

Writing Effective Sentences with Effective Word Choice

Name _____ Date _____

2 = surpasses expectations, 1 = meets expectations, and 0 = does not meet expectations. On blanks to left: "+" = a strength, "-" = needs improvement, and blank = not applicable.

Writes effective sentences using conventions correctly.

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- ___ Applies rules of usage, grammar, and mechanics.
 - tense
 - noun-verb agreement and noun-pronoun agreement
 - pronoun case
 - sentence structure
 - punctuation
 - spelling
 - capitalization
- ___ Writes parallel structures.
- ___ Uses simple, compound, and complex sentences effectively.
- ___ Uses appositives for variety, brevity, and emphasis.
- ___ Varies sentences by length and beginning.
- ___ Uses conjunctions, transitions to show relationships of ideas.
- ___ Writes with cadence and flow.

Chooses words for purpose.

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- ___ Chooses words to fit audience, situation, and purpose.
- ___ Chooses words to impact the audience as desired.
- ___ Chooses most concise and common word which best fits.
- ___ Chooses precise words to clarify ideas.
- ___ Chooses strong, active, and specific verbs.
- ___ Chooses strong and specific nouns.
- ___ Chooses specific and colorful modifiers.
- ___ Chooses words that provide concrete details as needed.
- ___ Chooses expressive words when appropriate.
- ___ Chooses words which express the desired controlling impression.
 - degree of formality
 - writer's voice
 - style
- ___ Chooses special word usages only when they fit the situation.
 - technical terms and jargon
 - slang
 - dialect

