## **New York State Testing Program**



# 2015 Turnkey Training for Writing and Speaking

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|--|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Speaking                               | K             | 13 questions             | 13                             | 15                                  |  |
| Listening/Reading/Writing<br>Session 1 | K             | Listening: 7             |                                |                                     |  |
|  |               | Reading: 6               | 17                             | 30-35                               |  |
|  |               | Writing: 4 Short CR      |                                |                                     |  |
|  | K             | Listening: 6             | 15                             | 30-35                               |  |
| Listening/Reading/Writing<br>Session 2 |               | Reading: 6               |                                |                                     |  |
| 30331011 2                             |               | Writing: 3 Short CR      |                                |                                     |  |
|  | K             | Listening: 6             |                                | 30-35                               |  |
| Listening/Reading/Writing<br>Session 3 |               | Reading: 6               | 15                             |                                     |  |
| 5553,611.6                             |               | Writing: 3 Short CR      |                                |                                     |  |

## **Test Times by Modality: Grades 1–12**

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|--|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Speaking                               | 1–12          | 13 questions             | 13                             | 15                                  |  |
|  | 1–12          | Listening: 8             |                                |                                     |  |
| Listening/Reading/Writing<br>Session 1 |               | Reading: 8               | 17                             | 35-55                               |  |
|  |               | Writing: 1 Short CR      |                                |                                     |  |
| Listening/Reading/Writing<br>Session 2 | 1–12          | Listening: 8             |                                | 35-55                               |  |
|  |               | Reading: 8               | 17                             |                                     |  |
|  |               | Writing: 1 Short CR      |                                |                                     |  |
| Listening/Reading/Writing<br>Session 3 | 1–12          | Listening: 8             |                                | 35-55                               |  |
|  |               | Reading: 11              | 20                             |                                     |  |
|  |               | Writing: 1 Extended CR   |                                |                                     |  |

#### What is the NYSESLAT?

- NYSESLAT annually assesses English language proficiency of NYS English Language Learners (ELLs) in Grades K–12
- Provides information about ELL's English language development which drives instruction aligned to:
  - The NYS Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS)
  - Bilingual Common Core Initiative (BCCI)
  - New Language Arts Progressions (NLAP)

#### Who and What NYSESLAT Measures

#### **Primary Test Design Goal:**

To measure student English language proficiency relative to the linguistic demands of the grade-level classroom, which then drives the provision of ELL services

To be administered in six grade bands:

1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-12

#### **Administration Highlights**

#### **Similarities**

- Speaking test is separate from Listening/Reading/Writing (L/R/W) test administration windows
- Still four testing sessions: One for Speaking and three for L/R/W, although L/R/W now have an integrated configuration
- Test remains untimed
- Speaking test administered individually
- L/R/W administered to groups of students
- Rubric-based scoring of Speaking and Writing

#### **Administration Highlights**

#### **Differences**

- Three L/R/W test booklets, each containing a theme-based Listening, Reading, and Writing section
- Each L/R/W booklet administered in a separate session
- A CD player is necessary for the Listening portion of <u>each</u> of the three L/R/W testing sessions
- Braille checklist available for all grades
- 3 student identification labels—one for each L/R/W booklet
- All test booklets to be returned to MetriTech after scoring

#### How the NYSESLAT is Changing

The NYSESLAT measures the linguistic demands of grade-level Common Core instruction delivered to ELLs.

#### There are 5 fundamental changes or shifts:

- Measures CCLS and New Language Arts Progressions
- Performance levels
- Integrated approach to modalities
- Text complexity
- Instructionally relevant academic language

#### 1: Measures CCLS and New Language Arts Progressions

- New Language Arts Progressions—analysis of CCLS showing Academic Demands vs. Linguistic Demands
- Linguistic Demands—the words, phrases, and forms of language that students will need to understand and use in order to participate successfully in instruction
- Targets of Measurement (ToMs)—information distilled from the linguistic demands and presented at a level for the four modalities of Reading, Listening, Writing, and Speaking that is necessary for the development of an assessment
- Performance Levels—the five levels (Entering, Emerging, Transitioning, Expanding, Commanding) at which each student is identified by the NYSESLAT to describe the student's academic English language proficiency

## **NYSESLAT Foundations: ToMs**

ToMs are the linguistic demands of the CCLS.

Items align to the ToMs.

#### **READING FOR INFORMATION: GRADE BAND 3-4**

| Claim   | Anchor   | Target of Measurement  | Language Purpose/Function  | ELA Construct<br>(in order to)  |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| ANCHOR 1  Students can determine key details, narrative elements, and central ideas in a grade-level text |  | ToM.R.3-4.1  Students can identify grade-appropriate words, phrases, or sentences that signal point of view, people, ideas, concepts, events, and the main topic or message in a grade-level text.   | identify, introduce, describe, signal, target: characters and events actions, motivations, feelings an event, a topic the subject of an event a main topic, central message, lesson, moral, theme  | demonstrate<br>understanding<br>of grade-level<br>informational texts   |
| GENERAL CLAIM 1  Students can determine information in a grade-level text.                                | ANCHOR 2  Students can identify words and phrases used to structure and develop ideas in a grade-level text.                             | ToM.R.3-4.2  Students can identify grade-appropriate words, phrases, or sentences that signal or convey key elements, sequence, connections, relationships, and point of view in a grade-level text.  signal, suggest: a sequence of events connections cause and effect comparison or contrast of information problem and solution various points of view (own, author, reader, 1st/3rd person) |  | interpret information<br>from grade-level<br>informational texts        |
|   | ANCHOR 3  Students can determine the meaning of grade-appropriate vocabulary in a graded-level text                                      | ToM.R.3-4.3 Students can determine the literal or figurative meaning of grade-appropriate Tier 1 and some Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary in a grade-level text.  | explain, identify, use:<br>Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 vocabulary<br>literal and non-literal meanings of words  | determine the meaning<br>of grade-level<br>informational texts          |
| GENERAL CLAIM 2  Students can determine the development of ideas in grade-level texts.                    | ANCHOR 4  Students can identify words and phrases that indicate key details, narrative elements, and central ideas in grade-level texts. | ToM.R.3-4.4  Students can identify grade-appropriate text structures that provide details, explain events, describe relationships, or develop a topic in grade-level texts.  | convey, determine, explain: the development of key details or ideas the development of a topic the development of cause and effect relationships the development of problem and solution relationships how a character contributes to events | understand text<br>development in<br>grade-level<br>informational texts |
|   | ANCHOR 5  Students can determine how text structures work together to develop ideas, events, and relationships in grade-level texts.     | ToM.R.3-4.5 Students can determine how the structure of grade-appropriate language <b>develops details, connections, and topics</b> in gradelevel texts.   | to refer to a stanza or scene<br>to identify explicit details to support an idea<br>to describe connections between sentences or paragraphs  | analyze the structure of<br>grade-level<br>informational texts          |

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Formerly SLDs; Items focus on the Language Purpose/Function.

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#### 2: Performance Levels

#### Student performance will be reliably identified as:

- Entering (approximates Beginning)
- Emerging (approximates Low Intermediate)
- Transitioning (approximates Intermediate)
- Expanding (approximates Advanced)
- Commanding (approximates Proficient)

# **NYSESLAT Foundations: PLDs**

| 3-4   | Target of<br>Measurement  | Entering<br>(Formerly Beginning)   | Emerging<br>(Formerly Intermediate)  | Transitioning<br>(Formerly High Intermediate)   | Expanding<br>(Formerly Advanced)   | Commanding<br>(Formerly Proficient)  |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>READING GENERAL CLAIM 1:</b> Students can determine information in grade-level text. | ToM.R.3-4.1 Students can identify grade-appropriate words, phrases, or sentences that signal point of view, people, ideas, concepts, events, and the main topic or message in a grade-level text.   | Student cannot or can identify a few grade-appropriate words or short phrases that signal point of view, people, ideas, concepts, events, and the main topic or message in a grade-level text.   | Student can identify some grade-appropriate words and phrases, and a few simple sentences that signal point of view, people, ideas, concepts, events, and the main topic or message in a grade-level text.   | Student can identify most grade-<br>appropriate phrases and simple<br>sentences, and a few complex<br>sentences that signal point of<br>view, people, ideas, concepts,<br>events, and the main topic or<br>message in a grade-level text.       | Student can identify most grade-appropriate simple and some complex sentences that signal point of view, people, ideas, concepts, events, and the main topic or message in a grade-level text.   | Student can identify most grade-appropriate complex sentences that signal point of view, people, ideas, concepts, events, and the main topic or message in a grade-level text.   |
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## 3: Integrated Approach to Modalities

- Students integrate their listening, reading, writing, and speaking abilities in the classroom
- Organized themes and topics underlie the NYSESLAT Listening and Reading passages, the Writing prompts that are grounded in the Reading passages, and the Speaking stimuli
- The NYSESLAT provides a cohesive assessment experience similar to the instructional experience found in a well-developed unit of study
- The NYSESLAT is designed to measure the language that is embedded in content rather than the content itself

### 4: Text Complexity

- The Common Core Learning Standards require students to engage with text of grade-level complexity in order to effectively prepare students to be on track for college and successful careers
- The Spring 2015 NYSESLAT focuses on aspects of instruction that students encounter in content-area classrooms, with close attention paid to text complexity, thus reflecting the CCLS requirements

## 5: Instructionally Relevant Academic Language

- NYSESLAT test questions reflect content-area classroom activities
  - Questions are firmly based in academics as opposed to personal experience or background
- Due to the constructs being measured—and in alignment with the purpose of the exam—the questions focus on the language and language structures that support the content as opposed to the content itself

#### **Summary**

- Details regarding Spring 2015 NYSESLAT will be found in:
  - School Administrator's Manual (SAM)
  - Directions for Administration (DFA)
- Materials will also be available on the EngageNY website:

www.engageny.org/resource/spring-2015-NYSESLAT-resources

## **Application of the Holistic Writing Rubrics**

- The score assigned is the overall proficiency level of the language in the written response.
  - Best describes the entire response
  - Reflects the descriptors of the writing dimensions that best define the response
- Become familiar with the prompt
- Become familiar with the rubric associated with the prompt
- Read the response to the prompt
  - Focus on the linguistic make-up of the response: the words, phrases, and sentences used by the student. The content of the response is not scored
- Consider the five Writing dimensions as they apply to the response
- Score the response based on the best proficiency level for the majority of the dimensions

#### **Kindergarten: Letter Writing Rubric**

This type of constructed-response question (for Kindergarten only) requires the student to write the letter dictated by the examiner

#### **Score Point 0**

**Letter forming**: Student does not produce letters accurately.

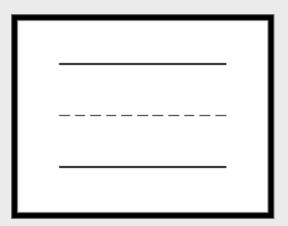
**Legibility**: Student production of letters is not recognizable.

#### **Score Point 1**

**Letter forming**: Student produces letters accurately.

**Legibility**: Student production of single letters is recognizable as the correct letter.

## **Kindergarten: Letter Writing**





Now you will write a letter.

Write the letter <u>h</u> as in <u>hat</u> on the blank line.

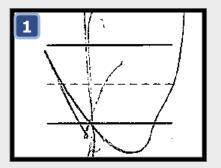
Pause. Give the students time to write the letter  $\underline{h}$ .

