

Expository Compare and Contrast Writing: Checklist, Grade 4

Refer to this checklist when writing and revising your practice essays.

This checklist may not be used during the writing assignment session.

This is a checklist for a three paragraph essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion paragraph.

Did you...

Show your understanding of the writing assignment?

___ Write an essay that **explains** about a topic?

___ Write at least **four** paragraphs to include an introduction, 2 body paragraphs, and conclusion paragraph?

___ Write about the topic of the **writing assignment**?

Show the organization of the introduction paragraph?

___ Include in your introduction paragraph a hook sentence to interest the reader about the topic?

___ Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?

___ Write a sentence about the topic of the essay?

___ Write a sentence outlining the structure of your essay by identifying the three main ideas you plan to present about your topic?

Show the organization of the body paragraphs?

___ Include three main idea sentences in support of your topic sentence?

___ Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?

___ Write at least a total of three detail, example or explanation sentences in support of your main ideas?

___ Show appropriate use of precise and interesting transition words?

Show the organization of the conclusion paragraph?

___ Restate the topic sentence from your introduction paragraph in another way?

___ Indent the first sentence of your paragraph?

___ Restate the three main ideas outlined in your introduction paragraph in another way?

___ Restate the hook in a “wrap-it-all-up” concluding sentence?

Vary your sentences?

___ Use at least one subject-verb sentence?

___ Use at least one compound sentence or sentence other than a subject-verb sentence?

___ Use language that is precise and interesting?

Explain about the topic of the assignment?

___ Write a topic sentence consistent with the topic of the writing assignment?

___ Write main idea sentences consistent with the topic?

___ Write example and explanation sentences consistent with the main ideas?

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?