

Appropriate Achievement

An appropriate achievement will illustrate writing that

Content/Ideas

- introduces a specific topic with a main idea that shows awareness of purpose and audience
- includes ideas relevant to the topic
- attempts to elaborate on the main idea, often generalizing details, maintaining focus (may have a few distractions)

Organization

- gives a thoughtful introduction, establishing purpose
- uses transitions in sequencing, to make connections
- has clearly developed paragraphs
- provides an adequate conclusion

Narrative/Imaginative writing

- creates a situation, plot, setting, and conflict
- develops characters and plot
- supports ideas through dialogue
- establishes a logical conclusion from the events presented

Information text

- demonstrates awareness of format (business letters, reports, interviews, advertisements, speeches, learning logs, messages, procedures, persuasive writing, etc.)
- uses special text features (charts, diagrams, etc.) to explain content
- has introductions that clearly present purpose and audience
- presents text in a logical sequence of chronology or cause/effect
- provides a suitable conclusion

Word Choice

- uses specific and precise words that enhance meaning

Voice

- is adequate, but ordinary, for audience and purpose
- provides evidence of strong feeling and individuality throughout

Sentence Structure

- has well-built sentences that express ideas effectively
- is generally fluid and easy to read (may have some choppy sentences)

Conventions

- shows well-developed sentences beginning and ending with correct punctuation
- makes use of internal punctuation (apostrophe, dash, comma, etc.) to create fluency in the writing
- uses dialogue to portray a message and add effect
- uses correct grammatical structures that make the text readable (numbers, apostrophe, contractions, plurals, conjunctions, etc.)
- includes correct use of all parts of speech to create fluent sentences

Strong Achievement

A strong achievement will illustrate writing that

Content/Ideas

- introduces a specific topic with a main idea that clearly defines the purpose and engages the audience
- stays focussed on the main topic throughout, providing supportive reasoning for that idea
- includes a strong main idea that is well supported with details and examples

Organization

- begins with an engaging statement that indicates purpose
- connects sentences and ideas through smooth transitions
- develops sentences and ideas into cohesive paragraphs
- provides an effective ending

Narrative/Imaginative writing

- establishes a situation, plot, setting, and conflict
- develops complex characters and plot
- enhances ideas through dialogue and suspense
- draws an informed conclusion

Information text

- follows conventions of selected form (reports, letters, persuasive writing, invitations, etc.) with unique twists
- uses special text features (charts, diagrams, etc.) to enhance meaning and give clarity
- uses striking introductions that boldly announce purpose and capture the audience
- uses text in a logical sequence of chronology or cause/effect, etc. with fluid transitions
- provides a solid conclusion

Word Choice

- effectively provides vivid descriptive vocabulary

Voice

- is sincere and ideally suited to audience and purpose
- explodes with energy and is appealing to the reader, due to strong feelings portrayed

Sentence Structure

- uses a striking variety of sentence structures, logically connecting ideas with smooth transitions to add flair
- is a smooth and natural easy-to-read piece of writing

Conventions

- uses effective sentences that maintain precise punctuation
- is easily read because of internal punctuation (dash, ellipsis, colon, semi-colon, parentheses, etc.)
- enhances message and creates interest with dialogue
- flows with precise grammatical structures (parentheses, parallelism, interjections)
- uses conventions skilfully to enhance meaning and voice