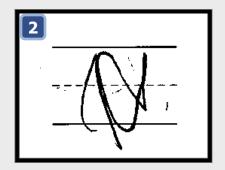
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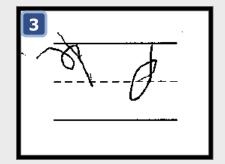
#### **Score Point 0**

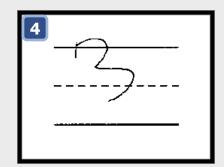
**Letter forming**: Student does not produce letters accurately.

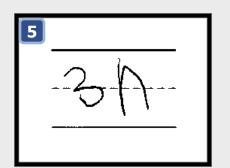
**Legibility**: Student production of letters is not recognizable.

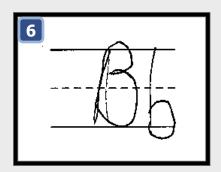


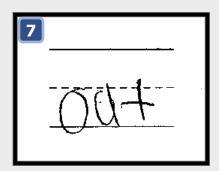


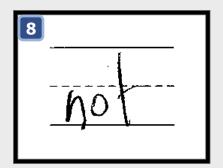












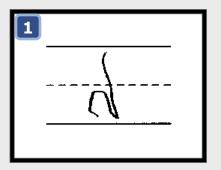
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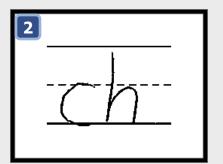
#### **Score Point 1**

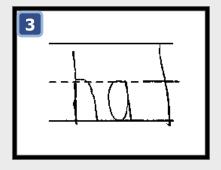
**Letter forming**: Student produces letters accurately.

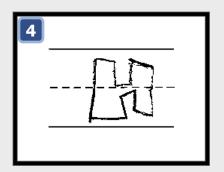
**Legibility**: Student production of single letters is recognizable

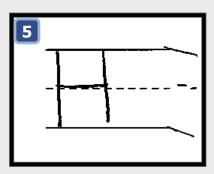
as the correct letter.

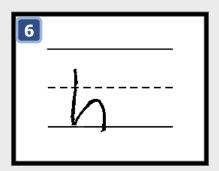












#### **Kindergarten: Word Copying Rubric**

This type of constructed-response item requires students to copy and correctly spell the word they see in their test book.

#### **Score Point 0**

**Letter forming**: Student cannot produce letters accurately.

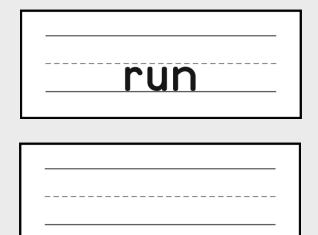
**Accuracy**: Student cannot produce sight words or commonly spelled words with short vowel sounds.

#### **Score Point 1**

**Letter forming**: Student can produce letters accurately.

**Accuracy**: Student can produce sight words and commonly spelled words with short vowel sounds.

## Kindergarten: Word Copying





Now you will copy a word.

This is the word <u>run</u>.

Copy the word <u>run</u> on the blank line.

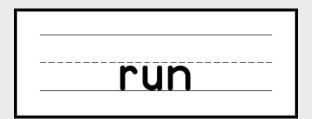
Pause. Give the students time to copy the word <u>run</u>.

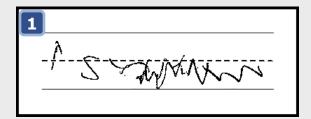
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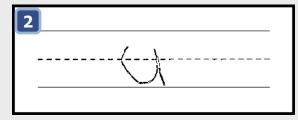
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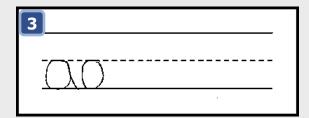
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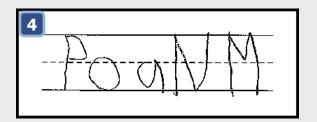
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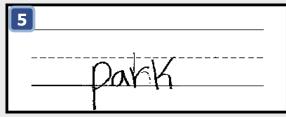


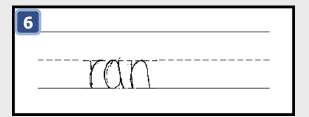












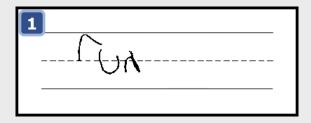
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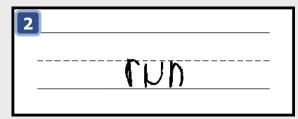
#### **Score Point 1**

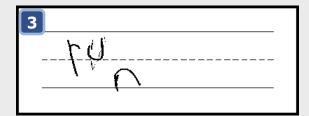
**Letter forming**: Student can produce letters accurately.

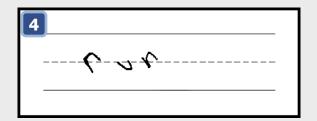
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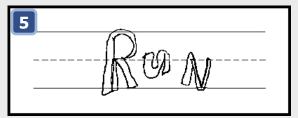


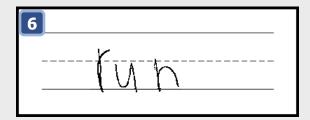












## **Kindergarten: Sentence Writing Rubric**

#### **Score Point 0**

**Letter forming**: Student cannot produce letters accurately.

Words: Student cannot differentiate letters and words.

**Accuracy**: Student can produce some or no sight words or commonly spelled words with short vowel sounds.

#### **Score Point 1**

**Letter forming**: Student can produce some letters accurately.

**Words**: Student can sometimes separate words with spaces and may not produce words in the correct sequence.

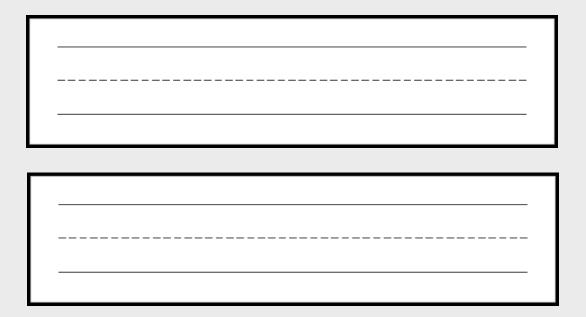
**Accuracy**: Students can often produce sight words and some commonly spelled words with short vowel sounds.

#### **Score Point 2**

**Letter forming**: Student can produce letters accurately.

**Words**: Student can often separate words with spaces and produce words in the correct sequence.

**Accuracy**: Student can often produce sight words and commonly spelled words with short vowel sounds.





Now you will write a sentence.

We will play.

Write the sentence We will play. on the blank lines.

Pause. Give the students time to write the sentence We will play.

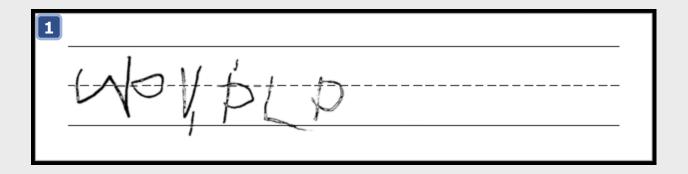
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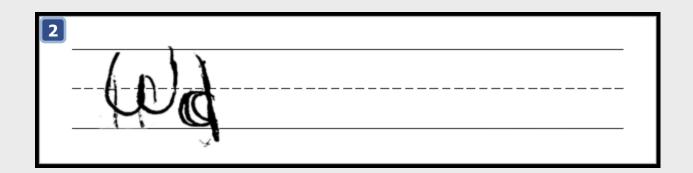
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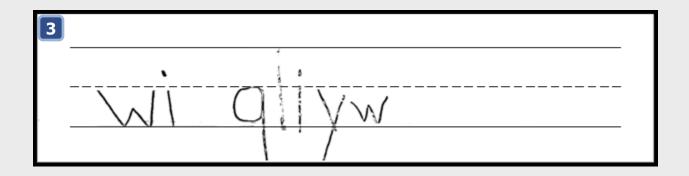
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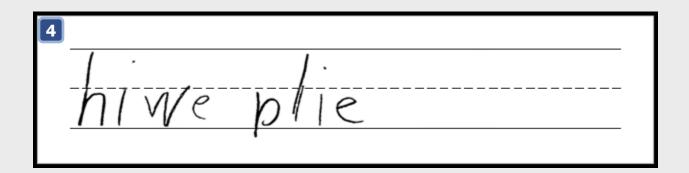
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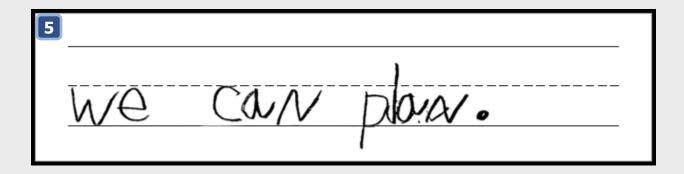
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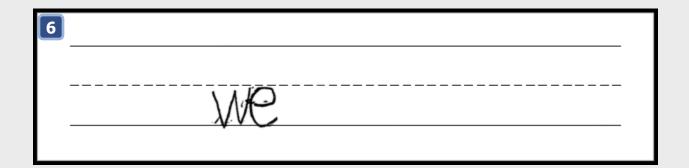
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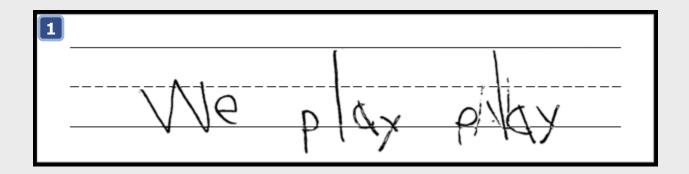


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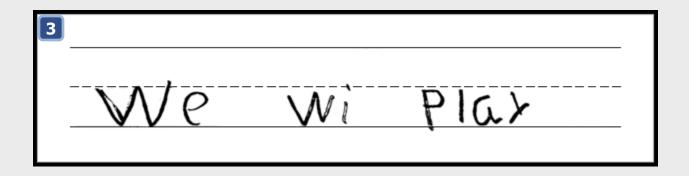
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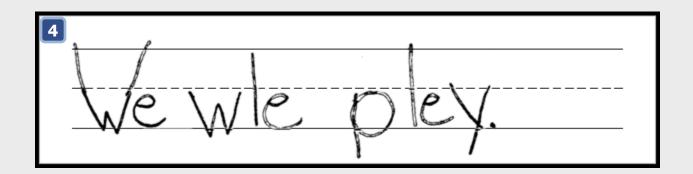
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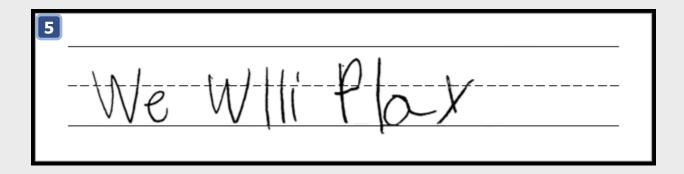


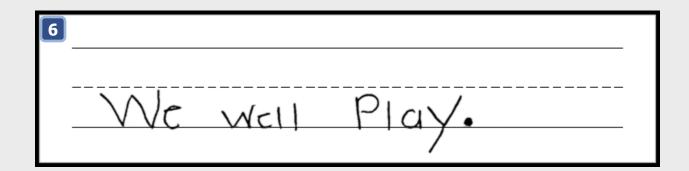
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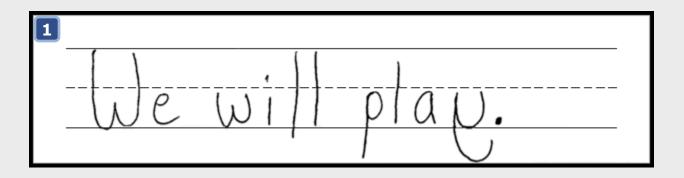


