

	Beginning	Growing	Proficient	Exemplary
				
<b>Punctuation . ? !</b>	There is not punctuation at the end of sentences.	There is punctuation at the end of some sentences.	There is punctuation at the end of almost every sentence.	There is punctuation at the end of every single sentence.
<b>Capitals</b>	Any capitals in the writing seem to be random, and not at the beginning of sentences.	Some words at the beginnings of sentences are capitalized. There might be some random capitals.	Almost all the words at the beginning of sentences are capitalized. Some names of people, places, and dates are capitalized.	All the words at the beginning of sentences are capitalized. All the names of people, places, and dates are capitalized.
<b>Sentences Sound Right</b>	Sentences have lots of missing words or words that don't sound right.	Sentences have some missing words are parts that don't sound right.	Almost all the sentences sound right. One or two sentences don't quite sound right.	All the sentences sound right and make sense.
<b>Ideas</b>	The writing is not all on topic or has less than 4 sentences.	The writing is mostly on topic and has 4 sentences or more.	The writing is on topic and has 8 sentences or more.	The writing is on topic, interesting, and has 12 sentences or more.
<b>Sentence Fluency</b>	Almost all of the sentences start with the same word. The sentences are almost all long or short.	Many of the sentences start with the same word. Most of the sentences are either quite long or short.	Most of the sentences start with different words. Not all of the sentences are long or short.	Almost all of the sentences start with different words and there are some long sentences and short sentences.
<b>Organization</b>	The writing does not seem to clearly go from one idea to another.	The writing does not have a very clear beginning or end.	The writing has a beginning, middle, and end.	The writing has an interesting beginning, middle, and ending with a thoughtful introduction and conclusion.