Major Detail

- ◇ for example, for instance, namely, specifically, to be specific, like, currently
- ◇ in such cases, in the same manner, because of this, in other words
- ◇ this can be explained by, this can be clarified by

(4) Power 4: Concluding Sentence

- ◇ in conclusion, this is why, in summary, these are the reasons

Examples

Basic Power Writing Paragraph:

(1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 4)

(1) There are many methods to use to solve word problems. (2) One method is the guess and check method. (2) Another method is to make a chart or table. (2) A third method is to make an equation. (4) In summary, these are some of the easier methods to use to solve word problems.

Detailed Power Writing Paragraph:

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(1) There are many methods to use to solve word problems. (2) One method is the guess and check method. (3) In other words, this method involves trial and error. (2) Another method is to make a chart or table. (3) You must organize your ideas for this one. (2) A third method is to make an equation. (3) In an equation, you will have to use a variable for your unknown. (4) In summary, these are some of the easier methods to use to solve word problems.

Extended Power Writing Paragraph:

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(1) There are many methods to use to solve word problems. (2) One method is the guess and check method. (3) In other words, this method involves trial and error. (3) If one solution doesn't work, then you try another. (2) Another method is to make a chart or table. (3) You must organize your ideas for this one. (3) Because of this, you can use the organized information to help find your solution. (2) A third method is to make an equation. (3) In such cases, you will have to use a variable for your unknown. (3) Then you use the rest of the information in the equation. (4) In summary, these are some of the easier methods to use to solve word problems.