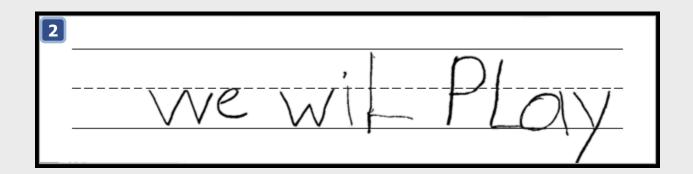
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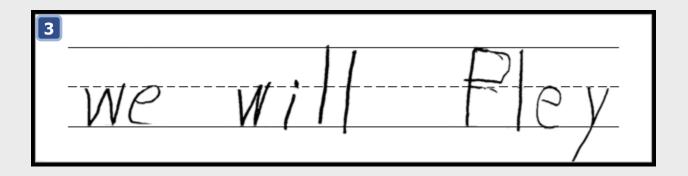


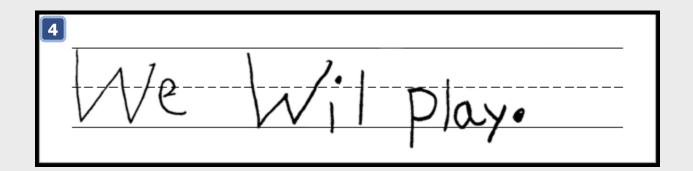
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## Kindergarten: Sentence Writing

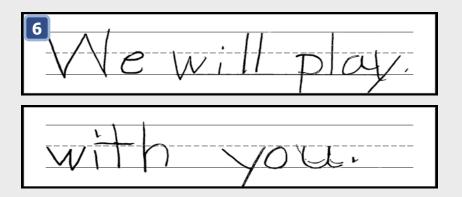
### **Score Point 2**

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**Words**: Student can often separate words with spaces and produce words in the correct sequence.

**Accuracy**: Student can often produce sight words and commonly spelled words with short vowel sounds.





# Kindergarten: <u>SCR</u> Rubric

| Entering<br>0      | Complexity/Quality of Language: Response contains zero or few words in non-English to respond to the prompt.  Coherence of Response: Response includes zero or few words in non-English or no drawings to provide descriptions and events to develop a story or write about a topic.  Mechanics: Response may contain errors that totally obscure meaning.  |
|--------------------|---|
| Emerging<br>1      | <ul> <li>Complexity/Quality of Language: Response contains mostly words, short phrases, and occasionally simple sentences.</li> <li>Coherence of Response: Response includes only drawings, OR word(s) and phrases and drawing(s), OR only words and phrases to minimally provide descriptions and events to develop a story or write about a topic.</li> <li>Mechanics: Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning.</li> </ul> |
| Transitioning<br>2 | Complexity/Quality of Language: Response contains mostly short phrases and simple sentences.  Coherence of Response: Response includes only very detailed drawing(s), OR phrases and sentences and drawings, OR only phrases and sentences to somewhat provide descriptions and events to develop a story or write about a topic.  Mechanics: Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning.                                     |
| Expanding<br>3     | Complexity/Quality of Language: Response contains mostly simple sentences.  Coherence of Response: Response includes drawing(s) and a string of phrases and sentences, OR only a string of phrases and sentences to partially provide descriptions and events to develop a story or write about a topic.  Mechanics: Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning.  |
| Commanding 4       | <ul> <li>Complexity/Quality of Language: Response contains simple and occasionally grade-appropriate compound sentences.</li> <li>Coherence of Response: Response includes drawing(s) and a string of phrases and sentences, OR only a string of phrases and sentences to provide descriptions and events to develop a story or write about a topic.</li> <li>Mechanics: Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning.</li> </ul>     |

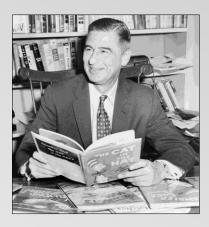
## **Kindergarten: SCR Scoring Notes**

### **2015 NYSESLAT Writing – Scoring Notes**

| Writing – Grade K SCR Notes / Explanatory Footnotes to the Rubric |  |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Dimension   | Entering<br><b>O</b>   | Emerging<br><b>1</b>   | Transitioning<br><b>2</b>   | Expanding<br><b>3</b>  | Commanding<br><b>4</b>   |
| Complexity/<br>Quality of<br>Language                             | Blank, no response<br>Language other than English<br>Illegible Response<br>Unintelligible Response   |  |   |  |  |
|   |  | Response contains mostly words,<br>short phrases, and occasionally<br>simple sentences   | Response contains mostly short phrases and simple sentences   | Response contains mostly simple sentences  | Response contains simple sentences and occasionally grade-appropriate compound sentences; response may be one complex sentence although this is not expected for Kindergarteners                             |
| Coherence of<br>Response  | Response includes zero or a<br>few words in non-English or no<br>drawings to provide descriptions<br>and events to develop a story or<br>write about a topic | Response includes only drawings,<br>OR word(s) and phrases and<br>drawing(s), OR only words and<br>phrases to minimally provide<br>descriptions and events to<br>develop a story or write about<br>a topic | Response includes only very detailed drawing(s), OR phrases and sentences and drawings, OR only phrases and sentences to somewhat provide descriptions and events to develop a story or write about a topic | Response includes drawing(s)<br>and a string of phrases and<br>sentences, OR only a string of<br>phrases and sentences to<br>partially provide descriptions and<br>events to develop a story or write<br>about a topic | Response includes drawing(s)<br>and a string of phrases and<br>sentences, OR only a string of<br>phrases and sentences to<br>provide descriptions and events<br>to develop a story or write<br>about a topic |
| Mechanics   | Response may contain errors that totally obscure meaning   | May use grade-appropriate spelling (phonetic or inventive spelling) May or may not use appropriate capitalization and punctuation Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning                   | May use grade-appropriate spelling (phonetic or inventive spelling) May or may not use appropriate capitalization and punctuation Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning                  | May use grade-appropriate spelling (phonetic or inventive spelling) May or may not use appropriate capitalization and punctuation Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning                                 | May use grade-appropriate spelling (phonetic or inventive spelling) May or may not use appropriate capitalization and punctuation Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning                         |

**Note:** Responses that are **completely irrelevant** to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.

Now I will read the story called "Dr. Seuss" again. Then you will write some sentences.



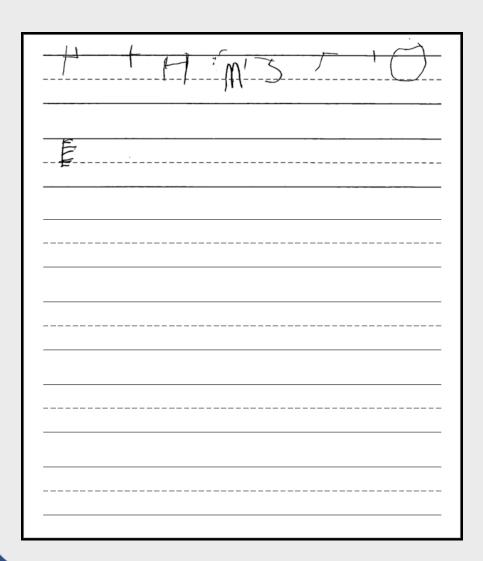
Theodor Geisel wrote books. He used the name Dr. Seuss when he wrote his books. His stories usually had an important message.

Dr. Seuss also liked to draw all of the pictures in his books. He drew many different types of animals. He also drew funny creatures. His books are colorful.

Dr. Seuss wrote almost 50 children's books. Many children know about his "Cat in the Hat" books. People all over the world read his books.

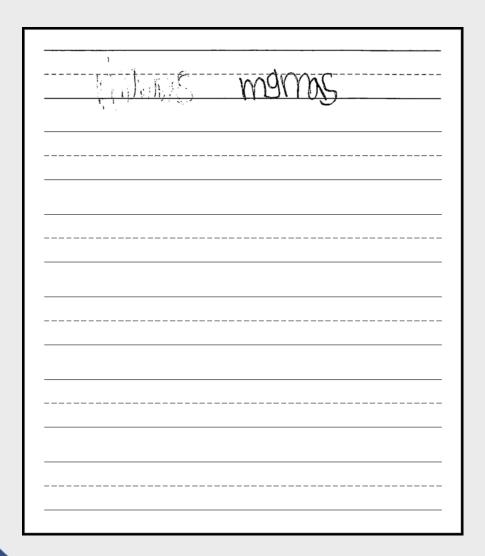
Dr. Seuss was a famous author who wrote children's books. What is your favorite book to read? Write and draw to tell about this book.

Pause. Give the students time to finish writing and drawing.



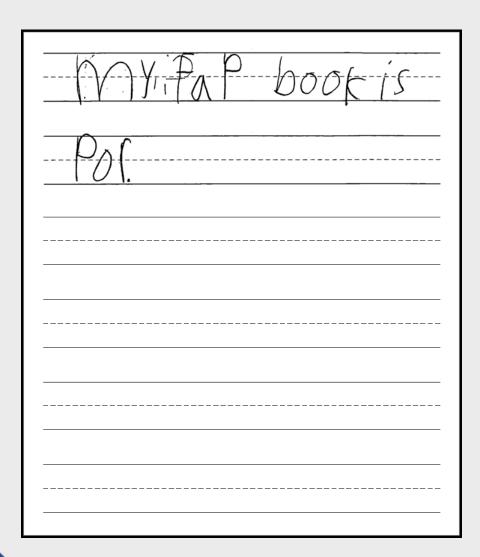
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 Response contains 0 words or drawings to respond to the prompt



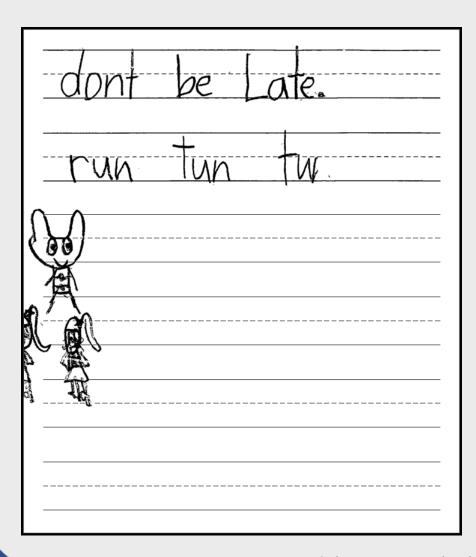
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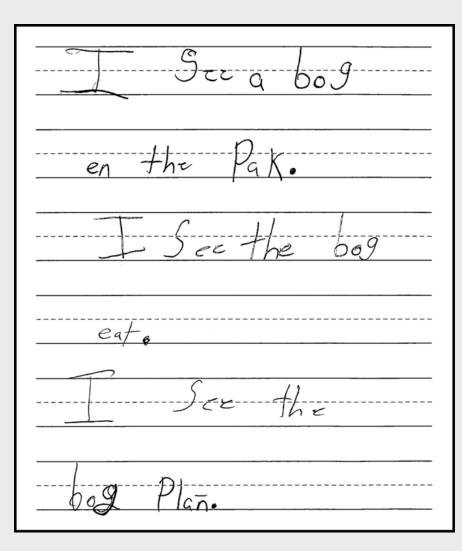
#### **Score Point 1**

- Response contains simple sentence
- Response contains frequent errors that obscure meaning.



