

Language/Conventions Continuum Tally Sheet

Category/ Your papers	1: Needs Improvement	2: Emerging	3: Meets Expectations	4: Excellent/ Exceeds Expectations
Language: Vocabulary	Vocabulary is repetitive/ simple --leaves reader confused	Vocabulary is general but sufficient to convey meaning	Vocabulary is coherent/ specific but lacks vivid detail	Vocabulary is colorful and precise
Your Papers				
Conventions: Sentence Structure	Sentences are simple, repetitive and contain errors	Sentences are simple, repetitive, but correct	Simple sentences are correct. An attempt is made to vary sentence structure, but not always accurately	Sentences are correct, varied and complex
Your Papers				
Conventions: S/V Agreement	Subject/Verb agreement needs help; verb tense is non-standard, verb forms are incorrect	S/V agreement has some mistakes/some non-standard verb forms or some inappropriate variation	S/V agreement is accurate throughout paper, but lacks sophistication	S/V agreement is correct throughout writing; variation of tense may be used to convey meaning
Your Papers				
Conventions: Spelling	Numerous spelling errors that interfere with understanding	Spelling errors of commonly confused words, but errors do not interfere with understanding	Few spelling errors	No spelling errors
Your Papers				
Conventions: Punctuation	Numerous punctuation errors that make paper difficult to understand	Several punctuation errors, but paper is understandable	Mostly correct use of punctuation, attempts at sophisticated use may contain errors	Correct and sophisticated use of punctuation
Your Papers				
Conventions: Pronoun/Antecedent Agreement	Pronouns used without antecedents; pronouns leave reader confused/interfere with meaning	Pronoun does not agree with antecedent, antecedent is unclear but present in writing	Pronoun agrees with antecedent, but antecedent may not directly proceed pronoun or pronoun use may be repetitive	Antecedents proceed pronouns directly, connection is clear, correct, and appropriate
Your Papers				