

Holistic scoring Rubric for Writing

- Level 6**
- Conveys meaning clearly and effectively.
 - Multi-paragraph organization, with clear introductions, development of ideas, and conclusion.
 - Shows evidence of smooth transitions.
 - Uses varied, vivid, precise vocabulary consistently.
 - Writes with few grammatical/mechanical errors.
- Level 5**
- Conveys meaning clearly.
 - Multi-paragraph organization, though some parts may not be fully developed.
 - Shows some evidence of effective transitions.
 - Uses varied and vivid vocabulary appropriate for audience and purpose.
 - Writes with some grammatical/mechanical errors, without affecting meaning.
- Level 4**
- Expresses ideas coherently most of the time.
 - Develops a logical paragraph.
 - Writes with a variety of sentence structures with a limited use of transitions.
 - Chooses vocabulary that is (often) adequate to purpose.
 - Writes with grammatical/mechanical errors that seldom diminish communication.
- Level 3**
- Attempts to express ideas coherently.
 - Begins to write a paragraph by organizing ideas.
 - Writes primarily simple sentences.
 - Uses high-frequency vocabulary.
 - Writes with grammatical/mechanical errors that sometimes affect communication.
- Level 2**
- Begins to convey meaning.
 - Writes simple sentences/phrases.
 - Uses limited or repetitious vocabulary.
 - Spells inventively.
 - Uses little or no mechanics, which often diminishes meaning.
- Level 1**
- Draws pictures to convey meaning.
 - Uses single words and phrases.
 - Copies from a model.