

Grade 4 Writing Checklist

Narrative	Conventions
<p><u>Meets Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrates real or imagined experiences or events <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes a situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduces a narrator and/or characters b. Creates a natural sequence of events c. Uses dialogue and description to develop characters and events <input type="checkbox"/> Describes events clearly and in order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Uses transition words and phrases b. Uses concrete words and phrases c. Uses sensory details <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion 	<p><u>Meets Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Grade-appropriate vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization <input type="checkbox"/> Uses punctuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quotation marks to mark direct speech b. Commas to separate quotations from text c. Punctuation for effect <input type="checkbox"/> Writes complete sentences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Simple, compound, and complex b. Combines, short related sentences c. Correctly uses frequently confused words
Informative/Explanatory	Conventions
<p><u>Meets Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduces a topic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Groups related information in paragraphs and sections b. Uses illustrations and/or multimedia to aid in comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> Develops the topic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provides facts, definitions, and concrete details b. Uses multiple sources to gather information (<i>examples and quotations</i>) c. Shares information in own words <input type="checkbox"/> Uses linking words and phrases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Connects ideas b. Uses precise language (<i>domain-specific</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statement or section 	<p><u>Meets Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Domain-specific vocabulary b. Grade-appropriate vocabulary <input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization <input type="checkbox"/> Uses punctuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quotation marks to mark direct speech b. Commas to separate quotations from text c. Punctuation for effect <input type="checkbox"/> Writes complete sentences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Simple, compound, and complex b. Combines, short related sentences c. Correctly uses frequently confused words d. Uses formal English

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Opinion	Conventions
<p><u>Meets Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Introduces a topic or text<input type="checkbox"/> States an opinion<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Creates an organizational structure that supports the writer’s purpose<input type="checkbox"/> Provides ordered reasons<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Supports reasons with facts and detailsb. Uses multiple sources to gather information for support<input type="checkbox"/> Links opinion and reasons<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Uses word, phrases, and clauses<input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Statement or section	<p><u>Meets Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Domain-specific vocabularyb. Grade-appropriate vocabulary<input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization<input type="checkbox"/> Uses punctuation<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Quotation marks to mark direct speechb. Commas to separate quotations from textc. Punctuation for effect<input type="checkbox"/> Writes complete sentences<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Simple, compound, and complexb. Combines, short related sentencesc. Correctly uses frequently confused wordsd. Uses formal English

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