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**DEAR COLLEAGUES,**

Truly good writing requires knowledge of what an academic paragraph or essay looks like, as well as mastery of English sentence structure, including grammar, vocabulary, and punctuation. In addition, students need to know how paragraphs and essays are structured within the norms that readers expect.

Teachers and students alike have responded positively to *Great Writing* because the books meet their needs. Our books focus on the big picture of organization as well as the more specific areas of grammar and vocabulary. Students like the consistent activities within the units, and teachers like the flexibility.

When we teach our students how to write academic paragraphs or essays, it's important for us to take a step back and remember that words make sentences, and sentences make paragraphs and eventually essays. We need to remember that any paragraph or essay is only as good as the words and sentences within.

Keeping this important fact in mind, we dedicate more space in this new edition to the essential building blocks of good writing, namely vocabulary and sentences. In this edition, therefore, we have added two new sections in each unit: **"Building Better Vocabulary"** and **"Building Better Sentences"**.

**BUILDING BETTER VOCABULARY** includes a **"Words to Know"** box that targets 20-30 vocabulary words. This presentation is followed by four activities that practice the vocabulary: **Word Associations**, **Collocations**, **Word Forms**, and **Vocabulary in Writing**.

**BUILDING BETTER SENTENCES** contains three sentence level activities such as **sentence editing**, **combining sentences**, and **responding to teacher feedback**.

In addition to the expanded vocabulary and sentence work, all six books of *Great Writing* feature updated National Geographic content in our hallmark model writing. I hope that you and your students enjoy the new edition of *Great Writing*.

Sincerely,

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