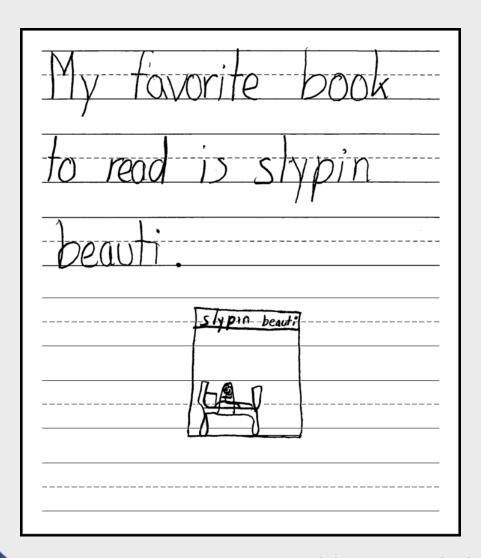
#### **Score Point 1**

- Response contains simple sentence to minimally provide descriptions
- Response contains relevant or related drawing
- Response contains frequent errors that obscure meaning
- May or may not use appropriate capitalization and punctuation



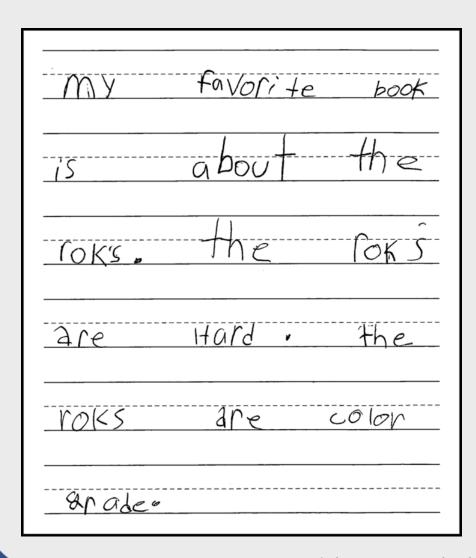
### **Score Point 1**

 Response is completely irrelevant to the prompt



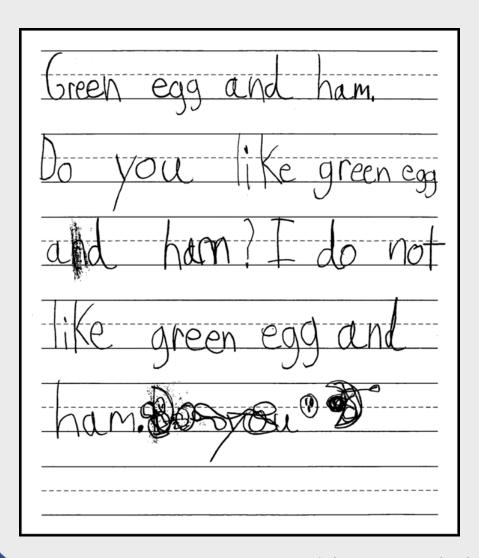
#### **Score Point 2**

- Response contains simple sentence as well as a drawing to somewhat provide description to write about the topic
- Response contains occasional errors that obscure meaning



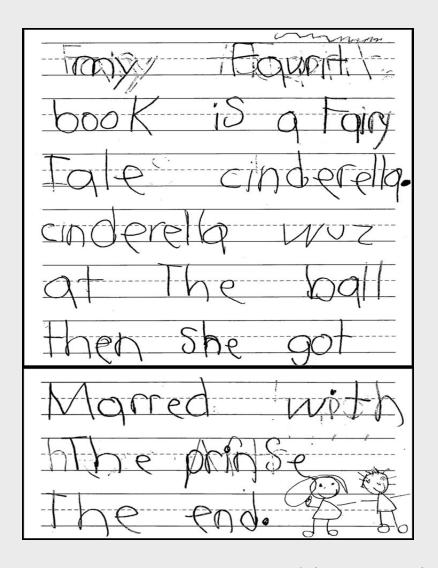
- Response contains mostly simple sentences to partially provide descriptions to write about a topic
- Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning

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- Response is at least partially relevant or related to prompt
- Response contains mostly simple sentences to partially provide descriptions to write about a topic
- Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning

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- Response contains simple sentences as well as drawings to provide descriptions to develop a story
- Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning

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# **Grade 1–2: SCR Rubric**

| Entering<br>O   | Complexity of Language: Response contains zero or few grade-appropriate words or short phrases to introduce or complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Quality of Language: Response contains most common literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary to describe detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes zero or few transitional words that introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains no or at least one detailed thought, feeling, or idea in a written text.  |
|-----------------|--|
| U               | Mechanics: Response contains errors that totally obscure meaning.  |
| Emerging<br>1   | Complexity of Language: Response contains some grade-appropriate words, short phrases, and a few simple sentences to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use of Tier 1 and a few Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to describe detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes a few transitional words and at least one sentence that introduces and completes thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains a few detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Mechanics: Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning.                |
| Transitioning 2 | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and at least one compound sentence to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and a few figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to describe detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes some transitional words and a few sentences to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains some detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Mechanics: Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning. |
| Expanding<br>3  | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and some compound sentences to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and some figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to describe detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many transitional words and some sentence structures to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains many detailed thoughts, feelings and ideas in a written text.  Mechanics: Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning.     |
| Commanding 4    | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and compound sentences to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal and figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to describe detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains varied and sufficient detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text.  Mechanics: Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning.       |

# **Grade 1–2: SCR Scoring Notes**

| Writing – Grades 1–2 SCR / Explanatory Footnotes to the Rubric |  |   |   |  |   |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| Dimension  | Entering<br><b>O</b>   | Emerging<br><b>1</b>  | Transitioning<br><b>2</b>   | Expanding<br><b>3</b>  | Commanding <b>4</b>   |
|  | Blank, no response<br>Language other than English<br>Illegible Response<br>Unintelligible Response |   |   |  |   |
| Complexity of Language   | Completely copied text   | Adapted text if one clear, well-constructed sentence is provided  |   |  |   |
|  | Isolated words or a list of words or short phrases   | Response must include at least one sentence   | Response must include one sentence beyond a simple sentence   | Response includes both simple<br>and some compound sentences;<br>may include sentences beyond<br>these                             | Response includes both simple<br>and compound sentences; may<br>include sentences beyond these  |
| Quality of<br>Language   | Words represent only Tier<br>1 (most common, everyday<br>words)                                    | Mostly Tier 1 words with a few<br>Tier 2 words possible   | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are present   | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are present and used<br>appropriately; some figurative<br>language may be present          | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are used consistently and<br>appropriately; some figurative<br>language may be present                      |
| Coherence of Response  | No coherence due to brevity  | An attempt at introduction or conclusion should be present (i.e., "I likebecause")                                      | Some use of transitions,<br>introductory words, or<br>concluding words to establish a<br>sense of organization                    | Use of transition words,<br>introductory words, and<br>concluding words makes<br>organization evident                              | Organization is clear with an introduction and a conclusion   |
| Degree of<br>Response  | At most one detail expressed by single words   | More than one detail is included in the response  | Response includes some details<br>to express thoughts, feelings,<br>or ideas  | Response contains relevant details to support thoughts, feelings, or ideas   | Response contains varied and sufficient details to support thoughts, feelings, or ideas   |
| Mechanics  | Words are unclear and meaning<br>is mostly obscured<br>May include inventive spelling              | Some words are clear so that<br>meaning is evident though<br>there may be many errors<br>May include inventive spelling | Response is mostly clear though<br>there may be errors; L <sub>1</sub> errors<br>may be present<br>May include inventive spelling | Response is always clear,<br>though there may be errors; L <sub>1</sub><br>errors may be present<br>May include inventive spelling | Response is always clear with<br>very few errors; L, errors may<br>be present but don't interfere<br>with meaning<br>May include inventive spelling |

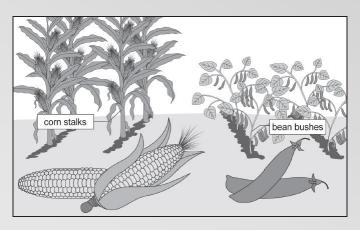
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**Note:** Responses that are **completely irrelevant** to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.

#### **Directions**

Read the passage again. Then you will be asked to write a paragraph based on the passage.

### A Special Day in the Garden



#### **Word Box**

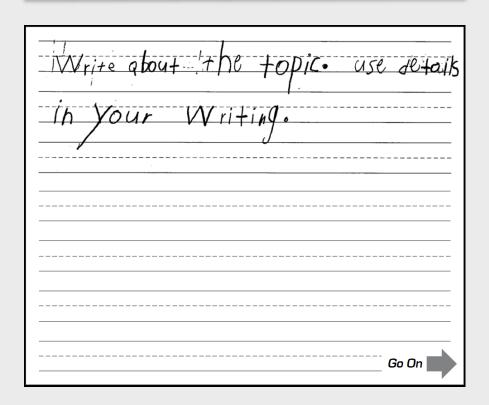
| grandmother | grows  | yesterday |
|-------------|--------|-----------|
| I           | picked | today     |
| corn        | cook   | beans     |

My grandmother grows corn and beans. Yesterday, she and I picked five ears of corn. Then, we picked some beans. Today, we will cook the corn and the beans because we want them for dinner.

#### Now read the directions below.

In the passage "A Special Day in the Garden," how does the narrator feel about the grandmother's garden? Write one paragraph about how the narrator feels about the garden. You can use the words in the Word Box to help you write your paragraph.

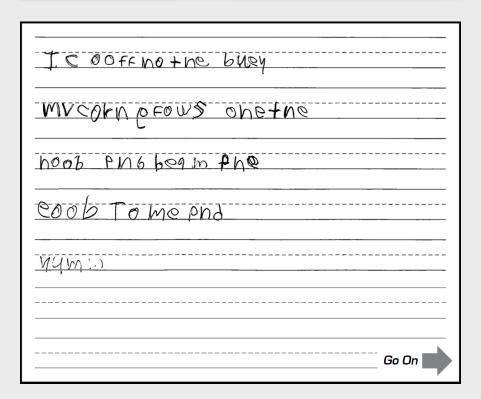
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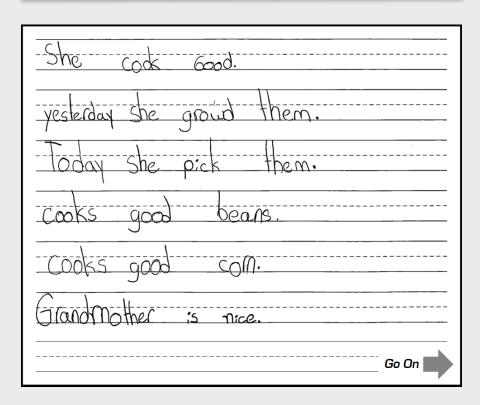
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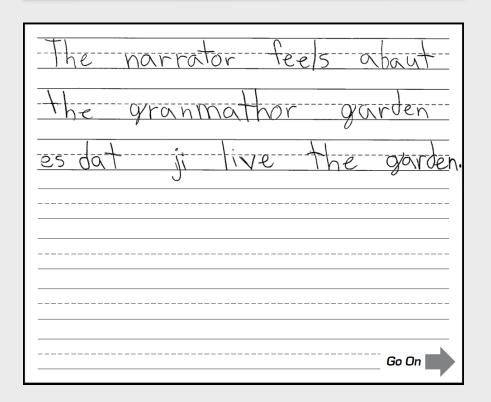


- Response contains few gradeappropriate words
- Words are unclear and meaning is mostly obscured



