

2018 NYSESLAT Writing Rubrics—Kindergarten

Write a Story

Dimension	Score 0 – Entering A response at this level:	Score 1 – Emerging A response at this level:	Score 2 – Transitioning A response at this level:	Score 3 – Expanding A response at this level:	Score 4 – Commanding A response at this level:
Complexity/ Quality of Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains zero words or short phrases • Is blank • Is completely in a language other than English • Is illegible or unintelligible • Is completely copied text from the test booklet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains words, short phrases, and/or predictable sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains phrases and simple sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains simple and/or expanded sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains simple and/or expanded sentences, and one or more compound or complex sentence
Coherence of Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes zero words or a few words in a language other than English OR no drawing(s) to write a story or write about a topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes only drawing(s), OR word(s) and phrases and drawing(s), OR only words and phrases to minimally provide descriptions and events to write a story or write about a topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes only very detailed drawing(s), OR phrases and sentences and drawings, OR only phrases and sentences to somewhat provide descriptions and events to write a story or write about a topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes drawing(s) and a string of phrases and sentences, OR only a string of phrases and sentences to partially provide descriptions and events to write a story or write about a topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes drawing(s) and a string of phrases and sentences, OR only a string of phrases and sentences to provide descriptions and events to write a story or write about a topic
Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains numerous errors that totally obscure meaning • Contains words that are unclear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains many errors that often obscure meaning • Contains words that may be unclear, but meaning is evident • May include inventive spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains some errors that occasionally obscure meaning • Is mostly clear • May include inventive spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains few errors that rarely obscure meaning • Is clear • May include inventive spelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains minimal or no errors that obscure meaning • Is clear • May include inventive spelling

Note: Responses that are **completely irrelevant** to the prompt can be scored no higher than a 1.