

First Grade

Score	Writes Clearly and Effectively
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes several sentences that stay on topic • Gives specific details, descriptions and examples • Varies word choice and sentence length; uses transitions • Uses a beginning, middle, and ending • Sequences ideas in logical order
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes several sentences that stay on topic • Includes some specific details • Includes a beginning, middle, and ending • Uses transitional words (e.g. then, now, and) • Elaborates using some descriptive words or phrases
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partially stays on topic • Few details • Writes more than one sentence, some ideas are unclear • Student attempts beginning, middle and end
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few or no details given to support topic • Primarily communicates ideas by using pictures, letters, or single words (label) • Lacks organization
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Score	Conventions
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses conventional spelling for most high frequency words • Use of phonetic spelling for other words and/or transitional spelling • Uses grade level appropriate spelling patterns to write unfamiliar words • Mostly capitalizes first word in sentence, names and the pronoun "I" • Mostly uses correct punctuation at end of sentences • Mostly uses appropriate grammar including pronouns, plurals, and complete sentences • Uses spaces between words and left to right, top to bottom organization
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spells some high frequency words correctly • Uses phonetic spelling • Beginning to use common spelling patterns • Sometimes capitalizes beginning of sentence and names. • Sometimes uses end punctuation • Uses spaces between words and left to right, top to bottom organization
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts phonetic spelling or uses a one word label • Little or no evidence of capitalization and/or punctuation • Spacing makes reading difficult