

A good writing sample should have...

_____ your name and date on paper.

_____ capital letters for names and at beginning of a sentence.

_____ punctuation marks at the end of each sentence.

_____ neat handwriting and spaces between words.

_____ a beginning, middle and end.

_____ a story that makes sense and has proper sequence.

_____ a title.

_____ basic ideas expanded.

_____ been checked for spelling mistakes, punctuation mistakes, paragraph indenting and a story that makes sense.

_____ tried to use descriptive language

_____ tried to vary my sentence beginnings

Describing People

auburn
balding
black
braided
brittle
curly
dry
fine
frizzy
golden blonde
gray
light brown

Hair

long
oily
red
rusty
sandy blonde
shoulder length
silver
smooth
soft
straight
wavy
wiry

dry
like a bird's wings
perfectly formed
small

Mouth

turned down
turned up
wet
wide

hidden
large
long
medium
Ears
missing
red
small
sticking out

black

bloodshot

blue

brown

green

Eyes

hazel
round
slanted
small
speckled

bony

bumpy

crooked

flaring nostrils

Nose

large
pug
roman
straight
upturned

clean
clumsy
dangerous
dirty
gentle
graceful
healthy

Appearance

kindly
poor
rough
scruffy
sickly

stumbling

wealthy

brave

cautious

courteous

curious

fearless

forgiving

friendly

helpful

honest

Personality

liar

loud

mean

rude

sensitive

solitary

stuck-up

trusting

truthful

Onomatopoeic Words

These words are the sound they make. For example, faucets drip, pigeons coo, and tires squeal. Use onomatopoeic words to bring your reader into your writing.

bang

beep

boom

bowwow

buzz

chirp

chug

clack

clang

clatter

click

clink

clomp

cluck

coo

cough

crackle

crash

creak

crunch

ding-dong

drip

flap

growl

grunt

hiss

honk

hoot

howl

hum

meow

ping

plop

pop

puff

ring

roar

rumble

rustle

screech

sizzle

slurp

smack

smash

snort

splash

squeak

squeal

squish

swish

thud

thump

tick

tinkle

twang

whack

whiz

whoop

zip

zoom

Cavorting Colors

brick
cherry
cranberry
crimson
flame
Red
pink
rose
rust

scarlet
strawberry

apricot
brass
bronze
copper
Orange
peach
pumpkin
sandy
tangerine

gilt
gold
Yellow
lemon
avocado
emerald
evergreen

grassy
Green
lime
olive
pine

aquamarine
indigo
midnight
navy

Blue
royal
sapphire
sky
steel blue
turquoise

lavender
lilac
magenta
Purple
maroon
plum
violet

auburn
chestnut
chocolate
Brown

cocoa
mahogany
mud
nut
tan

dusky
ebony
jet
Black

onyx
pitch
sable

ash
iron
lead
Gray
metallic
silver
slate
steel

blonde
fair
ivory
White
milky
pearly
snowy

checkered
freckled
marbled
Multi-
colored
patched
speckled
sprinkled

