

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Spelling	<p>The writer could read her writing. The writer wrote a letter for the sounds she heard. The writer used the word wall to help her spell.</p>		<p>The writer used all he knew about words and chunks of words (<i>at, op, it, etc.</i>) to help him spell.</p> <p>The writer spelled all the word wall words right and used the word wall to help him spell other words.</p>		<p>To spell a word, the writer used what he knew about spelling patterns (<i>tion, er, ly, etc.</i>).</p> <p>The writer spelled all of the word wall words correctly and used the word wall to help him figure out how to spell other words.</p>		<p>The writer used what she knew about spelling patterns to help her spell and edit before she wrote her final draft.</p> <p>The writer got help from others to check her spelling and punctuation before she wrote her final draft.</p>	
Punctuation	<p>The writer put spaces between words.</p> <p>The writer used lowercase letters unless capital letters were needed.</p> <p>The writer wrote capital letters to start every sentence.</p>		<p>The writer ended sentences with punctuation.</p> <p>The writer used a capital letter for names.</p> <p>The writer used commas in dates and lists.</p>		<p>The writer used quotation marks to show what characters said.</p> <p>When the writer used words such as <i>can't</i> and <i>don't</i>, she used the apostrophe.</p>		<p>The writer punctuated dialogue correctly with commas and quotation marks.</p> <p>While writing, the writer put punctuation at the end of every sentence.</p> <p>The writer wrote in ways that helped readers read with expression, reading some parts quickly, some slowly, some parts in one sort of voice and others in another.</p>	
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*Elaboration and Craft are double-weighted categories. Whatever score a student would get in these categories is worth double the amount of points. For example, if a student exceeds expectations in Elaboration, then that student would receive 8 points instead of 4 points. If a student meets standards in Elaboration, then that student would receive 6 points instead of 3 points.