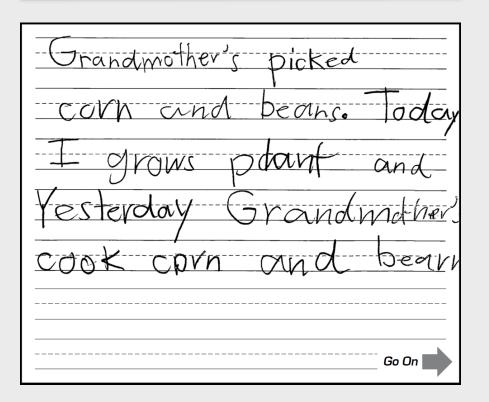
- Response contains some gradeappropriate words and some simple sentences to introduce and complete thoughts in a written text
- Response contains a few detailed thoughts and ideas in a written text

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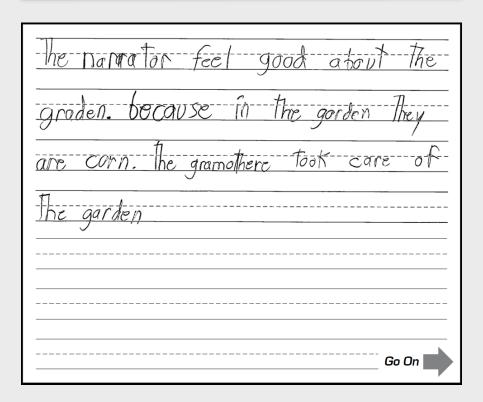
- Response includes at least one sentence that completes a thought in a written text
- Response may contain adapted text
- Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning

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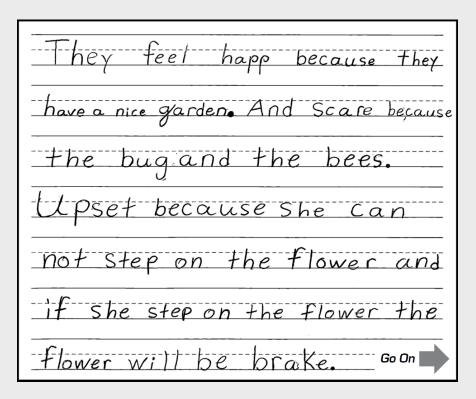
- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and at least one compound sentence to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text
- Response contains some detailed thoughts and ideas in a written text
- Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning

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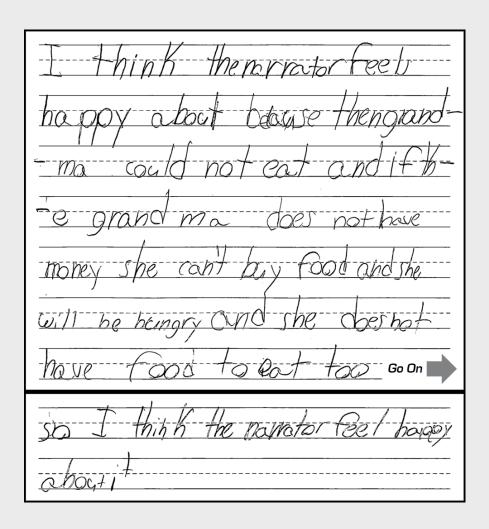
- Response includes one sentence beyond a simple sentence
- Response includes a few sentences to introduce and complete thoughts and ideas in a written text
- Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning

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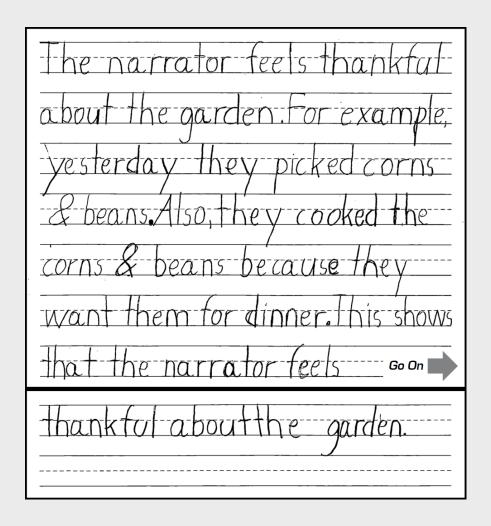
- Response contains relevant details to support thoughts, feelings, or ideas
- Response includes complex sentences
- Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning

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- Use of introductory and concluding words makes organization evident
- Response includes complex sentences
- Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning

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#### **Score Point 4**

- Response includes varied and sufficient detailed thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a written text
- Organization is clear with an introduction and a conclusion
- Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning

# **Grades 5–6: SCR Rubric**

| Entering  O     | Complexity of Language: Response contains zero or few grade-appropriate words and short phrases.  Quality of Language: Response contains most common literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary to precisely describe detailed ideas and facts.  Coherence of Response: Response includes zero or few transitional words that orient the reader, logically develop ideas using transitions, or provide closure in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains no or at least one precisely described detailed idea or fact in written text.  Mechanics: Response may contain errors that totally obscure meaning.  |
|-----------------|---|
| Emerging<br>1   | Complexity of Language: Response contains some grade-appropriate words, short phrases, and a few simple sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use of Tier 1 and a few Tier 2 and Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to precisely describe detailed ideas and facts.  Coherence of Response: Response includes a few transitional words and at least one sentence structure that orient the reader, logically develop ideas using transitions, or provide closure in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains a few precisely described detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Mechanics: Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning.                                    |
| Transitioning 2 | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and at least one complex sentence.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and a few figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to precisely describe detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes some transitional words and a few sentence structures that orient the reader, logically develop ideas using transitions, or provide closure in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains some precisely described detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Mechanics: Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning. |
| Expanding<br>3  | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and some complex sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and some figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to precisely describe detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many transitional words and some sentence structures that orient the reader, logically develop ideas using transitions, or provide closure in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains many precisely described detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Mechanics: Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning.              |
| Commanding 4    | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal and figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to precisely describe detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that orient the reader, logically develop ideas using transitions, or provide closure in a written text.  Degree of Response: Response contains varied and sufficient precisely described detailed ideas and facts in a written text.  Mechanics: Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning.                 |

# **Grades 5–6: SCR Scoring Notes**

| Writing – Grades 5–6 SCR / Explanatory Footnotes to the Rubric |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Dimension  | Entering<br><b>O</b>   | Emerging<br><b>1</b>  | Transitioning<br><b>2</b>  | Expanding<br><b>3</b>  | Commanding <b>4</b>  |
| Complexity<br>of Language                                      | Blank, no response<br>Language other than English<br>Illegible Response<br>Unintelligible Response |   |  |  |  |
|  | Completely copied text   | Adapted text if one clear, well-constructed sentence is provided  |  |  |  |
|  | Isolated words or a list of words or short phrases   | Response must include at least one sentence   | Response must include one sentence beyond a simple sentence (may be expanded or complex)   | Response includes both simple<br>and some complex sentences;<br>may include sentences beyond<br>these                              | Response includes both simple<br>and complex sentences; may<br>include sentences beyond these                                  |
| Quality of<br>Language   | Words represent only Tier<br>1 (most common, everyday<br>words)                                    | Mostly Tier 1 words with a few<br>Tier 2 or Tier 3 words possible   | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier<br>3 words are present; some<br>figurative language may be<br>present   | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are present and used<br>appropriately; some figurative<br>language may be present          | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are used consistently and<br>appropriately; some figurative<br>language may be present |
| Coherence of<br>Response                                       | No coherence to the response due to brevity  | The use of transition words and at least one sentence to attempt organization is evident                                | Some use of transition words<br>and sentences that establish<br>a sense of organization<br>(orientation, linking,<br>development, or conclusion) | Use of transition words and sentences provides clear organization (orientation, linking, development, or conclusion)               | Organization is clear with<br>an orientation, linking,<br>development, and conclusion  |
| Degree of<br>Response  | At most one detail expressed by single words   | More than one detail is included in the response  | Response includes some precise<br>details to express ideas or facts  | Response contains relevant<br>and precise details to support<br>ideas or facts   | Response contains varied and sufficient precise details to support ideas or facts  |
| Mechanics  | Words are unclear and meaning<br>is mostly obscured<br>May include inventive spelling              | Some words are clear so that<br>meaning is evident though<br>there may be many errors<br>May include inventive spelling | Response is mostly clear though<br>there may be errors; L <sub>1</sub> errors<br>may be present<br>May include inventive spelling                | May include inventive spelling<br>Response is always clear,<br>though there may be errors; L <sub>1</sub><br>errors may be present | Response is always clear with<br>very few errors; L <sub>1</sub> errors may<br>be present but don't interfere<br>with meaning  |

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**Note:** Responses that are **completely irrelevant** to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.

#### **Directions**

Read the passage again. Then you will be asked to write a paragraph based on the passage.

#### The Sherpa People of Nepal





Map of Nepal

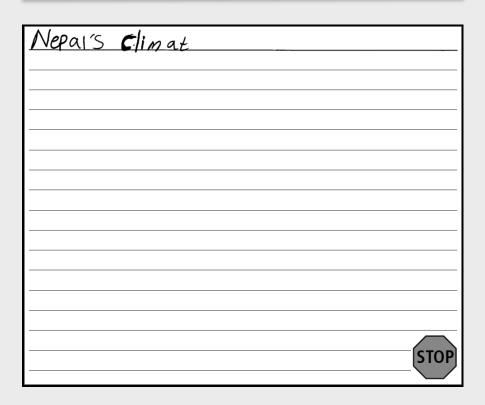
Yak

- Nepal is a country that lies between China and India. Most people in Nepal live in the central and southern regions. Nepal's northern side is formed by the Himalaya mountain range. One ethnic group that lives in Nepal are the Sherpa people. Many Sherpas live around the southern base of Mount Everest, which is the tallest mountain in the world.
- Nepal's climate is arctic in the mountains' high altitudes. Severely cold winds blow. Glaciers and heavy snow are found in the mountains. The Sherpas are used to living at high altitudes in extreme weather. Their villages are located more than 10,000 feet above sea level.
- The mountains are so steep the Sherpas can't use cars. Because of this, they hike everywhere and carry items that they need on their backs. Sometimes they use animals to carry very heavy loads. One animal they use is called a yak. A yak is like a cow, but it has thick fur. The fur keeps the yak warm. Its large feet with hooves help it successfully navigate snowy paths and icy slopes. The Sherpas use yak wool to make warm clothing. They use yak milk to make butter. A favorite Sherpa meal is a crisp potato pancake served with yak butter.
- The Sherpa people are famous for their mountain-climbing ability. Every year, visitors come to Nepal to climb Mount Everest. Because the Sherpas are so good at hiking in the mountains, people often hire them as guides.

#### Now read the directions below.

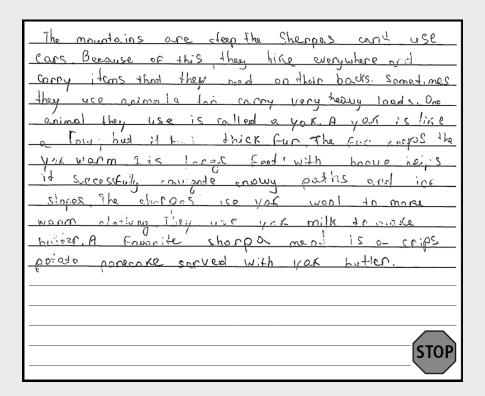
Think about where the Sherpa people live and how they live. Why are yaks important to how the Sherpa people live? Write one paragraph explaining why yaks are important to the Sherpa people. Use information from the passage to support your reasons.

