

Sentence Fluency

Key Quality: Crafting Well-Built Sentences

THINK ABOUT:

- Do my sentences begin in different ways?
- Are my sentences of different lengths?
- Are my sentences grammatically correct unless constructed creatively for impact?
- Have I used conjunctions such as *but*, *and*, and *so* to connect parts of sentences?

Key Quality: Varying Sentence Types

THINK ABOUT:

- Do I include different kinds of sentences?
- Are some of my sentences complex?
- Are some of my sentences simple?
- Did I intermingle sentence types, one to the next?

Key Quality: Capturing Smooth and Rhythmic Flow

THINK ABOUT:

- Is reading the entire piece aloud easy?
- Do my sentences flow, one to the next?
- Do individual passages sound smooth when I read them aloud?
- Did I thoughtfully place different sentence types to enhance the main idea?

Key Quality: Breaking the “Rules” to Create Fluency

THINK ABOUT:

- Did I use fragments with style and purpose?
- Do I begin a sentence informally to create a conversational tone?
- Does my dialogue sound authentic?
- Did I try weaving in exclamations and single words to add emphasis?