

## Teacher-Friendly Scoring Guide for the Sentence Fluency Trait

The sentence fluency trait reflects the way words and phrases flow through the piece. This is the auditory trait and is therefore “read” with the ear as much as the eye.



### 3 ESTABLISHED

**The writing has sentences that can be read aloud with smooth phrasing.**

- The sentences are formed correctly and show variety in structure.
- When the piece is read aloud, the reader does not stumble.
- The sentences begin in different ways.

### 2 EXPANDING

**The writing demonstrates simple, basic sentence understanding.**

- The writing has sentences that are mostly grammatically correct.
- There are places where the sentences read smoothly and other places where they do not.
- The sentences begin in the same way or use the same structure throughout.

### 1 EMERGENT

**The writing does not have sentences.**

- The words, if present, do not form grammatically correct sentences.
- There is great difficulty “reading” the pictures and/or letters aloud.
- Random letters and letter combinations do not show sentence sense.