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	Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	
Policy Statement	The student has a minimal understanding of grade-level standards and is likely to need additional support at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has a partial understanding of grade-level standards and is likely to need some additional support at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has a strong understanding of grade-level standards and demonstrates the knowledge and skills at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	The student has an advanced understanding of grade-level standards and exceedingly demonstrates the knowledge and skills at this level of learning as described in the Alabama Course of Study.	
also be able to	nce level descriptors describe what a ty o demonstrate the skills described in pre- r test in order to score at that level. Phonics				
1	A student at this level Applies emerging knowledge of grade-appropriate phoneme- grapheme correspondences, syllable types, or morphological structure to read unfamiliar multisyllabic words accurately, in context and/or in isolation.	A student at this level Applies some knowledge of grade-appropriate phoneme- grapheme correspondences, syllable types, or morphological structure to read unfamiliar multisyllabic words accurately, in context and/or in isolation.	A student at this level Applies knowledge of grade- appropriate phoneme-grapheme correspondences, syllable types, and morphological structure to read unfamiliar multisyllabic words accurately, both in context and in isolation.	A student at this level Consistently applies knowledge of grade-appropriate phoneme- grapheme correspondences, syllable types, and morphological structure to read unfamiliar multisyllabic words accurately, both in context and in isolation.	
2	Attempts to determine and use the correct syllable type(s) to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words, including open, closed, vowel- consonant-e, r-controlled, vowel team (including diphthongs), consonant-le, or "leftovers."	Determines and uses the correct syllable type(s) to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words, including open, closed, vowel- consonant-e, r-controlled, vowel team (including diphthongs), consonant-le, and/or "leftovers."	Determines and uses the correct syllable type(s) to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words, including open, closed, vowel- consonant-e, r-controlled, vowel team (including diphthongs), consonant-le, and "leftovers" including odd and schwa syllables.	Determines and consistently uses the correct syllable type(s) to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words, including open, closed, vowel-consonant-e, r-controlled, vowel team (including diphthongs), consonant-le, and "leftovers" including odd and schwa syllables.	
3	Attempts to apply knowledge of roots, prefixes, and/or suffixes to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words.	Applies knowledge of roots, prefixes, and/or suffixes to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words.	Applies knowledge of roots, prefixes, and suffixes to decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words.	Consistently applies knowledge of roots, prefixes, and suffixes to consistently decode unfamiliar multisyllabic words.	
4	Attempts to apply knowledge of roots, prefixes, and/or suffixes to	Applies knowledge of roots, prefixes, and/or suffixes to	Applies knowledge of roots, prefixes, and suffixes to encode unfamiliar multisyllabic words.	Consistently applies knowledge of roots, prefixes, and suffixes to	

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	encode unfamiliar multisyllabic	encode unfamiliar multisyllabic		encode unfamiliar multisyllabic	
	words	words.		words.	
Standard	Vocabulary				
	A student at this level	A student at this level	A student at this level	A student at this level	
	Attempts to accurately interpret	Accurately interprets general	Accurately interprets general	Consistently and accurately	
9	general academic or domain-	academic or domain-specific	academic and domain-specific	interprets general academic and	
	specific words and phrases.	words and phrases.	words and phrases.	domain-specific words and phrases.	
	Attempts to interpret words and/or	Interprets words and/or	Interprets words and phrases,	Consistently interprets words and	
	phrases, including figurative	phrases, including figurative	including figurative language, as	phrases, including figurative	
	language, as they are used in a text.	language, as they are used in a	they are used in a text.	language, as they are used in a	
		text.		text.	
	a. Attempts to explain simplistically	a. Explains simplistically how	a. Explains how specific word	a. Explains in depth how specific	
	how specific word choices shape	specific word choices shape	choices shape meaning or tone.	word choices shape meaning or	
	meaning or tone.	meaning or tone.		tone.	
