

## How is My Writing?

4 Ready to Share	3 Almost There	2 Still Working	1 Just Beginning
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ideas/Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can tell exactly what I mean!</li> <li>I am an EXPERT on my topic.</li> <li>Get ready to learn TONS of NEW information!</li> <li>This paper is so interesting you won't want to put it down.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ideas/Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My paper is clear. It makes sense all the way through.</li> <li>I know a lot about my topic.</li> <li>I share some important information.</li> <li>I use many interesting details.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ideas/Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can tell what my main idea or story is.</li> <li>I know SOME things about my topic. I could use some more information.</li> <li>You will learn one or two new things reading this.</li> <li>SOME of my details could be things you know.</li> <li>I think I can figure out what I'm trying to say.</li> <li>I need more information to make this really good.</li> <li>Mostly I told things people already know.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ideas/Content</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is confusing!</li> <li>I'm still figuring out what I want to say.</li> <li>I only have a few details. I need to say more.</li> <li>Well, I made some notes.</li> <li>I don't know what I want to say yet.</li> <li>What should my topic be? I'm not sure.</li> <li>I'm not ready to write! Help!</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is SO easy to follow, it's like having a road map.</li> <li>Every detail is in JUST the right place.</li> <li>My main ideas stand out.</li> <li>My opening is a WOW!</li> <li>My ending is a WOW, too.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You will NOT feel lost.</li> <li>Things are in order.</li> <li>Main ideas stand out.</li> <li>My opening is clear and catchy.</li> <li>My ending is clear and wraps things up.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOST things are in the right spots.</li> <li>I could move SOME things around – I have to think about it.</li> <li>My opening is OK. It gets your attention.</li> <li>My ending is OK. The paper doesn't just stop.</li> <li>My information is not always in order. It's confusing.</li> <li>Here and there, this is HARD to follow.</li> <li>I have an opening, but it's not exciting.</li> <li>I have an ending, but it repeats things I said before.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is very hard to follow. Even I feel lost.</li> <li>I need to re-organize BIG TIME.</li> <li>Where is this going? I forgot my main idea!</li> <li>Oops-I forgot to put in an opening. It just starts.</li> <li>Hey – I also forgot to write an ending. It just stops.</li> <li>This is just a bunch of ideas tossed together.</li> <li>Nothing goes with anything else.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is ME. You can tell it's MY voice.</li> <li>I think you will want to share this paper out loud.</li> <li>I LOVE my topic, and you can tell.</li> <li>I am writing just for YOU, my reader.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My voice is clear – and I THINK it sounds like me.</li> <li>It's fun to read out loud. I would share it.</li> <li>I like this topic, so I worked hard to make it interesting for my readers</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It sounds like me in parts.</li> <li>It's a good paper, but I'm not sure I would read it out loud to someone else.</li> <li>My audience? Well, I didn't think about them too much.</li> <li>Does this paper sound like ME? Maybe. A little.</li> <li>I might read a tiny part out loud.</li> <li>This wasn't my favorite topic. It was OK.</li> <li>Who is my audience? I'm not sure.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This sounds like an encyclopedia, not like me!</li> <li>It doesn't have much personality. It's like soup with no salt.</li> <li>I'm not sure anybody will want to read this.</li> <li>I do not hear ANY voice in this writing.</li> <li>I did NOT like this topic. It's boring.</li> <li>I guess my paper sounds kind of boring, too.</li> <li>I don't really care if anyone reads this. I just want to be done with it.</li> </ul>

<p><u><b>Word Choice</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every word I chose helps make my meaning clear.</li> <li>• I LOVE the words in this piece of writing.</li> <li>• My VERBS are strong and lively!</li> <li>• My word choice is different – you will NOT read these same words in other papers.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Word Choice</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My words are all used correctly.</li> <li>• Many of them paint pictures in your mind.</li> <li>• Most VERBS are strong (not just is, are, was, were).</li> <li>• I found SOME new ways to say things.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Word Choice</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My words are clear. Most are used correctly.</li> <li>• I repeated a few things.</li> <li>• Some VERBS are strong. Some are ordinary.</li> <li>• I didn't ALWAYS try to say things in a new way. It's too much work!</li> <li>• I did not ALWAYS use words correctly.</li> <li>• I had one or two good moments, though!</li> <li>• My VERBS are not that strong or lively.</li> <li>• I did not try to be original. I used the first words that came to my mind. They work OK.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Word Choice</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My words are sometimes confusing. I do NOT know what some of them mean.</li> <li>• I think a LOT of my words are ordinary, too. Everyone uses them.</li> <li>• I could not always think of interesting words.</li> <li>• When I read this over, it does NOT make sense!</li> <li>• Help! These words do NOT seem to work.</li> <li>• I need different words to make this paper clear.</li> </ul>
<p><u><b>Sentence Fluency</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can read my paper with LOTS of expression.</li> <li>• Almost EVERY sentence begins differently.</li> <li>• Some sentences are long and stretchy. Some are short and snappy.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Sentence Fluency</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My paper is easy to read aloud. Try it.</li> <li>• MANY sentences begin in different ways.</li> <li>• I use both short and long sentences.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Sentence Fluency</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can read this, and it's pretty smooth.</li> <li>• SOME sentences begin in different ways.</li> <li>• SOME sentences are longer or shorter than others.</li> <li>• It would be even smoother with more variety.</li> <li>• To read this aloud, you will need PRACTICE.</li> <li>• It doesn't sound natural – the way people talk.</li> <li>• MOST of my sentences begin the same way.</li> <li>• MOST of my sentences are the same length, too.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Sentence Fluency</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is HARD to read out loud! Wow!</li> <li>• Sometimes I just went on and on and on to make one HUGE sentence instead of two.</li> <li>• Other parts are so choppy it sounds like a grocery list.</li> <li>• These "sentences" do NOT make sense, even to me. It's HARD to follow.</li> <li>• I can't even read this out loud myself.</li> <li>• I have to fill in missing words or hook words together to make real sentences.</li> </ul>
<p><u><b>Conventions</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have to be REALLY PICKY to find mistakes in my paper.</li> <li>• I edited this. I REALLY LOOKED HARD for mistakes.</li> <li>• My spelling and punctuation and grammar are ALL excellent.</li> <li>• I think this looks SPECTACULAR on the page, too.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Conventions</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I made a FEW little, bitty errors. Nothing BIG.</li> <li>• I DID edit this. I just did not catch everything.</li> <li>• My spelling, punctuation, and grammar are good, though.</li> <li>• My paper looks really sharp on the page, too.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Conventions</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I made SOME mistakes. I need to take another look.</li> <li>• I did SOME editing. I think I hurried too much.</li> <li>• My spelling, punctuation, and grammar are OK.</li> <li>• My paper looks fine, I think. The layout is OK.</li> <li>• I have quite a few mistakes.</li> <li>• I did a LITTLE editing. It needs a lot more.</li> <li>• Readers will notice my mistakes, I'm sure.</li> <li>• I don't think it looks as good as it should, either.</li> </ul>	<p><u><b>Conventions</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I never edited this. I need to proof it line by line.</li> <li>• My mistakes make this hard to read.</li> <li>• I'm not sure how to make it look good on the page.</li> <li>• I have SO many mistakes I can hardly read this.</li> <li>• I need to go over this word by word.</li> <li>• I need a LOT of help with my editing.</li> <li>• Layout? Does it really matter how it looks?</li> </ul>