

Student-Friendly
Conventions & Sentence Fluency Rubric
(Expository)

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- As mistake-free as I can make it (capitalization, usage, punctuation, spelling).
- I worked on this.
- You'll have to LOOK HARD to spot errors.
- I remembered to use "school writing."
- Sentences: ooh...variety! It's almost musical.

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- I did SOME editing (of capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling).
- Some mistakes...there's more editing to do, but you can read it.
- I wasn't always thinking about school-appropriate writing and formal conventions.
- Some wordiness or choppiness keeps it from being musical.

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- This isn't edited yet (for capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling).
- My readers might get confused or annoyed by my conventions.
- My conventions are very informal. I use language, spelling, and punctuation that would be more appropriate outside of school.
- Some of these sentences might not even be sentences. I'm not sure!
- This is sure hard to read aloud.

These analytic rubrics were designed to be used with seventh and eighth grade students practicing for their upcoming state writing tests. The practice prompts we use with these rubrics can be found online at: http://writingfix.com/classroom_tools/nevada_writing_exam.htm#expos