	b. Attempts to explain simplistically	b. Explains simplistically how	b. Explains how figurative	b. Explains in depth how figurativ	
10	how figurative language	figurative language contributes	language contributes to the	language contributes to the	
	contributes to the meaning of text,	to the meaning of text, including	meaning of text, including simile,	meaning of text, including simile,	
	including simile, metaphor,	simile, metaphor, alliteration,	metaphor, alliteration,	metaphor, alliteration,	
	alliteration, personification,	personification, hyperbole,	personification, hyperbole, and	personification, hyperbole, and	
	hyperbole, or idioms.	and/or idioms.	idioms.	idioms.	
	c. Attempts to use the relationships	c. Uses the relationships	c. Uses the relationships between	c. Consistently uses the	
	between synonyms, antonyms, or	between synonyms, antonyms,	synonyms, antonyms, and	relationships between synonyms	
	homographs to increase	and/or homographs to increase	homographs to increase	antonyms, and homographs to	
	understanding of word meanings.	understanding of word meanings.	understanding of word meanings.	increase understanding of word meanings.	
	Attempts to use some commonly	Uses some commonly misused	Uses commonly misused words	Consistently uses commonly	
11	misused words correctly in writing.	words correctly in writing.	correctly in writing.	misused words correctly in writin	

Standard	Comprehension			
	A student at this level Attempts to analyze simplistically a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on details in the text.	A student at this level Analyzes simplistically a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on details in the text.	A student at this level Analyzes in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text.	A student at this level [Level 3 is the highest level supported by this standard.]
	a. Attempts to identify and explain simplistically attitudes or influences of multiple characters within a text.	a. Identifies and explains simplistically attitudes or influences of multiple characters within a text.	a. Identifies and explains attitudes and influences of multiple characters within a text.	a. Identifies and explains in depth attitudes and influences of multiple characters within a text.
15	b. Attempts to explain simplistically how the main character changes throughout the story, using explicit evidence from the text.	b. Explains simplistically how the main character changes throughout the story, using explicit evidence from the text.	b. Explains how the main character changes throughout the story, using explicit evidence from the text.	b. Explains in depth how the main character changes throughout the story, using explicit evidence from the text.
	c. Attempts to make a simplistic inference about a character's behavior, the setting, or specific events, using explicit details from the story.	c. Makes a simplistic inference about a character's behavior, the setting, or specific events, using explicit details from the story.	c. Makes an inference about a character's behavior, the setting, and/or specific events, using explicit details from the story.	c. Makes a complex inference about a character's behavior, the setting, and/or specific events, using explicit details from the story.
	Attempts to describe simplistically how authors use literary devices and/or text features to convey meaning in prose, poetry, and drama.	Describes simplistically how authors use literary devices and/or text features to convey meaning in prose, poetry, and drama.	Describes how authors use literary devices and text features to convey meaning in prose, poetry, and drama.	Describes in depth how authors use literary devices and text features to convey meaning in prose, poetry, and drama.
16	a. Attempts to identify simplistically clues in the text to recognize explicit meanings.	a. Identifies simplistically clues in the text to recognize explicit meanings.	a. Identifies clues in the text to recognize implicit meanings.	a. Consistently identifies clues in the text to recognize implicit meanings.

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b. Attempts to simplistically apply prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.	b. Simplistically applies prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.	b. Applies prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.	b. Consistently applies prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.
c. Attempts to make a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.	c. Makes a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.	c. Makes an inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.	c. Makes a complex inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.
Attempts to identify the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it differs from a character's perspective.	Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it differs from a character's perspective.	Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains how it differs from a character's perspective.	Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains in depth how it differs from a character's perspective.
a. Attempts to explain simplistically the difference between first person and third person narration.	a. Explains simplistically the difference between first person and third person narration.	a. Explains the difference between first person and third person narration, including omniscient and third person limited.	a. Explains in depth the difference between first person and third person narration, including omniscient and third person limited.
b. Attempts to state an opinion of the author's use of narration.	b. States an opinion of the author's use of narration.	b. States an opinion of the author's use of narration, supporting reasoning with examples from the text.	b. States an opinion of the author's use of narration, supporting reasoning with multiple examples from the text.
