






Six Traits of Writing Overview

<p>IDEAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the author have a purpose? • Can readers easily determine the purpose, or why the piece was written? • Does the author have sufficient knowledge of the topic or idea? • Is the idea interesting? • Is the text engaging? • Are ideas matched to an overall theme? • Does the author stay on topic? 	<p>ORGANISATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the writing organised, clear and ordered? • Is a top-level structure used effectively? • Is there a clear introduction? • Does the body explore the idea, theme, or topic in more detail? • Are details in correct places? • Does the author transition smoothly between ideas? • Is there a conclusion? 	<p>VOICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the author developed a personal tone, or flavour? • Does the writing feel like it has heart? • Is the tone appropriate for the idea ? Does the voice represent the purpose: imaginative, informative, interpretative, opinionated, persuasive, provocative, or emotive? • Does the writing connect with readers? • Is the text original in some way? 
<p>WORD CHOICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is vocabulary clear, fresh, emotive, imaginative, or colourful, as needed? • Are verbs energetic? • Does word choice enable readers to visualise? • Has the author been innovative with vocabulary? • Is vocabulary subject-specific when needed? • Have complex words been used effectively? 	<p>SENTENCE FLUENCY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are sentence beginnings varied? • Are sentence types and lengths varied? • Are sentences interesting and natural? • Do short sentences create impact? • Do longer sentences add depth? • Is the text smooth and fluid when read? • Are questions used effectively? • Does dialogue enhance the rhythm? • Have linking words and phrases been used effectively within and across sentences? 	<p>CONVENTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is punctuation accurately used? • Has punctuation been used for effect? (e.g. bold words, italics, ellipsis) • Are quotations shown accurately? • Has capitalisation been applied? • Is spelling accurate? • Are sentences grammatically correct? • Is paragraphing accurate? • Is the text legible and easy to read? 