

Narrative Writing

Focus

- ✓ Story flows smoothly from beginning to end
- ✓ Has great/effective closing
- ✓ Wrote only about one event
- ✓ Included reactions that make sense
- ✓ Subject/event clear

Support

- ✓ Explains event by using specific details and examples
- ✓ Tells how you feel about the examples and how this event affected your life
- ✓ Uses descriptive words to tell your story

Organization

- ✓ Narrative structure clear
- ✓ Major points are appropriately paragraphed
- ✓ Opening and closing paragraphs are more than one sentence
- ✓ Contains varied word choice
- ✓ Contains varied sentences

Integration

- ✓ Story is easy to understand
- ✓ All the details of the story are connected together

Persuasive/Expository Writing

Focus

- ✓ Has a great introduction that explains the topic
- ✓ Paper is logical & focused
- ✓ Has a great conclusion although it may be a restatement of points from the introduction

Support

- ✓ All of the ideas have specific supporting details
- ✓ The paper is developed with many examples, reasons, or explanations
- ✓ Uses interesting and clear words to support the topic

Organization

- ✓ Ideas are ordered logically
- ✓ Contains appropriate paragraphs
- ✓ Opening and closing paragraphs are more than one sentence
- ✓ Paper is connected between the paragraphs and flows within the paragraphs
- ✓ Uses a variety of sentences
- ✓ Word choice varies

Integration

- ✓ Paper has a clear and developed focus
- ✓ Paper has balanced, specific details
- ✓ Sentences and paragraphs fit smoothly together

Writing In Fifth Grade



What You Need To
Know To
Succeed

Sentence Structure

This year in writing, students need to vary the types of sentences they use in each paragraph. This means in every paragraph you should have:

- ✓ Short Sentences

Example: Gulp! Trouble!

- ✓ Simple Sentences

Example: I enjoy cake.

- ✓ Compound Sentences

Example: I enjoy cake, and I eat it too quickly.

- ✓ Complex Sentences

Examples: When I eat cookies that I like, I eat them too quickly.

OR

I eat them too quickly when I eat cookies that I like.

Organization

Make sure each paper has:

- ✓ Only one idea in each paragraph
- ✓ A unique introduction paragraph
- ✓ A unique closing paragraph

Each paragraph must have:

- ✓ A topic sentence
- ✓ Details with elaboration
- ✓ A conclusion sentence that contains a transition to the next paragraph

Varied Sentence Beginnings

Example of a paragraph that needs work:

I am a very active fifth grader. I am on a traveling soccer team. I practice three nights a week. I go to tournaments every weekend in the summer. I hope to play professional soccer.

Notice that each sentence begins the same way. This is fine in a first draft, but needs to be revised before it gets turned in.

Revision:

Zoom! As you can see, I am a very active fifth grader. I am on a traveling soccer team. You can find me at Kingston Park practicing soccer three times a week. On most summer weekends, I am away at tournaments. Becoming a professional soccer player is all I dream about.