Attempts to identify the point of view in a narrative and attempts to describe simplistically how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a different character or	Identifies the point of view in a narrative and describes simplistically how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a different character or narrator.	Identifies the point of view in a narrative and describes how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a different character or narrator.	Identifies the point of view in a narrative and describes in depth how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a different character or narrator.
	 b. Attempts to simplistically apply prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning. c. Attempts to make a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence. Attempts to identify the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it differs from a character's perspective. a. Attempts to explain simplistically the difference between first person and third person narration. b. Attempts to state an opinion of the author's use of narration. Attempts to identify the point of view in a narrative and attempts to describe simplistically how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a 	b. Attempts to simplistically apply prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.b. Simplistically applies prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.c. Attempts to make a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.c. Makes a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.Attempts to identify the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it differs from a character's perspective.Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically the difference between first person and third person narration.Identifies the parrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it difference between first person and third person narration.b. Attempts to state an opinion of the author's use of narration.a. Explains simplistically the difference between first person and third person narration.b. Attempts to identify the point of view in a narrative and attempts to describe simplistically how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a different character orIdentifies the point of view in a narrative and describes simplistically how the narrative would be different if told from the perspective of a different character or narrator.	apply prior knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.knowledge to textual clues to draw conclusions about the author's meaning.c. Attempts to make a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.c. Makes a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.c. Makes a simplistic inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.c. Makes an inference about the meaning of a text and supports it with textual evidence.Attempts to identify the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it differs from a character's perspective.Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it differs from a character's perspective.Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains simplistically how it difference between first person and third person narration.Identifies the narrator's point of view in a literary text and explains how it differs from a character's perspective.b. Attempts to state an opinion of the author's use of narration.b. States an opinion of the author's use of narration.b. States an opinion of the author's use of narration.Attempts to identify the point of view in a narrative and describes simplistically how the narrative and describes simplistically how the narrative and third perspective of a different if told from the perspective of a different if told from the perspective of a different if told from the perspective of a different if told from

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	a. Attempts to simplistically compare and contrast firsthand and secondhand accounts of the same event or topic, describing simplistically the differences in focus or the information provided.	a. Simplistically compares and contrasts firsthand and secondhand accounts of the same event or topic, describing simplistically the differences in focus or the information provided.	a. Compares and contrasts firsthand and secondhand accounts of the same event or topic, describing the differences in focus and the information provided.	a. Consistently compares and contrasts firsthand and secondhand accounts of the same event or topic, describing in depth the differences in focus and the information provided.
	b. Attempts to simplistically compare the perspectives of different characters within a text.	b. Simplistically compares the perspectives of different characters within a text.	b. Compares the perspectives of different characters within a text.	b. Consistently compares the perspectives of different characters within a text.
	Attempts to compare and contrast simplistically the treatment of similar themes in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.	Compares and contrasts simplistically the treatment of similar themes in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.	Compares and contrasts the treatment of similar themes in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.	Compares and contrasts in depth the treatment of similar themes in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.
19	a. Attempts to determine and state an implied and/or explicit theme or life lesson from a myth, story, or other traditional literature.	a. Determines and states an implied and/or explicit theme or life lesson from a myth, story, or other traditional literature.	a. Determines and states an implied theme, explicit theme, or life lesson from a myth, story, or other traditional literature.	a. Consistently determines and states an implied theme, explicit theme, or life lesson from a myth, story, or other traditional literature.
	b. Attempts to analyze simplistically a common or shared theme and its development in stories, myths, and/or other traditional literature.	b. Analyzes simplistically a common or shared theme and its development in stories, myths, and/or other traditional literature.	b. Analyzes a common or shared theme and its development in stories, myths, and/or other traditional literature.	b. Analyzes in depth a common or shared theme and its development in stories, myths, and/or other traditional literature.
