

2011 Expository Writing: Checklist, Grade 3

Refer to this checklist when writing and revising your practice essays.
This checklist may not be used during the writing assignment session.
This is a checklist for a one paragraph essay.

Did you...

Show your understanding of the writing assignment?

- Write an essay that **explains** about a topic?
- Write at least **one** paragraph with at least **eight sentences**?
- Write about the topic of the **writing assignment**?

Show the organization of your paragraph?

- Begin your paragraph with a statement sentence about the topic of your assignment (topic sentence)?
- Indent the first sentence of the paragraph?
- Write three main idea sentences in support of your topic sentence?
- Write one detail, example or explanation sentence in support of each main idea sentence?
- Write one “wrap-it-up” conclusion sentence?
- Use appropriate, precise transitions to give organizational structure to the main ideas of the paragraph?

Vary your sentences?

- Include at least **two** sentences of type(s) other than subject-verb?

Explain about the topic of the assignment?

- Write a topic sentence consistent with the topic of the writing assignment?
- Write main idea sentences consistent with the topic?
- Write detail, example and explanation sentences consistent with the main ideas?
- Use language that is precise and interesting?

Use correct grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling?

- Use the correct verb tense for each subject?
- Capitalize the first word of each sentence and end each sentence with punctuation?
- Check each word for correct spelling?