

Write a Whopper of a Story!

5	<p>The works!</p>  <p>Everything on it!</p>	<p>EXCELLENT!!! Good beginning, middle, and end with lots of detail.</p>
4	<p>The bun, burger, lettuce, and cheese</p> 	<p>GOOD!!! Some good stuff with some parts that need a little work.</p>
3	<p>The bun, burger and some lettuce.</p> 	<p>AVERAGE “OK” but nothing that says “WOW”!</p>
2	<p>The bun and the burger.</p> 	<p>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT Showing some writing but needs some work.</p>
1	<p>Just the bun.</p> 	<p>UNACCEPTABLE Needs a lot of work!</p>



Kids Writing Rubric

	1 Unacceptable Writing	2 Needs Major Improvement	3 Average Writing	4 Good Writing	5 Excellent Writing
Content and Organization	May have no opening or closing.	May be missing opening or closing.	May be missing parts of opening or closing.	Has some opening and closing.	Excellent opening and closing.
	No signs of prewriting with lots of different ideas and no detail.	Writing is about one topic but changes or focuses on other ideas.	Writing is about one topic but adds in unimportant or different details.	Writing is about one topic with mostly good sentences supporting it.	Writing is about one topic with detailed sentences to go with the topic.
	Random details that do not make much sense.	Tries to follow an order but does not completely. No transition words.	Some problems with organization. No transition words or possibly out of order.	Some details are written about more than others. Some transition words are used.	Writing follows a natural order that sounds like smart-writing. Experiments with new ideas and uses transition words.
Usage	Word choice is very weak making parts hard to understand.	Many errors in words picked to write the story.	Patterns of errors in words picked to write.	Some errors in words picked, but does not confuse the meaning.	Few words used incorrectly.
Sentence Structure	Lots of incomplete and too-long sentences with mistakes.	Sentences are the same and have many grammar errors in them.	Sentences are often correct but they are all the same length and follow a pattern.	Long and short sentences mixed with a couple of grammatical errors.	Long sentences and short sentences mixed with very few grammar mistakes.
Mechanics	So many errors it is hard to understand what the writer is writing.	Many errors that make the writing hard to understand.	Patterns of errors that may interrupt the story's meaning.	A couple of errors but you can still understand the writer.	Few mistakes.