20	Attempts to use details or examples from a text to indicate what the text explicitly states.	Uses details or examples from a text to indicate what the text explicitly states.	Uses details and examples from a text to indicate what the text explicitly states.	Consistently uses details and examples from a text to indicate what the text explicitly states.
	a. Attempts to interpret facts from an informational article.	a. Interprets facts from an informational article.	a. Interprets facts from an informational article, using details	a. Consistently interprets facts from an informational article,

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			and examples from the text to	using multiple details and
			explain the interpretation.	examples from the text to explain
				the interpretation.
	b. Attempts to list questions	b. Lists questions answered by	b. Lists the main questions	b. Consistently lists the main
	answered by an informational	an informational article.	answered by an informational	questions answered by an
	article.		article.	informational article.
	c. Attempts to categorize	c. Categorizes statements in an	c. Categorizes statements in an	c. Consistently categorizes
	statements in an article or	article or other informational	article or other informational text	statements in an article or other
	other informational text as	text as fact or opinion.	as fact or opinion and gives	informational text as fact or
	fact or opinion.		reasons for each choice.	opinion and gives reasons for each
				choice.
				choice.
	d. Attempts to explain	d. Explains simplistically the	d. Explains the differences	d. Explains in depth the differences
	simplistically the differences	differences between primary	between primary and secondary	between primary and secondary
	between primary and	and secondary sources.	sources, giving examples from	sources, giving multiple examples
	secondary sources.	and secondary sources.		from texts.
			texts.	
	Attempts to explain	Explains simplistically how	Explains how relevant details	Explains in depth how relevant
	simplistically how relevant	relevant details support the	support the implied or explicit	details support the implied or
	details support the implied	implied and/or explicit main	main idea of a text.	explicit main idea of a text.
	and/or explicit main idea of a	idea of a text.		
	text.			
	a. Attempts to determine the	a. Determines the explicitly	a. Determines the central idea or	a. Consistently determines the
	explicitly stated central idea or	stated central idea or theme of	theme of a text.	central idea or theme of a text.
	theme of a text.	a text.		
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	b. Attempts to explain	b. Explains simplistically the	b. Explains the difference between	b. Explains in depth the difference
	simplistically the difference	difference between implied	implied and explicit details.	between implied and explicit
	between implied and explicit	and explicit details.		details.
	details.			actuils.
	c. Attempts to summarize	c. Summarizes simplistically the	c. Summarizes the key supporting	c. Summarizes in depth the key
	simplistically the key	key supporting details by citing	details by citing evidence from a	supporting details by citing
	supporting details by citing	evidence from a text.	text.	substantial evidence from a text.
	evidence from a text.			
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22	Attempts to analyze simplistically events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in informational texts, including what happened and/or why, based on specific information in the text.	Analyzes simplistically events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in informational texts, including what happened and/or why, based on specific information in the text.	Analyzes events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in informational texts, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.	Analyzes in depth events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in informational texts, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
	a. Attempts to cite evidence to simplistically explain the author's perspective toward a topic in an informational text.	a. Cites evidence to simplistically explain the author's perspective toward a topic in an informational text.	a. Cites evidence to explain the author's perspective toward a topic in an informational text.	a. Consistently cites evidence to explain in depth the author's perspective toward a topic in an informational text.
	Attempts to evaluate how text features and/or structures contribute to the meaning of an informational text.	Evaluates simplistically how text features and/or structures contribute to the meaning of an informational text.	Evaluates how text features and structures contribute to the meaning of an informational text.	Evaluates in depth how text features and structures contribute to the meaning of an informational text.
23	a. Attempts to identify and/or describe simplistically the structures within a text, including description, comparison and contrast, sequence, problem and solution, or cause and effect.	a. Identifies and/or describes simplistically the structures within a text, including description, comparison and contrast, sequence, problem and solution, or cause and effect.	a. Identifies and describes the structures within a text, including description, comparison and contrast, sequence, problem and solution, and cause and effect.	a. Identifies and describes in depth the structures within a text, including description, comparison and contrast, sequence, problem and solution, and cause and effect.
	b. Attempts to interpret information from text features in print or digital formats.	b. Interprets information from text features in print or digital formats.	b. Interprets information from text features in both print and digital formats.	b. Consistently interprets information from text features in both print and digital formats.

