

Expository Compare and Contrast Writing: Checklist, Grades 1-3

Refer to this checklist when writing and revising your practice essay.
This checklist may not be used during the writing assignment session.
This is a checklist for a one paragraph essay.

Did you...

Show your understanding of the writing assignment?

- Write an essay that **explains** about a topic?
- Write at least **one** paragraph with **five sentences**?
- Write about the **topic** of the **writing assignment**?

Show the organization of the paragraph?

- Begin your paragraph with a sentence about the topic of your assignment?
- Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?
- Write a combination total of four main idea, detail, example and explanation sentences about your topic?
- Provide a consistent focus and purposeful organization?

Vary your sentences?

- Write at least one subject-verb sentence?
- Write two sentences of at least one other sentence type besides a straight subject-verb sentence (e.g. compound; prepositional phrase)?

Explain about the topic of the assignment?

- Write a well-articulated sentence that explains the topic of the writing assignment?
- Write main idea sentences that support and are consistent with the topic?
- Write detail, example and explanation sentences that support and are consistent with the main idea?
- Use language that is precise and interesting?

Use correct grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling?

- Use the correct verb tense for each subject?
- Capitalize the first word of each sentence and end each sentence with punctuation?
- Check each word for correct spelling?