#### **Score Point 0**



- Response contains no idea or fact (adapted or original)
- Copied phrase verbatim

### **Score Point 0**



- Response contains no idea or fact (adapted or original)
- Copied paragraph verbatim

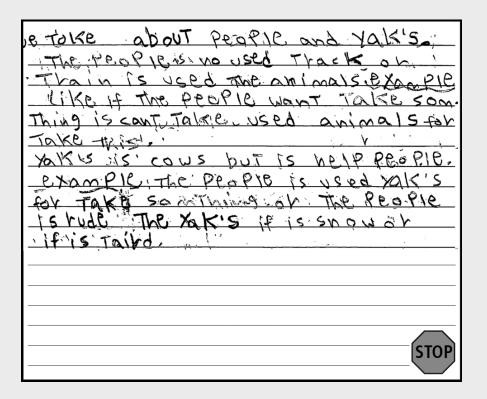
### **Score Point 1**

The many Sherpas live around the Southern base of Mount Everest, which is the tallest mountain in the world. The mountain are so steep the sherpas can't use a cars. Because of this, they hike everywhere and carry items that they need on their backs. Sometimes they use animals to carry very heavy loads. One animal they use is called a yak. A yak is like a cow, it has thick Fur. The fur Keeps yak warm. It's large feet help it successfully navigate snowy paths and icy slopes. The sherpas use yak wool to make warm clothing. They use yok mi make butter. A favorite Sherpa meal crisp Pottate parake served with yak butter. And thats why yaks important for sherpas people. STOP

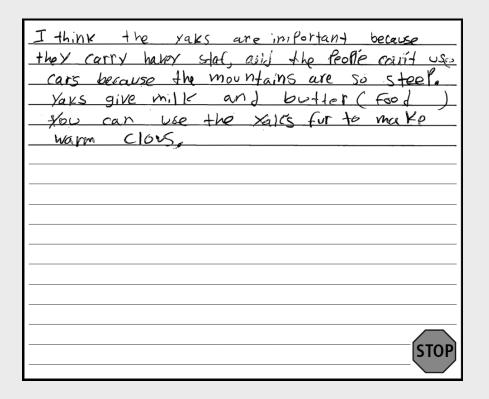
- Response contains some gradeappropriate words
- One adapted sentence
- Response includes at least one sentence structure that provides closure in a written text

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#### **Score Point 1**

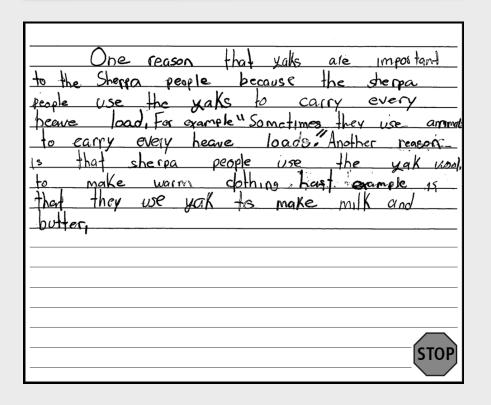


- Response contains some gradeappropriate words
- Response contains literal use of Tier 1 and a few Tier 2 grade-appropriate vocabulary words
- More than 1 detail is included in the response
- Response contains frequent errors that obscure meaning



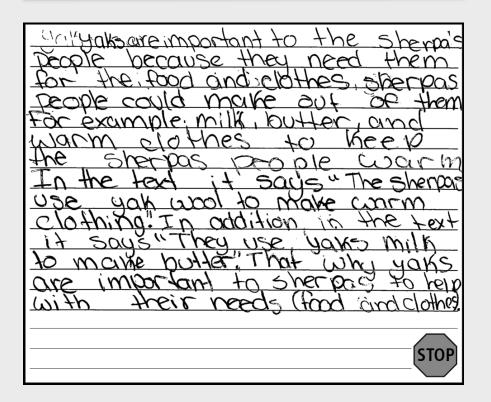
- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and at least one complex sentence
- Relevant to prompt
- Response includes some precise details
- Response is mostly clear; errors may occasionally obscure meaning
- Includes inventive spelling

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- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and complex sentences
- Relevant to the prompt
- Response includes transitional words and some sentence structures that orient the reader, logically develop ideas, and provide closure in a written text
- Response contains some precisely detailed ideas and facts in a written text
- Response is clear; errors exist, but rarely obscure meaning

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- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and some complex sentences
- Relevant to the prompt
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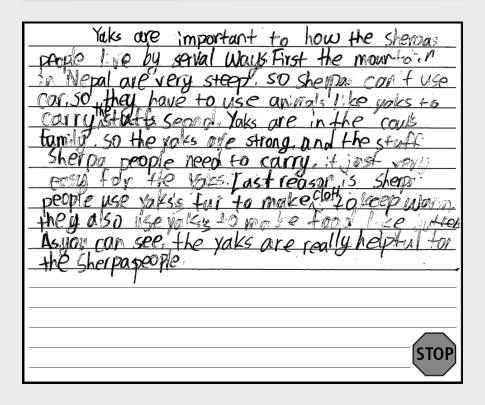
#### **Score Point 4**

Yaks are important to how the sherpa people live. The first reason is that the yaks can carry heavy thing: for Sherpa people Many Sherpa people live around the base of the mountains, therefore, people need to pass the mountain to get to another side. The mountains are so steep so they can't use the car, so they use yaks to carry neavy loads that they needed second reason to support my claim is that sherpa people use yak wool to make warm cloth. Because of the location and climate of Nepal, sherpas always live in a cold weather, so they need to get more warm cloths. According to the passage "The sherpar people of Nepal." It saids "The fur keeps the vak warm." It shows that the furs are so warm and it keeps yaks warm from the cold weather. In addition, Sherpas use yok milk to make butter and they love to eat crisp potato cake served with yak better. Yaks make the STOP lives of Sherpas esaier and better

- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and complex sentences
- Relevant to the prompt
- Response includes many and varied transitional words and some sentence structures that orient the reader, logically develop ideas, and provide closure in a written text
- Response contains varied and sufficient precisely detailed ideas and facts in a written text
- Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning

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# Grades 5–6: Short Constructed Response



- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and complex sentences
- Relevant to the prompt
- Response includes many and varied transitional words and some sentence structures that orient the reader, logically develop ideas, and provide closure in a written text
- Response contains varied and sufficient precisely detailed ideas and facts in a written text
- Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning

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# **Break Time** 15 Minutes

# **Grades 3–4: ECR Rubric (Narrative)**

| Entering<br>O   | Complexity of Language: Response contains zero or few grade-appropriate words or short phrases.  Quality of Language: Response contains most common literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary in narrative.  Coherence of Response: Response includes zero or few transitional words that may or may not introduce, develop, link, or complete a narrative.  Degree of Response: Response contains no or at least one detailed description, event, or a closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response contains errors that totally obscure meaning.  |
|-----------------|---|
| Emerging<br>1   | Complexity of Language: Response contains some grade-appropriate words, short phrases, and a few simple sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use of Tier 1 and a few Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary in narrative.  Coherence of Response: Response includes a few transitional words and at least one sentence structure that minimally introduce, develop, link, or complete a narrative.  Degree of Response: Response contains a few detailed descriptions, events in sequence, or a closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning.                     |
| Transitioning 2 | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and at least one complex sentence.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and a few figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary in narrative.  Coherence of Response: Response includes some transitional words and a few sentence structures that partially introduce, develop, link, and complete a narrative.  Degree of Response: Response contains some detailed descriptions, events in sequence, and a closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning. |
| Expanding<br>3  | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and some complex sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and some figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary in narrative.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many transitional words and some sentence structures that introduce, develop, link, and complete a narrative.  Degree of Response: Response contains many detailed descriptions, events in sequence, and a closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning.                        |
| Commanding 4    | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal and figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary in narrative.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that introduce, develop, link, and complete a narrative.  Degree of Response: Response contains varied and sufficient detailed descriptions, events in sequence, and a closure in response to the prompt.  Mechanics: Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning.                       |

# **Grades 3–4: ECR Scoring Notes**

|                           |                         | Writing – Gra  | des 3–4 ECR / Exp  | lanatory Footnote  | s to the Rubric   |  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Dimension                 |                         | Entering<br><b>O</b>   | Emerging<br><b>1</b>   | Transitioning <b>2</b>   | Expanding<br><b>3</b>   | Commanding<br><b>4</b>   |
| Complexity<br>of Language |                         | Blank, no response<br>Language other than English<br>Illegible Response<br>Unintelligible Response |  |  |   |  |
|                           |                         | Completely copied text   | Adapted text if one clear, well-constructed sentence is provided   |  |   |  |
|                           |                         | Isolated words or a list of words or short phrases   | Response must include at least one sentence  | Response must include one complex sentence   | Response includes both simple and some complex sentences; may include sentences beyond these  | Response includes both simple and complex sentences; may include sentences beyond these  |
| Quality of<br>Language    |                         | Words represent only Tier<br>1 (most common, everyday<br>words)                                    | Mostly Tier 1 words with a<br>few Tier 2 words possible  | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier<br>3 words are present; some<br>figurative language may be<br>present                                   | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier<br>3 words are present and<br>used appropriately; some<br>figurative language may be<br>present          | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are used consistently<br>and appropriately; some<br>figurative language may be<br>present                      |
| Coherence of              | Narrative<br>Prompt     | No coherence to the response due to brevity  | At least one sentence that attempts to organize a narrative  | At least some transition<br>words and sentences that<br>partially organize a narrative   | Use of transition words<br>and sentence structures to<br>establish and organize a<br>narrative  | Organization is clearly<br>established with a variety of<br>words and sentences  |
| Response                  | Informational<br>Prompt | No coherence to the response due to brevity  | At least one sentence that<br>attempts to introduce, link, or<br>complete a thought or idea                                | At least some transition<br>words and sentences that<br>partially organize linked ideas<br>on a topic                                | Use of transition words<br>and sentence structures to<br>organize and link ideas on a<br>topic  | Organization and<br>development are clearly<br>established with a variety of<br>words and sentences  |
| Degree of                 | Narrative<br>Prompt     | At most one detail, event, or<br>closure expressed by single<br>words or short phrases             | At least one detail, event, or a closure   | Some descriptive details, events in sequence, and a closure  | Response contains relevant descriptive details, events, and closure   | Response contains varied and sufficient details, events, and a closure   |
| Response                  | Informational<br>Prompt | At most one connected idea expressed by single words or short phrases                              | At least one connected idea or a closure   | Some supported, connected ideas, and a closure   | Response contains relevant supported and connected ideas and closure  | Response contains varied<br>and sufficient supported and<br>linked ideas, and a closure  |
| Mechanics                 |                         | Words are unclear and meaning<br>is mostly obscured<br>May include inventive spelling              | Some words are clear so that<br>meaning is evident though<br>there may be many errors<br>May include inventive<br>spelling | Response is mostly clear<br>though there may be errors;<br>L <sub>1</sub> errors may be present<br>May include inventive<br>spelling | Response is always clear,<br>though there may be errors;<br>L <sub>1</sub> errors may be present<br>May include inventive<br>spelling | Response is always clear with<br>very few errors; L, errors may<br>be present but don't interfere<br>with meaning<br>May include inventive<br>spelling |

<sup>\*</sup> L<sub>1</sub> errors refer to errors that are directly related to the structure or grammar of the native language.

Note: Responses that are completely irrelevant to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.

**Note:** Due to the holistic nature of the rubric, a response that is less than two paragraphs but meets the majority of criteria for the dimensions of the performance level will receive the score for that performance level.

## **Directions**

Read the passage again. Then you will be asked to write about the passage.