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24	Attempts to explain simplistically how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points and/or claims in an informational text or argument.	Explains simplistically how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points and/or claims in an informational text or argument.	Explains how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points and claims in an informational text or argument.	Explains in depth how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points and claims in an informational text or argument.
	a. Attempts to make simplistic, text-based inferences to determine possible reasons for an author's stance.	a. Makes simplistic, text-based inferences to determine possible reasons for an author's stance.	a. Makes text-based inferences to determine possible reasons for an author's stance.	a. Makes in-depth, text-based inferences to determine possible reasons for an author's stance.
25	Attempts to explain simplistically how the form of a poem contributes to its meaning.	Explains simplistically how the form of a poem contributes to its meaning.	Explains how the form of a poem contributes to its meaning.	Explains in depth how the form of a poem contributes to its meaning.
26	Attempts to analyze simplistically how rhythm and rhyme in poetry contribute to meaning.	Analyzes simplistically how rhythm and rhyme in poetry contribute to meaning.	Analyzes how rhythm and rhyme in poetry contribute to meaning.	Analyzes in depth how rhythm and rhyme in poetry contribute to meaning.
27	Attempts to identify the reasons or evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.	Identifies the reasons or evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.	Identifies the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.	[Level 3 is the highest level supported by this standard.]
Standard	Writing			
33	A student at this level Attempts to use research to produce clear and/or coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and/or audience. a. Attempts to introduce a	A student at this level Uses some research to produce clear and/or coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and/or audience.	A student at this level Uses research to produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. a. Introduces a research topic	A student at this level Uses comprehensive research to consistently produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. a. Consistently introduces a
	research topic or attempts to group related ideas.	groups related ideas.	clearly and groups related ideas.	research topic clearly and groups related ideas.

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	b. Attempts to integrate or cite evidence to present research findings in written form.	b. Integrates or cites evidence to present research findings in written form.	b. Integrates and cites evidence to present research findings in written form.	b. Consistently integrates and cites evidence to present research findings in written form.
	c. Attempts to paraphrase simplistically portions of texts or information presented in diverse media or formats.	c. Paraphrases simplistically portions of texts or information presented in diverse media or formats.	c. Paraphrases portions of texts or information presented in diverse media and formats.	c. Consistently paraphrases portions of texts or information presented in diverse media and formats.
35	Attempts to write simplistic personal or fictional narratives using a plot, transitional words and phrases, sensory details, and simple dialogue, and providing a partial sense of closure.	Writes simplistic personal or fictional narratives using a plot, transitional words and phrases, sensory details, and simplistic dialogue, and providing a partial sense of closure.	Writes personal or fictional narratives using a logical plot, transitional words and phrases, sensory details, and dialogue, and providing a sense of closure.	Writes in-depth personal or fictional narratives using a logical and well-paced plot, effective transitional words and phrases, precise sensory details, and complex dialogue, and providing a complete sense of closure.
36	Attempts to write simplistic informative or explanatory texts about a topic using sources, incorporating academic vocabulary, and including an introduction, facts, details, and a partial conclusion.	Writes simplistic informative or explanatory texts about a topic using sources, incorporating academic vocabulary, and including an introduction, facts, and a partial conclusion.	Writes informative or explanatory texts about a topic using sources, incorporating academic vocabulary, and including an introduction, facts, details with elaboration, and a conclusion.	Writes in-depth informative or explanatory texts about a topic using sources, incorporating academic vocabulary, and including an introduction, facts, details with elaboration, and a conclusion.
37	Attempts to write a simplistic argument to persuade the reader to take an action or adopt a position, using an introduction, reasoning supported by some evidence from relevant sources, and linking words to connect their argument to the evidence.	Writes a simplistic argument to persuade the reader to take an action or adopt a position, using an introduction, logical reasoning supported by some evidence from relevant sources, and linking words to connect their argument to the evidence.	Writes an argument to persuade the reader to take an action or adopt a position, using an introduction, logical reasoning supported by evidence from relevant sources, and linking words to connect their argument to the evidence.	Writes an in-depth argument to persuade the reader to take an action or adopt a position, using an introduction, logical reasoning supported thoroughly by evidence from relevant sources, and linking words to connect their argument to the evidence.

