

# LESSON PLAN GUIDE

PictureBook English Reading Series — Grammar Fluency

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<b>Category</b>	Fluency in Key Grammar	<b>Title</b>	Grammar Book 15 – Moments of Our Lives: Adverb Clauses of Time
<b>Ages</b>	6–9	<b>Theme</b>	When and Because Clauses + Value Nouns + Feelings and Emotions

## INTRODUCTION OF THE BOOK

In this book, children pause to reflect on the moments of their lives — what makes them feel love, joy, pride, hope, courage, and more. Through 19 beautiful value nouns, children learn to express not just what they feel but when they feel it and why, using the natural compound sentence structure: 'I feel love when I am with my mom because she takes good care of me.'

This book is simultaneously a grammar lesson, a vocabulary lesson, and a social-emotional learning experience. Children who can articulate their feelings in full, complex sentences are developing both linguistic fluency and emotional intelligence — one of the most important gifts of a great language education.

## 19 VALUE NOUNS IN THIS BOOK

love	friendship	pride	hope	joy	luck	creativity	courage	kindness	wisdom
freedom	beauty	honesty	trust	modesty	imagination	dream	patience	gratitude	

## THE WHEN + BECAUSE SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Feeling + When clause	+ Because clause	Complete sentence
<i>I feel love when I am with my mom...</i>	<i>...because she takes good care of me.</i>	<i>I feel love when I am with my mom because she takes good care of me.</i>
<i>I feel joy when I play outside...</i>	<i>...because I love the fresh air.</i>	<i>I feel joy when I play outside because I love the fresh air.</i>
<i>I feel pride when I finish my work...</i>	<i>...because I tried my best.</i>	<i>I feel pride when I finish my work because I tried my best.</i>

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Children will be able to:

- Understand and use 19 important value nouns
- Form compound sentences using when clauses — 'I feel love when I am with my mom'
- Extend sentences using because clauses — 'I feel love when... because she takes care of me'

- Compare their own feelings with someone else's using contrast structures — 'You feel... but I feel...'
- Speak fluent, personal narrative sentences about their own emotional experiences

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### 1. Explore the value nouns together

Before reading, go through the 19 value nouns with your child. For any words they don't know yet, encourage them to make a guess from the illustration on each page — context clues are a powerful reading strategy. Ask: 'What do you think this word means? Can you see any clues in the picture?' The guessing process itself deepens engagement and vocabulary retention.

### 2. Build the full sentence step by step

Use the three-step sentence building process. Start with the feeling: 'I feel love...' Then add the when clause together: 'I feel love when I am with my mom.' Then ask your child to finish with because: 'I feel love when I am with my mom because...' and let them complete it in their own words. Repeat this process for each of the 19 value nouns. The more sentences they make, the more natural and confident the structure becomes.

### 3. Compare statements with contrast narration

Once your child is comfortable with the structure, move into paired comparison. You make a statement and your child responds with their own version using 'but'. For example: 'I feel joy when I hear music' → 'You feel joy when you hear music, but I feel joy when I am outside.' Then reverse it: your child makes the first statement and you respond. This builds fluency in spoken comparison and makes the grammar feel like genuine conversation.

### 4. Go through all 19 values

Work through every value noun in the book using the full structure. Some will come easily — love, joy, friendship — while others like modesty, wisdom, and gratitude may spark deeper conversations. Embrace these moments! The richest language learning happens when children think carefully about meaning and connect it to their own experience.

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Create a Moments of My Life book. Ask your child to choose their five most important value nouns from the book and write one full when + because sentence for each one. Illustrate each page with a drawing of that moment. Bind the pages together into a mini personal book to keep and share. This deeply personal creative activity produces beautiful, complex sentences — and a treasured memory of how they felt and what mattered to them at this age.

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## TEACHER'S NOTES AND TIPS

This book is one of the most emotionally rich in the entire series. The value nouns are carefully chosen — they represent the things that matter most in a well-lived life, and children respond to them with genuine depth when given space to reflect. The when + because compound sentence structure is introduced here in the most natural possible context: personal feelings. For classroom settings, the paired comparison activity (You feel... but I feel...) works beautifully as a speaking exercise and

reveals how different children can find meaning and emotion in very different moments — a wonderful opportunity for empathy and community building alongside the language learning.