

DEVELOPMENTAL WRITING SCALE

Level	
1	Drawing only
2	Scribble writing which may include letter-like forms but with the majority of shapes not recognizable as letters
3	Some recognizable letters in strings but not grouped into words
4	Strings of letters grouped into "words" (i.e., with spaces between at least two groups of letters) but with no intelligible words
5	Strings of letters grouped into "words," with only one possible real word (i.e., two or more letters in length) set apart, written repeatedly (e.g., dog, dog, dog), or embedded in a string of letters
6	Two to three different intelligible words embedded in strings, separated by spaces, or in a list format
7	More than three different intelligible words in a list format
8	More than three different intelligible words, with at least two of them in a partially formed sentence (i.e., grammatically related parts of a phrase, clause or sentence)

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9	One to two complete sentences with a subject phrase and a verb phrase
10	A minimum of three sentences, but with no coherent topic (i.e., most sentences are not related)
11	Organized writing with three or more sentences on a coherent topic but with limited cohesion between sentences (i.e., sentences can be reordered without changing meaning)
12	Organized writing with a coherent topic (i.e., on a consistent theme) and use of cohesive devices (e.g., pronoun or synonym replacement, logical connectors, subordinating conjunctions, conclusions that refer to prior content) across three or more sentences, so that sentences cannot be reordered without changing meaning
13	Organized writing with a coherent main topic and 2 cohesive subsections (sub-topics or story parts) with at least two sentences elaborating the meaning of each
14	Organized writing with a coherent main topic and at least 3 cohesive subsections (sub-topics or story parts) with at least two sentences elaborating the meaning of each

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A DRAGIN

Level: _____

I play a game. I went to my fnid house. I went to get a egg to eat. I went to chansh on Sun day. I kiss my mom sun day. I can walk my dog. Level: _____

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When I went to my gromo's I went swimming. I fond a see tertel I capt it for two day's then I let it at the seket day it was rel cut. I went feshing for two day and the seket moning I cot a catfish. I askd my daddy if I cud eat it for dener he sed it was to smol to eat it my papa sede to let it go so I can cache it nekstime and let it git biger and see if we can eat it nekstime if I can eat it I will eat it I will prdly ask for sakes decause I love it so much. Level: _____