

# Kindergarten Writing Checklist

<h2>Narrative</h2>	<h2>Conventions</h2>
<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Narrates a single event               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Names a place</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Puts events in order               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Uses only related events</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides a reaction to what happened</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides details</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Spells simple words phonetically</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses capitalization               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Beginning of a sentence</li> <li>b. Pronoun "I"</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses end punctuation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writes simple sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes spaces between words</li> </ul>
<h2>Opinion</h2>	<h2>Conventions</h2>
<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> States preference or opinion clearly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Names a topic or book</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Links ideas               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Connects sentences about one topic</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supplies details</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides sense of closure</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Spells simple words phonetically</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses capitalization               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Beginning of a sentence</li> <li>b. Pronoun "I"</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses end punctuation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writes simple sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes spaces between words</li> </ul>
<h2>Informative/Explanatory</h2>	<h2>Conventions</h2>
<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establishes a topic               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Creates a context for writing</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supplies details</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Links ideas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides sense of closure</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Spells simple words phonetically</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses capitalization               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Beginning of a sentence</li> <li>b. Pronoun "I"</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses end punctuation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writes simple sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes spaces between words</li> </ul>

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## Checklist Rationale:

The checklist is designed as a scoring tool, listing the criteria for a piece of writing. Checklists are useful tools for scoring and communicating expectations for skills and tasks used in classrooms. Use a checklist to grade performance when knowing whether a student *included an element* or *completed a task* is sufficient.

The Kindergarten Writing Checklist reflects the elements expected from students from each genre of writing, as well as the grade-appropriate conventions.