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	Attempts to compose	Composes some complete	Composes complete sentences	Consistently composes complete
	complete sentences with	sentences with correct subject-	with correct subject-verb	sentences with correct subject-
	correct subject-verb	verb agreement, punctuation, or	agreement, punctuation, and	verb agreement, punctuation, and
	agreement, punctuation, or and/or usage.	and/or usage.	usage.	usage.
	a. Attempts to order adjectives within sentences.	a. Orders some adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns.	a. Orders adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns.	a. Consistently orders adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns.
	b. Attempts to form and use prepositional phrases and/or conjunctions.	b. Forms and uses prepositional phrases and/or conjunctions.	b. Forms and uses prepositional phrases and conjunctions.	b. Consistently forms and uses prepositional phrases and conjunctions.
38	c. Attempts to recognize and/or correct sentence fragments and/or run-ons.	c. Recognizes and/or corrects sentence fragments and/or run-ons.	c. Recognizes and corrects sentence fragments and run-ons.	c. Consistently recognizes and corrects sentence fragments and run-ons.
	d. Attempts to use commas, apostrophes, and/or quotation marks correctly.	d. Uses commas, apostrophes, and/or quotation marks correctly.	d. Uses commas, apostrophes, and quotation marks correctly.	d. Consistently uses commas, apostrophes, and quotation mark correctly.
	e. Attempts to use correct capitalization, including familial relations or proper adjectives.	e. Uses some correct capitalization, including familial relations and proper adjectives.	e. Uses correct capitalization, including familial relations and proper adjectives.	e. Consistently uses correct capitalization, including familial relations and proper adjectives.
	f. Attempts to spell grade- appropriate words correctly.	f. Spells grade-appropriate words correctly.	f. Spells grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.	 f. Consistently spells grade- appropriate words correctly, effectively consulting references a needed.

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	Demonstrates emerging command of the conventions	Demonstrates simplistic command of the conventions of	Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English	Consistently demonstrates command of the conventions of	
	of standard English grammar and usage.	standard English grammar and usage.	grammar and usage.	standard English grammar and usage.	
39	a. Attempts to use relative pronouns <i>who, whose, which,</i> and <i>that,</i> relative adverbs <i>where, when, and how,</i> or irregular possessive nouns.	a. Uses relative pronouns who, whose, which, and that, relative adverbs where, when, and how, or irregular possessive nouns.	a. Uses relative <i>pronouns who,</i> <i>whose, which,</i> and <i>that,</i> relative adverbs <i>where, when,</i> and <i>how,</i> and irregular possessive nouns.	a. Consistently uses relative pronouns <i>who, whose, which</i> , and <i>that</i> , relative adverbs <i>where,</i> <i>when</i> , and <i>how</i> , and irregular possessive nouns.	
	b. Attempts to form and/or use the progressive verb tenses.	b. Forms and/or uses the progressive verb tenses.	b. Forms and uses the progressive verb tenses.	b. Consistently forms and uses the progressive verb tenses.	
	c. Attempts to use modal auxiliaries to convey certain conditions.	c. Uses modal auxiliaries to convey certain conditions.	c. Uses modal auxiliaries to convey various conditions.	c. Consistently uses modal auxiliaries to convey various conditions.	
	Attempts to compose friendly or formal letters using	Composes friendly or formal letters using appropriate	Composes friendly and formal letters using appropriate	Consistently composes friendly and formal letters using	
40	appropriate elements, including date, greeting, body, and/or a signature.	elements, including date, greeting, body, and/or a signature.	elements, including date, greeting, body, and a signature.	appropriate elements, including date, greeting, body, and a signature.	
	a. Attempts to write return address or mailing address in the proper locations on an envelope.	a. Writes return address or mailing address in the proper locations on an envelope.	a. Writes return address and mailing address in the proper locations on an envelope.	a. Consistently writes return address and mailing address in the proper locations on an envelope.	