

Figure 7.1 Chapter 7 Overview Chart

Day	Learning Goal	Activity	Homework
1	Learn to write compound sentences, combining short, choppy ideas with commas and conjunctions.	Discuss use of <i>and</i> , <i>but</i> , <i>so</i> . The whole class combines short, choppy sentences from earlier student writing.	Students edit their previously written paragraphs, forming compound sentences from short, simple sentences.
2	Learn how to use a comma correctly in a compound sentence. Understand the meaning of <i>independent clause</i> .	The class works with homework sentences on the board, discovering <i>independent clauses</i> by covering one half of the sentence with construction paper and deducing the need for and purpose of the comma.	Students continue editing their earlier paragraphs, combining more ideas with compound sentences and punctuating correctly.
3	Distinguish between “BIG AND” and “LITTLE AND,” showing how <i>and</i> can be used to join words, phrases, or independent clauses.	The class works with homework sentences, distinguishing between the use of <i>and</i> to join words and to join independent clauses. As a visual aid, use construction paper to cover sections of the sentence.	Students find and write two compound sentences they discover in their literature. They create a notebook page headed “My Gem Sentences” to record these and future examples.
4	Learn how to use a semicolon correctly in a compound sentence.	The class combines students’ sentences with semicolons and uses the “human sentences” technique (page 90) to understand the roles of semicolons and commas.	Add two more sentences to previously written paragraphs, using semicolons to connect closely related ideas.
5	Learn conjunctive adverbs (or “hitching devices”) like <i>therefore</i> , <i>however</i> , <i>consequently</i> .	Students work in pairs, writing compound sentences with semicolons and “hitching devices” from a list that includes <i>therefore</i> , <i>however</i> , <i>consequently</i> .	Use conjunctions or semicolons to write vocabulary sentences and all short-answer responses assigned during this month.