

EF Class Writing Sample Rubric

Write a personal essay, at least three paragraphs long, on the given topic.

The essay will get a score from 1 (needs improvement) to 4 (excellent) in the following areas. Keep them in mind as you write your essay.

You will also get feedback on your grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

	4 - Excellent	3	2	1 - Needs improvement
Focus	Has a clear topic and completely responds to the prompt or question.	Has a clear topic but does not completely respond to the prompt or question.	Does not have a clear topic and does not completely respond to the prompt or question.	Is completely off-topic.
Idea development	Includes many interesting and relevant supporting details.	Includes some relevant supporting details.	Includes some details, but they are not relevant to the topic.	Includes few or no supporting details.
Organization and cohesion	Is logically organized into paragraphs, with a clear introduction and conclusion. Its sentences flow smoothly.	Is logically organized into paragraphs, and has some effective transitions between sentences.	Has sentences in a logical order, but does not have paragraphs.	Has no logical organization.
Word choice	Has a wide range of descriptive vocabulary, which is appropriate for academic writing.	Has a wide range of descriptive vocabulary, although some words are incorrect or informal.	Has mostly simple or informal vocabulary with many incorrect words.	Is hard to understand because of incorrect words.