

STUDENT SCORING GUIDE 2003-2004

WRITING, BENCHMARK 1

IDEAS AND CONTENT	VOICE
Clear ideas and details	Writing is easy to read and sounds sincere
<p>Strong! My idea is clear and is strongly supported with details. I show what I know in my writing.</p>	<p>Strong! The reader can easily tell that I really care about this topic. My purpose is very clear. I consistently share ideas and use words that work especially well for my audience.</p>
<p>Meets Standard My idea is clear and is supported with details. I show most of what I know in my writing.</p>	<p>Meets Standard The reader can tell that I care about this topic. My purpose is clear. I share ideas and use words that work for my audience.</p>
<p>Emerging I have a main idea and use some details to explain it. I need to show more of what I know in my writing.</p>	<p>Emerging The reader can hear a little of me in my writing. I could be more interested in this topic. My purpose is not clear, and I have not considered my audience.</p>
ORGANIZATION	WORD CHOICE
Planning from beginning to end	Clear and interesting words
<p>Strong! I have a well-developed beginning, middle, and end. The reader can easily follow what I have written.</p>	<p>Strong! I use clear and interesting words to present an idea. I pick just the right words for the right places.</p>
<p>Meets Standard I have a beginning, middle, and end. I tell things in an order that makes sense.</p>	<p>Meets Standard I use clear and interesting words to describe my ideas. My words fit together.</p>
<p>Emerging I have a beginning, but the middle or ending needs work. The reader can mostly follow what I have written.</p>	<p>Emerging My words are often general, not clear and specific. I sometimes repeat the same words.</p>

SENTENCE FLUENCY	WRITING CONVENTIONS
Sentences that make sense and fit together	Spelling, capitalization, punctuation and paragraphing
<p><i>Strong!</i> I use a variety of strong sentences that flow. It is very easy for the reader to read my sentences aloud.</p>	<p><i>Strong!</i> I use correct spelling, ending punctuation, and beginning capitalization. My paragraphs begin and end in just the right places.</p>
<p>Meets Standard I use sentences that flow. It is usually easy for the reader to read my sentences aloud.</p>	<p>Meets Standard Most of my spelling, ending punctuation and beginning capitalization are correct. I use paragraphs to show new ideas.</p>
<p>Emerging I have understandable sentences, but they do not flow naturally. Sometimes the reader has to re-read sentences that sound confusing.</p>	<p>Emerging I need to check my spelling, ending punctuation and beginning capitalization more carefully. Some of my mistakes make it hard to read my paper. I need to use paragraphs to separate my ideas more clearly.</p>