	Content	Organization	Sentence Structure	Vocabulary	Conventions
Excellent	Ideas are well developed, clear, and effective Complete information is presented, and this information is enhanced by precise and appropriate details that effectively fulfill the purpose of this assignment A tone appropriate for the assignment is clearly and effectively maintained	The beginning is purposeful and effectively establishes the main purpose and provides direction for the writing Connections and relationships between supporting details are developed and consistently maintained Ideas and supporting details are developed in paragraphs, in a purposeful and effective order The ending effectively ties the main purpose and supporting details together	Sentence structure is consistently controlled Sentence type and length are varied and effective Sentence beginnings are consistently varied	Well-chosen words are used effectively Expressions are consistently precise and effective Words and expressions are use to create vivid images and consistently enhance the writing	End punctuation and capitalization are essentially correct Most words, familiar and unfamiliar, are spelled correctly. Spelling errors are understandable slips Errors that are present do not affect the clarity or effectiveness of communication
Meets Expectations	The ideas are adequately developed Some information is given, and this information is supported by enough details to fulfill the purpose of the assignment A tone appropriate for the assignment is generally maintained	The beginning directly presents the main purpose Connections and relationships between main and supporting details are generally maintained Ideas and details are in order but may not be properly in paragraphs, or they are in paragraphs but not in order The ending directly states the main purpose and loosely ties supporting details together	Sentence structure is generally controlled but may occasionally impede the meaning Sentences may vary in type and length Some variety of sentence beginnings is evident	Words chosen tend to be common or ordinary Expressions are usually more general that specific Words and expressions sometimes enhance the writing	Conventional end punctuation and capitalization are generally correct Many familiar words are spelled correctly; errors suggest uneven control of spelling rules; unfamiliar words are generally spelled phonetically Errors are sometimes intrusive and may affect the clarity of communication
Has Yet To Meet Expectations HY	The ideas are poorly developed or not developed Essential information is missing and supporting details are insignificant or irrelevant. The purpose is partially or not fulfilled Tone is not maintained or is not appropriate	The beginning provides little information the main purpose of the writing Connections and relationships between main and supporting details are unclear, inconsistent, or missing The order of details are incoherent and falters frequently The ending is predictable, contrived, or unconnected	Sentence structure is lacking control and this often impedes meaning There is little to no variation in sentence type or length There is little to variety of sentence beginnings	Word use indicates a limited vocabulary or words chosen are inappropriate Expressions are simplistic, ineffective, misused, or missing Words and expressions are basic, inadequate, or detract from the writing	End punctuation and capitalization are inconsistent of lacking Many familiar words are misspelled, spelled phonetically, or difficult to discern Errors interfere with the clarity of communication