

6-Point Rubric for Expository Writing

This rubric can help you score your writing.

Ideas

- 6 The topic, focus, and details are well developed.
- 5 The topic is clear and includes many interesting details.
- 4 The topic is clear. Most of the details tell about the topic.
- 3 The topic needs to be clearer. More details are needed.
- 2 The topic is unclear, and the details do not fit.
- 1 The topic is unclear.

Organization

- 6 Every part of the essay works perfectly.
- 5 The beginning, middle, and ending all work well.
- 4 Most parts of the essay are in order.
- 3 Some parts of the essay could be better organized.
- 2 All parts of the essay run together.
- 1 The organization is confusing.

Voice

- 6 The voice sounds confident and well informed.
- 5 The voice sounds well informed.
- 4 The writer sounds informed in most parts.
- 3 The writer sounds informed in some parts.
- 2 The writer sounds unsure.
- 1 The writer sounds uninterested.

Word Choice

- 6 Each word is precisely chosen.
- 5 Specific words explain the topic.
- 4 Most words in the essay explain the topic.
- 3 The essay needs more specific words.
- 2 General or missing words make this essay confusing.
- 1 Some words are used incorrectly.

Sentence Fluency

- 6 All sentences are well crafted and varied.
- 5 Many sentences are well crafted and varied.
- 4 Most sentences have a variety of lengths and beginnings.
- 3 Some sentences have varied lengths and beginnings.

- 2 Many sentences are choppy or incomplete.
- 1 Many sentences are incomplete and difficult to read.

Conventions

- 6 The essay uses conventions well.
- 5 Most conventions are correct.
- 4 Meaning is clear, but some errors are present.
- 3 Errors may confuse reader.
- 2 Errors make the essay hard to read.
- 1 Help is needed to make corrections.