

MCAS Writing Scoring Guide (Long Composition)

Standard English Conventions

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<input type="checkbox"/> Errors seriously interfere with connection AND <input type="checkbox"/> Little control of sentence structure, grammar and usage, and mechanics	<input type="checkbox"/> Errors interfere somewhat with communication and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Too many errors relative to the length of the essay or complexity of sentence structure, grammar and usage and mechanics	<input type="checkbox"/> Errors do not interfere with communication and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Few errors relative to the length of essay or complexity of sentence structure, grammar and usage and mechanics	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of sentence structure, grammar and usage, and mechanics (length and complexity of essay provide opportunity to show control of standard English conventions)	

Analytic Annotations

	Commentations	Needs
Sentences	<p>The degree to which the response includes sentences that are correct in structure</p> <p>The degree to which the response demonstrates correct use of standard grammatical rules of English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> word usage and vocabulary 	<p>SR correct sentence structure</p> <p>GLR correct application of grammatical rules</p> <p>GLS greater attention to correct word usage</p>
Grammar and Usage	<p>The degree to which the response demonstrates correct spelling</p> <p>capitalization</p> <p>punctuation</p>	<p>MR greater control of mechanics</p> <p>MS more careful proofreading</p>