

Narrative Writing Assessment Rubric

	Working Below Expectations	Working To Expectations	Working Above Expectations
Audience	Narrative contains simple content. Attempts have been made to engage the reader through minimal use of narrative markers e.g. title, story opening, description of people/places.	Narrative contains sufficient content. Attempts have been made to engage the reader through language choices and the use of some narrative devices e.g. humour, suspense, genre.	Narrative contains detailed content. Successfully engages, supports and influences the reader through deliberate language choices and the sustained use of narrative devices.
Narrative Structure	Use of narrative structure is absent or minimal.	Use of narrative structure is effective and appropriate.	Use of narrative structure is sustained and controlled.
Ideas	Ideas are simple, few and show little elaboration.	Ideas are appropriate, effective and show some elaboration.	Ideas are substantial, elaborated and skilfully applied.
Character and Setting	Characterisation and/or sense of setting is brief, simple or absent.	Characterisation and/or sense of setting is emerging through increased description.	Characterisation and/or sense of setting is effective and maintained.
Vocabulary	Some use of words and phrases.	Some use of precise words or word groups.	Sustained and consistent use of effective words and phrases which enhance meaning.
Cohesion	Narrative lacks flow. Links are missing and meaning may be unclear.	Narrative generally flows well. Some links are present and meaning is usually clear.	Narrative is highly cohesive. Ideas are tightly linked and meaning is clear.
Paragraphing	Narrative contains no paragraph structure.	Narrative is organised into paragraphs which are mainly focused on a single idea.	Narrative is organised into paragraphs which are focused on a single idea and assist the reader.
Sentence Structure	Narrative contains some simple sentences that express meaning. Some meaning can be constructed.	Narrative experiments with more complex sentences to express meaning. Meaning is predominantly clear.	Narrative demonstrates variety in sentence length, structure and beginnings. Meaning is clear and precise.
Punctuation	Minimal use of punctuation. Provides little assistance to the reader.	Regular use of punctuation. Provides adequate markers to assist reading.	Precise use of punctuation. Provides accurate markers for controlled reading.
Spelling	Narrative contains correct spelling of most simple and some common words.	Narrative contains correct spelling of all simple words, most common words and some difficult words.	Narrative contains correct spelling of all common words, most difficult words and some challenging words.