

2011 Expository Writing: Checklist, Grade 4

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 three paragraph essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion paragraph.

Did you...

Show your understanding of the writing assignment?

- Write an essay that **explains** about a topic?
- Write at least **three** paragraphs to include an introduction, body, and conclusion paragraph?
- Write about the topic of the **writing assignment**?

Show the organization of the introduction paragraph?

- Include in your introduction paragraph a hook sentence to interest the reader about the topic?
- Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?
- Write a sentence about the topic of the essay?
- Write a sentence outlining the structure of your essay by identifying the three main ideas you plan to present about your topic?

Show the organization of the body paragraph?

- Include three main idea sentences in support of your topic sentence?
- Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?
- Write at least a total of three detail sentences in support of your main ideas?
- Show appropriate use of precise transition words?

Show the organization of the conclusion paragraph?

- Restate the topic sentence from your introduction paragraph in another way?
- Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?
- Restate the three main ideas outlined in your introduction paragraph in another way?
- Restate the hook in a “wrap-it-all-up” interesting, concluding sentence?

Vary your sentences?

- Use at least three sentences other than subject-verb?
- Use language that is precise and interesting?

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 example and explanation sentences consistent with the main ideas?
- Use language that was 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?