

# Grade 5 Writing Checklist

Narrative	Conventions
<p><b>Meets Expectations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Narrates real or imagined experiences or events</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Establishes a situation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduces a narrator and/or characters</li> <li>b. Creates a natural sequence of events</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes some narrative techniques               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dialogue and description</li> <li>b. Pacing (<i>time and sequence</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Describes events clearly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Uses transition words, phrases, and clauses</li> <li>b. Uses concrete words and phrases</li> <li>c. Uses sensory details</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion</li> </ul>	<p><b>Meets Expectations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Grade-appropriate vocabulary</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct punctuation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commas to separate introductory elements</li> <li>b. Underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writes complete sentences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compound and complex</li> <li>b. Connects ideas correctly</li> <li>c. Uses verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Informative/Explanatory	Conventions
<p><b>Meets Expectations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduces a topic               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Groups related information (<i>formatting</i>)</li> <li>b. Uses illustrations and/or multimedia to aid in comprehension</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develops the topic               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provides facts, definitions, and concrete details</li> <li>b. Uses multiple sources to gather information (<i>examples and quotations</i>)</li> <li>c. Shares information in own words</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses linking words and phrases               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Connects ideas across categories</li> <li>b. Uses precise language (<i>domain-specific</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Statement or section</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Meets Expectations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spells correctly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Domain-specific vocabulary</li> <li>b. Grade-appropriate vocabulary</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct punctuation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commas to separate introductory element</li> <li>b. Underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writes complete sentences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compound and complex</li> <li>b. Connects ideas correctly</li> <li>c. Uses verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Opinion	Conventions
<p><b><u>Meets Expectations:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Introduces a topic or text</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> States an opinion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Creates an organizational structure that supports the writer’s purpose</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides ordered reasons               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Supports reasons with facts and details</li> <li>b. Uses multiple sources to gather information for support</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Links opinion and reasons               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Uses words, phrases, and clauses</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides a conclusion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Statement or section</li> </ul> </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. Domain-specific vocabulary</li> <li>b. Grade-appropriate vocabulary</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct capitalization</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Uses correct punctuation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commas to separate introductory elements</li> <li>b. Underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Writes complete sentences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compound and complex</li> <li>b. Connects ideas correctly</li> <li>c. Uses verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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