

	Content	Organization	Sentence Structure	Vocabulary	Conventions
<p>Excellent</p> <p>E</p>	<p>Events, actions, and/or ideas are creative and are consistent with the content established by the writer</p> <p>Details are precise and consistently effective</p> <p>The writing is confident, holds the reader's interest and presents a well-supported main idea</p>	<p>The beginning is purposeful and effectively establishes events, characters, and/or setting and provides direction for the writing</p> <p>Connections and relationships between events, actions, details, and characters are developed and consistently maintained</p> <p>Events and dialogue are developed in paragraphs, in a purposeful and effective order</p> <p>The ending effectively ties events and actions together</p>	<p>Sentence structure is consistently controlled</p> <p>Sentence type and length are varied and effective</p> <p>Sentence beginnings are consistently varied</p>	<p>Well-chosen words are used effectively</p> <p>Expressions are consistently precise and effective</p> <p>Words and expressions are used to create vivid images and consistently enhance the writing</p>	<p>End punctuation and capitalization are essentially correct</p> <p>Most words, familiar and unfamiliar, are spelled correctly. Spelling errors are understandable slips</p> <p>Errors that are present do not affect the clarity or effectiveness of communication</p>
<p>Meets Expectations</p> <p>M</p>	<p>Events, actions, and/or ideas are generally appropriate for the content established by the writer</p> <p>Details are general and may be predictable but are appropriate</p> <p>The writing is straightforward and generally holds the reader's interest and provides some support for a main idea</p>	<p>The beginning directly presents information about events, characters, and setting</p> <p>Connections and relationships between events, actions, details, and characters are generally maintained</p> <p>Events are in order but may not be properly in paragraphs; new speakers are not in a new paragraph</p> <p>The ending is predictable and may be contrived but is connected to events and actions</p>	<p>Sentence structure is generally controlled but may occasionally impede the meaning</p> <p>Sentences may vary in type and length</p> <p>Some variety of sentence beginnings is evident</p>	<p>Words chosen tend to be common or ordinary</p> <p>Expressions are usually more general than specific</p> <p>Words and expressions sometimes enhance the writing</p>	<p>Conventional end punctuation and capitalization are generally correct</p> <p>Many familiar words are spelled correctly; errors suggest uneven control of spelling rules; unfamiliar words are generally spelled phonetically</p> <p>Errors are sometimes intrusive and may affect the clarity of communication</p>
<p>Has Yet To Meet Expectations</p> <p>HY</p>	<p>Events, actions, and/or ideas are vague and may not be appropriate for the content established by the writer</p> <p>Details are few and repetitive</p> <p>The writing is ambiguous or confusing, it does not hold the reader's interest and the main idea is inadequately developed</p>	<p>The beginning provides little information or presents information about events, characters, and setting but lacks direction</p> <p>Connections and relationships between events, actions, details, and characters are unclear, inconsistent, or missing</p> <p>The order of events is incoherent and falters frequently; there is no dialogue or is not discernable</p> <p>The ending is predictable, contrived, or unconnected</p>	<p>Sentence structure is lacking control and this often impedes meaning</p> <p>There is little to no variation in sentence type or length</p> <p>There is little to variety of sentence beginnings</p>	<p>Word use indicates a limited vocabulary or words chosen are inappropriate</p> <p>Expressions are simplistic, ineffective, misused, or missing</p> <p>Words and expressions are basic, inadequate, or detract from the writing</p>	<p>End punctuation and capitalization are inconsistent or lacking</p> <p>Many familiar words are misspelled, spelled phonetically, or difficult to discern</p> <p>Errors interfere with the clarity of communication</p>