- 1 The train came to a shaky stop. Isabella looked up at her grandfather.
- 2 "Are you ready to go into the city?" he asked.
- 3 Isabella nodded and her brown eyes widened. The last time she had been in the city was nine years ago. She was a newborn baby then. She had spent most of her life living in the mountains, far from the city.
- 4 "You'll notice it is a lot different here," Grandfather said, as a smile appeared on his face. He had spent most of his childhood in the city.
- 5 They quickly walked off the train and up some stairs. A blast of warm August air hit Isabella as they reached the city street.
- 6 "It's a lot warmer here," Isabella said.
- But that wasn't the only thing she noticed. The noise was new to her, too. There were people talking, cars driving, and horns honking. Instead of forests, buildings of all shapes and sizes lined the city streets. Lights and signs blinked on and off.
- 8 It was nothing like home.
- 9 Isabella loved it. "Thank you for bringing me here, Grandfather," she said. "I can't wait to see more."

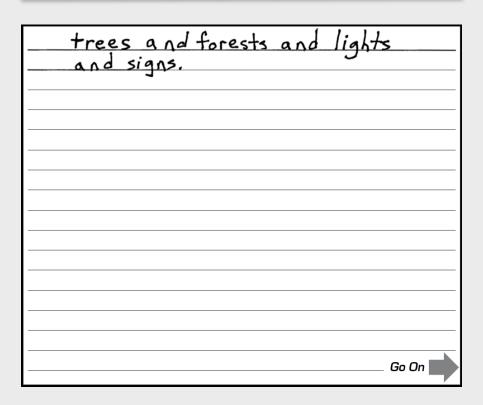
#### Now read the directions below.

At the end of the passage "A Trip to the City," Isabella says, "I can't wait to see more." What other things do you think Isabella saw on her trip? Write another part of the story that tells what she and her grandfather did and saw. Write at least two paragraphs. Use details from the passage and your own ideas to create your story.

## A Trip to the City

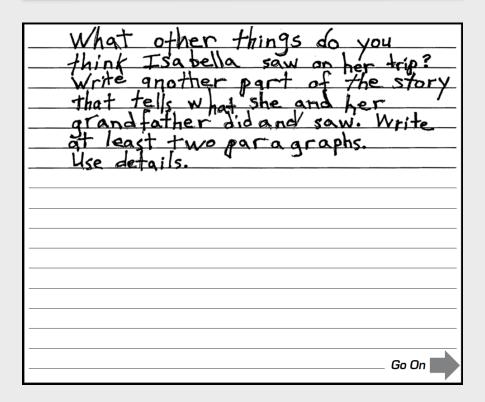


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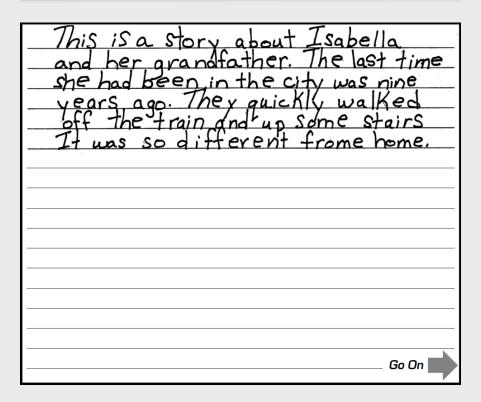
- Copied words
- Response contains few grade-appropriate words or short phrases
- Response contains most common literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary

## **Score Point 0**



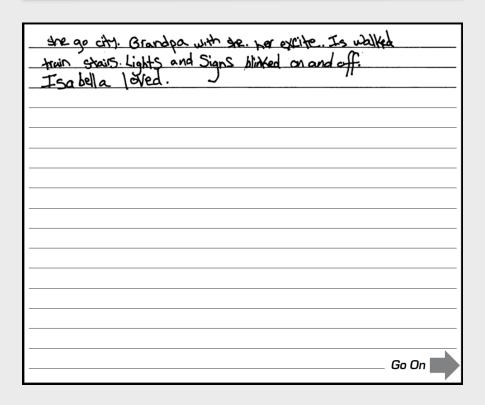
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## **Score Point 1**



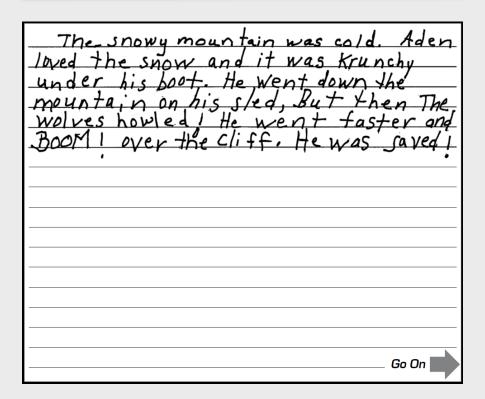
- Single original sentence; remaining text is copied verbatim
- Response contains at least one sentence structure that minimally introduces a narrative
- Response contains literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary

## **Score Point 1**



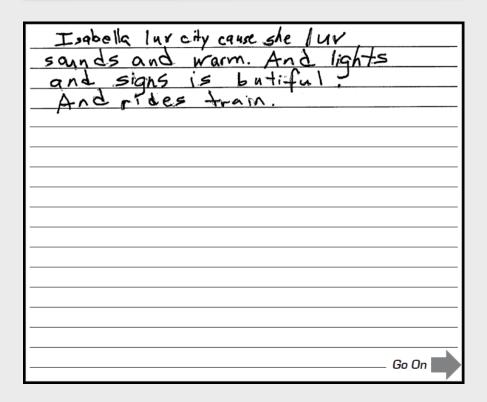
- Response contains some gradeappropriate words, short phrases, and simple sentences
- Response contains at least one sentence structure that minimally introduces a narrative
- Response contains literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary
- Response contains frequent errors that obscure meaning

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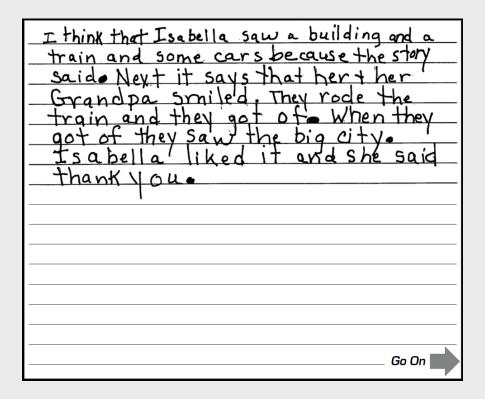


 Response is completely irrelevant to the prompt

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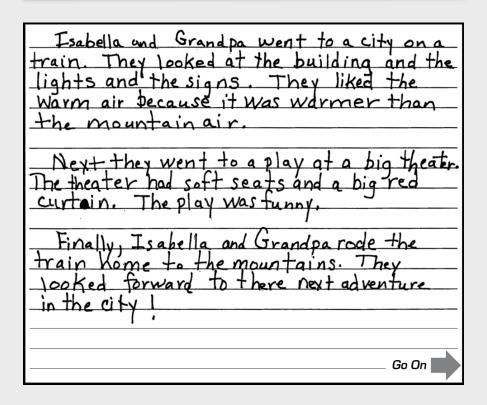
- Response contains grade-appropriate simple sentence and one complex sentence
- Response contains a few sentence structures that partially introduces a narrative
- Response contains some detail, and events in sequence
- Response contains occasional errors that obscure meaning



- Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and some complex sentences
- Response is related to the prompt
- Response includes some sentence structures that introduce, develop, and complete a narrative
- Response contains many details, events in sequence, and a closure in response to the prompt
- Response is always clear; though errors may be present, they rarely obscure meaning

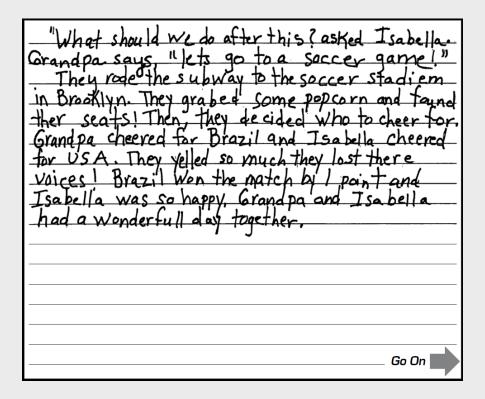
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## **Score Point 4**



- Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences
- Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that introduce, develop, and complete a narrative
- Response contains varied and sufficient detailed descriptions, events in sequence, and a closure in response to the prompt
- Response is always clear, with very few errors or no errors that obscure meaning

## **Score Point 4**



- Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences
- Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that introduce, develop, and complete a narrative
- Response contains varied and sufficient detailed descriptions, events in sequence, and a closure in response to the prompt
- Response is always clear, with very few errors or no errors that obscure meaning

# **Grades 7–8: ECR Rubric (Informational)**

| Entering<br>O   | Complexity of Language: Response contains zero or few grade-appropriate words or short phrases.  Quality of Language: Response contains most common literal use of Tier 1 grade-appropriate vocabulary to develop a topic.  Coherence of Response: Response includes zero or few transitional words that may or may not orient the reader, logically organize or connect ideas, or provide closure to a topic.  Degree of Response: Response contains no or at least one precisely stated and linked claim and evidence, a variety of support, or closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response contains errors that totally obscure meaning.  |
|-----------------|--|
| Emerging<br>1   | Complexity of Language: Response contains some grade-appropriate words, short phrases, and a few simple sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use of Tier 1 and a few Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to develop a topic.  Coherence of Response: Response includes a few transitional words and at least one sentence structure that minimally orient the reader, logically organize and connect ideas, or provide closure to a topic.  Degree of Response: Response contains a few precisely stated and linked claims and evidence, a variety of support, or closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response may have frequent errors that obscure meaning.                     |
| Transitioning 2 | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and at least one complex sentence.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and a few figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to develop a topic.  Coherence of Response: Response includes some transitional words and a few sentence structures that partially orient the reader, logically organize and connect ideas, and provide closure to a topic.  Degree of Response: Response contains some precisely stated and linked claims and evidence, a variety of support, and closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response may have occasional errors that obscure meaning. |
| Expanding<br>3  | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple sentences and some complex sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal use and some figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to develop a topic.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many transitional words and some sentence structures that orient the reader, logically organize and connect ideas, and provide closure to a topic.  Degree of Response: Response contains many precisely stated and linked claims and evidence, a variety of support, and closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response rarely contains errors that obscure meaning.                        |
| Commanding 4    | Complexity of Language: Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences.  Quality of Language: Response contains literal and figurative uses of Tier 1 and Tier 2 or Tier 3 grade-appropriate vocabulary to develop a topic.  Coherence of Response: Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that orient the reader, logically organize and connect ideas, and provide closure to a topic.  Degree of Response: Response contains varied and sufficient precisely stated and linked claims and evidence, a variety of support, and closure in response to prompt.  Mechanics: Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning.                           |

