

PARAGRAPH WRITING RUBRIC

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Student maintains focus on the topic and uses the Greek/Latin root words appropriately throughout the paragraph	Student has written an easy-to-follow paragraph that has a strong and logical beginning, middle, and end	Student has written 9+ complete sentences	Student uses more than 12 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, and they are highlighted in the paragraph	Student applies advanced grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling
3	Student maintains focus on the topic and uses Greek/Latin root words appropriately through most of the paragraph -or- Student uses Greek/Latin root words throughout the paragraph and somewhat maintains focus on the topic	Student has written an easy-to-follow paragraph that has a clear beginning, middle, and end	Student has written 7-9 complete sentences -or- Student has written 9+ sentences, but they are not complete	Student uses 10-12 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, and they are highlighted in the paragraph -or- Student uses 12 or more Greek/Latin root words appropriately, but they are not highlighted in the paragraph	Student applies conventions within the paragraph at grade level and spelling is correct throughout the paragraph
2	Student somewhat maintains focus on the topic and appropriately utilizes MOST of the Greek/Latin root words throughout the entire paragraph	Student has written a paragraph that is difficult to follow or does not have a clear beginning, middle, and end	Student has written 7-9 sentences that are not complete -or- Student has written fewer than 7 sentences, but they are complete	Student uses 7-9 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, and they are highlighted in the paragraph -or- Student uses 10-12 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, but they are not highlighted in the paragraph	Student uses grade-level conventions within the paragraph, but there are a few spelling errors -or- Student uses appropriate spelling throughout the paragraph, but there are a few convention errors
1	Student is unable to maintain focus on the topic and is unable to appropriately use Greek/Latin root words in the paragraph	Student has written a paragraph that is difficult to follow and does not have a beginning, middle, and/or end	Student has written fewer than 7 sentences, and they are not complete	Student uses fewer than 7 Greek/Latin root words, and they are not highlighted in the paragraph -or- Student does not use root words appropriately in the paragraph	Student has multiple convention and spelling errors
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Total Score: /20

Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
5-7	8-12	13-17	18-20