

Informational Writing – Animal Research Project

Grade 2	Not So Good	Okay	Great	Amazing
Information	No details. No questions answered.	A few details. Answers what and where questions.	Some details. Answers what and where questions. Answers a how or why question. Still wondering something.	Lots of details. Answers what, where, how and why questions. Still wondering something.
Conventions	Messy, no spaces, no capital letters to start sentences, no periods. Capital letters in the middle of a word or everywhere.	Sometimes messy, sometimes uses capital letters, periods, and spaces correctly.	Mostly neat printing. Mostly uses capital letters, periods, and spaces correctly.	Always neat printing. Always uses capital letters, periods, and spaces correctly.
Spelling	Not even Kid Writing.	Kid writing for all words (even easy ones)	Some real spelling, some Kid writing for tricky words.	All real spelling
Organization	No connecting words, no paragraph.	No introductory sentence. Too many ands.	Paragraph has an introductory sentence. Uses some connecting words.	Each subject has its own paragraph. Each paragraph has an introductory sentence. Uses lots of connecting words.

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Grade 3	Not So Good	Okay	Great	Amazing
Information	No details. No questions answered.	A few details. Answers what and where questions.	Some details. Answers what and where questions. Answers a how or why questions. Still wondering something.	Lots of details. Answers what, where, how and why questions. Still wondering something.
Conventions	Messy printing. Sometimes uses capital letters, periods, apostrophes, and spaces correctly.	Sometimes neat printing. Mostly uses capital letters, periods, apostrophes, and spaces correctly. Has some subject-verb agreement	Usually neat printing. Always uses capital letters, periods, apostrophes and spaces correctly. Usually has subject-verb agreement.	Always neat printing. Always uses capital letters, periods, apostrophes, and spaces correctly. Always has subject-verb agreement.
Spelling	Lots of Kid Writing	Some real spelling, some Kid writing for tricky words.	Most real spelling (but no easy words spelled wrong).	All real spelling
Organization	Only one paragraph. No introductory or concluding sentences. No connecting words.	Each subject has its own paragraph. Some paragraphs have an introductory and concluding sentence. A few different connecting words.	Each subject has its own paragraph. All paragraphs have an introductory sentence and most have a concluding sentence. Some of different connecting words.	Each subject has its own paragraph. All paragraphs have an introductory sentence and a concluding sentence. Lots of different connecting words.