# **Grades 7–8: ECR Scoring Notes**

|                           |                         | Writing – Gra  | des 7–8 ECR / Exp  | anatory Footnote   | s to the Rubric   |   |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Dimension                 |                         | Entering<br><b>O</b>   | Emerging<br><b>1</b>   | Transitioning<br><b>2</b>  | Expanding<br><b>3</b>   | Commanding<br><b>4</b>  |
| Complexity<br>of Language |                         | Blank, no response<br>Language other than English<br>Illegible Response<br>Unintelligible Response |  |  |   |   |
|                           |                         | Completely copied text   | Adapted text if one clear, well-constructed sentence is provided   |  |   |   |
|                           |                         | Isolated words or a list of words or short phrases   | Response must include at least one sentence  | Response must include one complex sentence   | Response includes both simple and some complex sentences; may include sentences beyond these  | Response includes both simple<br>and complex sentences; may<br>include sentences beyond these   |
| Quality of<br>Language    |                         | Words represent only Tier<br>1 (most common, everyday<br>words)                                    | Mostly Tier 1 words with a<br>few Tier 2 words possible  | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier<br>3 words are present; some<br>figurative language may be<br>present                                   | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier<br>3 words are present and<br>used appropriately; some<br>figurative language may be<br>present          | Tier 1, 2, and possibly Tier 3<br>words are used consistently and<br>appropriately; some figurative<br>language may be present                      |
| Coherence of              | Narrative<br>Prompt     | No coherence to the response due to brevity  | At least one sentence that attempts to organize a narrative  | At least some transition<br>words and sentences that<br>partially organize a narrative   | Use of transition words<br>and sentence structures to<br>establish and organize a<br>narrative  | Organization is clearly<br>established with a variety of<br>words and sentences   |
| Response                  | Informational<br>Prompt | No coherence to the response due to brevity  | At least one sentence that<br>attempts to orient, logically<br>develop, or close a topic                                   | At least some transition<br>words and sentences that<br>partially orient, logically<br>develop, or close a topic                     | Use of transition words and<br>sentence structures that<br>logically orient, develop, and<br>close a topic                            | Organization and development<br>are clearly established with a<br>variety of words and sentences  |
| Degree of<br>Response     | Narrative<br>Prompt     | At most one character detail,<br>event, or closure expressed by<br>single words or short phrases   | At least two references to characters, details, events, or a closure   | Some references to multiple characters, descriptive details, events in sequence, and a closure                                       | Response contains multiple<br>characters, relevant<br>descriptive details, sequenced<br>events, and closure                           | Response contains varied and sufficient character references, details, events, and a closure  |
|                           | Informational<br>Prompt | At most one claim or supportive idea expressed by single words or short phrases                    | At least one linked claim and evidence or a closure  | Some precisely stated and linked claims and evidence, and a closure  | Response contains precisely<br>stated claims and evidence<br>with varied support and<br>closure                                       | Response contains varied and sufficient claims and evidence that are precisely stated, and a closure  |
| Mechanics                 |                         | Words are unclear and meaning<br>is mostly obscured<br>May include inventive spelling              | Some words are clear so that<br>meaning is evident though<br>there may be many errors<br>May include inventive<br>spelling | Response is mostly clear<br>though there may be errors;<br>L <sub>1</sub> errors may be present<br>May include inventive<br>spelling | Response is always clear,<br>though there may be errors;<br>L <sub>1</sub> errors may be present<br>May include inventive<br>spelling | Response is always clear with<br>very few errors; L, errors may<br>be present but don't interfere<br>with meaning<br>May include inventive spelling |

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**Note:** Responses that are **completely irrelevant** to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.

**Note:** Due to the holistic nature of the rubric, a response that is less than two paragraphs but meets the majority of criteria for the dimensions of the performance level will receive the score for that performance level.

#### **Directions**

#### Read the passage again. Then you will be asked to write about the passage.

- 1 The phrase "Going Green" is popular these days. "Going Green" means people are trying to protect Earth from pollution and other damage humans cause. On April 22 each year, people around the world celebrate "Earth Day." However, we should try to reduce pollution and recycle every day. "Going Green" really refers to a way of life that focuses on saving our environment.
- We need to protect this planet so we have a clean, healthy place to live. One way to protect Earth is to keep garbage out of landfills, which are huge areas filled with trash. Picking up trash along roadsides and beaches can also help. Litter and landfill waste cause polluted soil, water, and air, and destroy the natural beauty of the land.
- 3 We can also protect the planet in other ways. First, we can take shorter showers to save water. Second, we can walk or ride a bicycle instead of using gasoline-powered vehicles to reduce air pollution. Another option is to purchase used or recycled products instead of using valuable resources to create new products.
- 4 How can we save our planet? The Worldwatch Institute offers helpful ideas about ways people can join "Going Green" efforts to be part of the solution, not part of the problem:
- Use water bottles that can be refilled. Don't buy plastic water bottles that will likely be thrown away.
- Save energy by turning down the heat in homes and unplugging appliances when they are not being used.
- Borrow and share items such as books, movies, or tools. This also saves resources.
- Keep electronic devices, such as cell phones and laptops, as long as possible. When it's time for a new device, don't throw old ones away. Instead, donate or recycle them.
- 9 Making better choices is good for all of us who want to live on a healthy planet. "Going Green" is one small step in the right direction.

#### Now read the directions below.

Think about the steps to protect the environment given in the passage. Which steps do you already do? What are some other ways you can help protect the environment? Write at least two paragraphs to explain how you and your friends can help protect the environment. Use information from the passage and your own ideas to support your response.

### **Going Green**

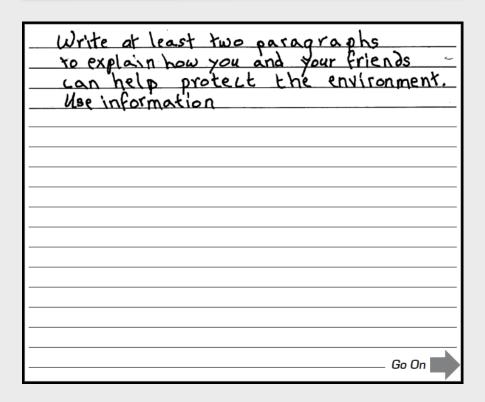


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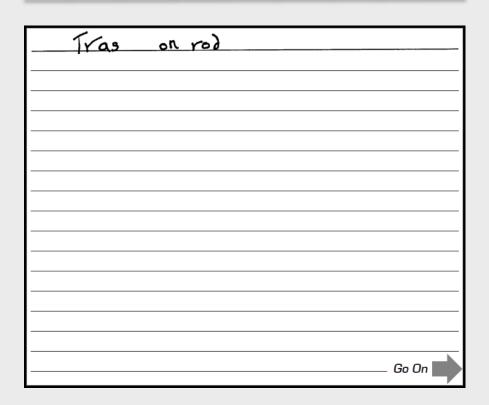
- Keep garbage out of landfills
- Pick up litter
- Save water
- Walk or ride a bicycle
- Recycle plastic



## **Score Point 0**

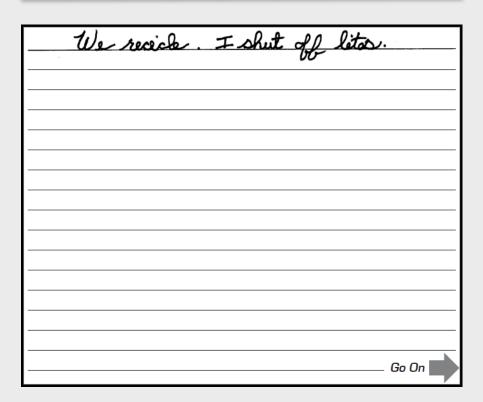


- Response contains no claims, evidence, support, or closure (adapted or original)
- ♦ All text copied verbatim from the prompt



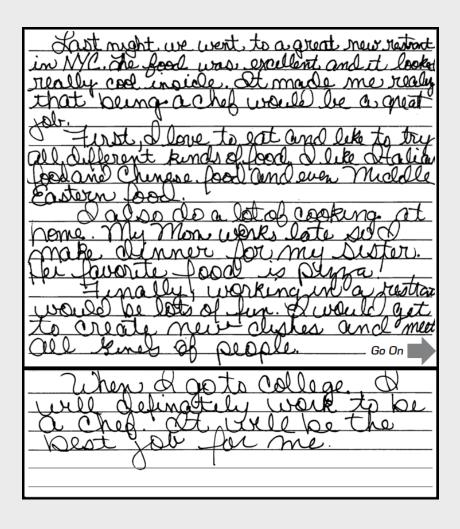
- Response contains a short phrase
- Response contains errors that totally obscure meaning

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- Response contains some gradeappropriate simple sentences that minimally orient the reader
- Response contains a few precisely stated claims

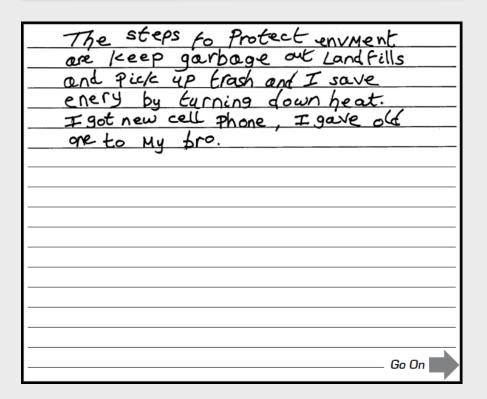
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## **Score Point 1**

 Response is completely irrelevant to the prompt

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- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and at least one complex sentence (adapted complex sentence)
- Response includes a sentence structure that partially orients the reader
- Response contains some precisely stated claims and evidence
- Response is mostly clear, though there may be occasional errors that obscure meaning

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| My skul recyc paper. We use blue box. We profect because is good for erth. Keep electronic devices such as cell phones and laptops, as long as possible. Use water hoffles that can be refilled. Don't buy plastic water bottles that likely be thrown away. Borrow and share items such as books, movies or tools. This also saves resources. |
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| Go On  |

- Response contains mostly gradeappropriate simple sentences and at least one complex sentence (remaining text is copied verbatim from prompt)
- Response includes sentence structures that partially orient the reader
- Response contains some precisely stated claims and evidence, a variety of support in response to prompt
- Response is mostly clear; may have occasional errors that obscure meaning
- May include inventive spelling

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## **Score Point 4**

| The Earth is our home and we need to take care of it.  |
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| There are many ways that the students at my school can   |
| work to protect our environment and resources.   |
| The first place we can help is in the school cafteria.   |
| Their should be recycling stations to collect plastic and  |
| paper and glass. And compost his for scrap food. Decouse   |
| of all the waste, they should ban the sale of bottle water.  |
| The next place we kelp is at home. We can turn off   |
| lights, take shorter showers, and turn down the heat in  |
| the winter. Instead of riding to school in a car we  |
| could use our bikes or skateboreds.  |
| The most important thing we do is work to educate  |
| out families, is pecially our younger brothers and sisters.  It is our job to keep our planet happy. |
| It is ow job to keep our planet happy.   |
| GO GREEN!  |
|  |
| Go On  |

- Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences
- Response is related to the prompt
- Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that orient the reader, logically organize and connect ideas, and provide closure to a topic
- Response contains varied and sufficiently precisely stated and linked claims and evidence; a variety of support and closure
- Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning

## **Score Point 4**

GOING GREEN MEANS PROTECTING THE EVERYDAY WE SHOULD RECYCLE THE TEXT SAYS ACCORDING TO THE WORLD IT. THIRD WE CAN USE BOOKS AND MOVIES FROM OTHER PEOPLE AND NOT buy NEW ONES IN ADDITION, WE SHOWED KEEP OUR ELECTRONICS AS LONG AS WECAN. ONLY BUY NEW ONES WHEN YOU HAVE TO AND DONATE OR BEYLLE OLD ONES. GOING GREEN IS THE WAY TO PROTECT THE BARTH

- Response contains mostly grade-appropriate simple and complex sentences
- Response is relevant to the prompt
- Response includes many and varied transitional words and sentence structures that orient the reader, logically organize and connect ideas, and provide closure to a topic
- Response contains varied and sufficiently precisely stated and linked claims and evidence; a variety of support and closure
- Response has few or no errors that obscure meaning
- May include inventive spelling

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