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Teacher-Friendly Scoring Guide for the

Conventions Trait

The conventions trait reflects mechanical correctness of the piece. Correct use of conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar and usage) guides the reader through text easily.

3 ESTABLISHED

The writing is easy to read for all the conventions.
- Spelling is correct on high frequency words and understandable on others.
- Punctuation, capitalization, and grammar are mostly correct.
- Just minor editing would get this piece ready for a public audience.

2 EXPANDING

The writing shows understanding of some conventions, but not others.
- Correct spelling is present only on the simplest words.
- Punctuation, capitalization, and grammar are randomly applied correctly.
- Moderate editing for conventions would be required to prepare the piece for a public audience.

1 EMERGENT

The writing shows no control in conventions.
- Spelling is problematic, even on simple attempts at words.
- Punctuation, capitalization, and grammar are not under control.
- Serious editing would need to take place for a public audience to read and understand this piece.