

General Writing Rubric

This rubric uses four 5-point scales (20 total points). Select some or all of the topics for assessment purposes. For example, vocabulary may be deleted or combined with another category.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Content</i></u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Coherency</i></u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Syntax</i></u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Vocabulary</i></u></p>

- 5 Contextually correct
Almost error-free
Genuine effort to write like a native speaker
- 4 Comprehensible, generally correct
Occasional error
- 3 Frequent errors that confuse reader and require guessing at meaning
Obvious translation from English that is difficult to follow
- 2 Errors interfere with comprehensibility
- 1 Most clauses contain errors
Many phrases are incomprehensible
Fails to communicate main ideas
- 0 No response
Does not fit topic

- 5 Smooth flow
Very good transition
Appropriate punctuation
- 4 Good use of transition, flow
Each clause fits within context
- 3 Choppy
Visibly translated
Comprehensible
- 2 Much use of English
Many restatements of same information
Uses language significantly below expected level
- 1 Inappropriate phrases, isolated words
Uses unrelated vocabulary
- 0 Incomprehensible
No response

- 5 No grammatical errors
- 4 Few syntax errors
Minor errors that do not impede communication
- 3 Frequent errors
- 2 Many errors (agreement, verb forms)
Errors in basic structures
Errors impede communication
- 1 Most structures incorrect
Constant use of infinitive; no conjugation
Reader understands only because of past experience
- 0 No attempt
Indecipherable or illegible response

- 5 Very good; wide range
Uses appropriate and new words and expressions
Interesting response
- 4 Good, appropriate vocabulary
Generally good response
- 3 Vocabulary is just adequate to respond
No attempt to vary expressions
Basic
- 2 Inadequate vocabulary or incorrect use of lexical items
Communication difficult
- 1 Incomplete sentences or fragments
Vocabulary repeated
Inappropriate vocabulary
- 0 No attempt
Totally irrelevant answer