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NARRATOR: Welcome to LaunchPad Solo for readers and writers.

This set of units on reading, writing, research, and grammar helps you practice specific skills. Often a reading skill is related to a writing skill and a revising skill is related to a grammar skill as if they were two sides of the same coin. Each side of the coin, however, has different features. Working on each skill separately is like having money in the bank for those complex assignments that involve many skills at once.

Investing your time in these units will help you improve your writing. If assigned, the unit opens with a pre-test that stretches your skills. The results let you know how hard you'll have to study the instructional material.

Most units include an adaptive quiz called Learning Curve, which lets you practice. It's a customized work out designed so that you get fewer questions on skills you already know and more questions about the skills you don't know.

If assigned, the unit wraps up with a post-test that shows you how much you've improved.

Improvement on a specific skill pays off in more complex multi-skill assignments when you remember to focus on the distinct features of each skill. Mastering a skill requires an understanding of key terms and the relationships between terms. To help you, these units focus on showing how the key terms apply to specific sentences and paragraphs.

For example, subject-verb agreement illustrates subject in purple, verbs in green, singular as a small puzzle piece, and plural as a larger puzzle piece.

The videos are designed to help you visualize abstract grammatical concepts. As you read through the study pages and work through the exercises, try to imagine how the sentence or paragraph would look if it were illustrated in the video. Doing

so will pay off as you answer quiz questions correctly and approach your reading and writing assignments more carefully.

Remember, practicing and visualizing specific skills is an investment in your success on more complex multi-skill scale assignments.

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