

Descriptive Writing Rubric

Score

0	Fail	Blank paper Can't read words Writes prompt Writes something else like a fairy tale or poem Doesn't write in English
1	Fail	Only partly writes to prompt Writes only notes or brief phrases Confused and doesn't communicate basic thoughts Big gaps and holes in organization
2		Starts to elaborate Has a lot of non-descriptive writing Lots of gaps and repetition Clumsy organization
3	Pass	Reader doesn't have trouble understanding what the writer is trying to say Descriptions are elaborated a medium amount The writing is well organized, but only has a little bit of elaboration The writing has a lot of elaboration, but is not well organized
4	Pass	Consistent, organized, and elaborated Easy to read Descriptions are specific and elaborated The order of the paper is clear Uses lots of detail and a wide choice of words Lots of ideas are given that are easily understood