

Student Samples: Grade 3

Informational Performance Task

Focus Standards

Grade 3: W.3.2b; W.3.4; W.3.5; W.3.8; L.3.3

4-Point Informational Performance Task Writing Rubric (Grades 3–5)

SCORE	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT	NS
EVIDENCE/ELABORATION	<p>The response provides thorough elaboration of the support/evidence for the controlling/main idea that includes the effective use of source material. The response clearly and effectively develops ideas, using precise language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprehensive evidence (facts and details) from the source material is integrated, relevant, and specific clear citations or attribution to source material effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques* vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose effective, appropriate style enhances content 	<p>The response provides adequate elaboration of the support/evidence for the controlling/main idea that includes the use of source material. The response adequately develops ideas, employing a mix of precise and more general language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adequate evidence (facts and details) from the source material is integrated and relevant, yet may be general adequate use of citations or attribution to source material adequate use of some elaborative techniques* vocabulary is generally appropriate for the audience and purpose generally appropriate style is evident 	<p>The response provides uneven, cursory elaboration of the support/evidence for the controlling/main idea that includes uneven or limited use of source material. The response develops ideas unevenly, using simplistic language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some evidence (facts and details) from the source material may be weakly integrated, imprecise, repetitive, vague, and/or copied weak use of citations or attribution to source material weak or uneven use of elaborative techniques*; development may consist primarily of source summary vocabulary use is uneven or somewhat ineffective for the audience and purpose inconsistent or weak attempt to create appropriate style 	<p>The response provides minimal elaboration of the support/evidence for the controlling/main idea that includes little or no use of source material. The response is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence (facts and details) from the source material is minimal, irrelevant, absent, incorrectly used, or predominantly copied insufficient use of citations or attribution to source material minimal, if any, use of elaborative techniques* vocabulary is limited or ineffective for the audience and purpose little or no evidence of appropriate style 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient (includes copied text) In a language other than English Off-topic Off-purpose

*Elaborative techniques may include the use of personal experiences that support the controlling/main idea

Sample A

In this #1 passage I learned a lot about astronauts and what they train to do. When they look down from the space ship they can see clouds moon and water. They can see the moon up close up. They need to study about the stars and things they see out in space. I think it would be pretty with all the stars. You have to know lots of things like first aid in case of somebody gets hurt. The most important thing to know is to work together. They need to know to work together because if they do not know how then they will get in an augment. They need to learn to be a pilot. They need to learn to be a pilot because if they do not know how to turn the space ship then they will be in there forever.

Do you think the astronauts live in the space ship? They do not. They go to the international space station. (the ISS) They do not live in the space ship because the space ship can only hold 8 people tops. They have vehicles just for space. They bring food, water and fuel back to the ISS. It is as large as a pick-up truck with 12 wheels! They take classes in scuba diving. They scuba dive because it feels like they are walking in space or even on the moon. That helps when they do not have gravity. They feel weightless in space. Weightless means they feel like they do not weigh anything. They can float too. Anything that is in the space ship can also float too. It does sound like fun but it is really hard.

In #2 passage I learned a person is use to being on earth, so when they are up in space it takes a couple days for them to get use to space. In space more blood flows to a person's head so their face gets puffy. At the same time less blood flows in their in their legs. That is what is what makes their face get puffy. (When their legs get skinny they call that condition bird legs.) They have to do exercise in space.

So the astronauts train to do lots of things. They have to study stars, do first aid. to work together, to be a pilot and then scuba dive and not get bird legs and a face that is puff up. I think this is all very hard to train to be an astronaut.

Sample B

In source 1 I learned that astronaut train for hours. In source 2 I learned how in their training astronauts also learn what life is like on the International space station.

Sample C

Being an astronaut is hard work but fun. As an astronaut you have to train well and hard. Astronauts work seems especially fun because you are floating, but working with no gravity is not so easy as it looks.

Astronauts have to work hard before they go to space. "Although each astronaut has a special job on the team, each of them has to learn to work where there is no gravity" Astronauts have to practice so that they can eat their food and do experiments in space. Before you go, you have to walk underwater because walking underwater feels like being in space. (source #1) Floating around seems really fun, but you have to do a lot of work to be ready for it.

Being in space with no gravity is hard for your body. If you are in space for too long, your legs will get skinny and weak. And your heart and bones also get small and weak. But, lucky there is an exercise that helps with that it uses a giant rubber band. (Source 2).

Even when you come back, it is still hard. "Even with regular exercise, astronauts come back feeling weak" (Source #2). But, at least you get to remember the feeling of floating.

As I said astronaut work can be hard so that's why you have to train very hard. But even with the work, floating in space seems fun. If you asked me if I wanted to be an astronaut I'd say yes!

Sample D

When I read this story about astronauts I learned their type of jobs and how they can feel in space. Also I learned astronauts have a special job. Some astronauts can be a pilot, a doctor, a ship fixer, a leader, and learn about science. In space astronauts can look down and see water, lands, and clouds. It's a beautiful view! You might not believe it but astronauts also learn how to eat, exercise, scuba dive, and do science experiments. I bet your probably wondering how they do all that. Well there's this space craft on space called the ISS (International Space Station.) They can also ride special type of vehicles the size of a pick - up trucks with twelve wheels. Those trucks bring food and fuel. The reason why astronauts can't live on space is because only 8 astronauts can fit on each spaceship. They have to train for hundreds of hours and study for years. Well their training what do they do? Well, they learn about space this. They can even learn about the stars and the Earth. It is important that astronauts study space so that they understand what they will be wicking on in space. Astronauts also learn medical skills well training. Just from reading you might say to yourself wow! But really it's not that much fun. Sometimes if you go to space you can get something called condition bird legs. Which is when your head gets puffy your neck gets bigger. Know I hope you learned a lot.

Sample E

This passage is about what astronauts do in space. It tells you about the different jobs each astronaut has and why it is important. It tells you about what astronauts get to see and what happens to the body when it is in space for a long time. The passage tells you about how astronauts come back feeling weak and tired even after the right exercise while in space. The passage tells you about what the astronauts have to do for their training to prepare them for space. Did you know astronauts have to take scuba diving lessons? When they are under water in their spacesuits it feels like zero gravity so they can get used to the feeling of zero gravity a little bit. Astronauts must learn to work together as a team because there could be up to eight astronauts on one space ship at a time. Astronauts must exercise every muscle of their body. Did you know the heart is a muscle? Astronauts do a lot of things in space. Maybe you'll be an astronaut. Remember there are some up and some downs in being an astronaut.

Sample F

What is the job of an Astronaut like?

Some people want to be astronauts, but do they know how hard the job of an astronaut is like. Being an astronaut might be fun, but it is hard work for an astronaut. When you want to be an astronaut you have to go to school for many many many years. Then when you've been accepted to be an astronaut you have to train for hundreds and hundreds of hours.

You have to learn about medical skills, and how stars and other things work in space. That is all hard to learn. Astronauts also learn how to eat, and exercise to stay healthy. They have to fix things, do experiments, and how to drive huge space vehicles in certain ways when they are floating in space. That takes lots of hard work to learn to do. They also learn how to scuba dive because there is not as much gravity in water as there is on land, so when they go in the water it gives them practice floating because there is no gravity in space so they will be floating most of the time.

Each person on the ship has a special job so they can contribute to the team. It is important to work together when it is a small team so far away in space. Some people learn to fix things and put them together so if something breaks on the ship they can fix it. Some people learn how to be the leader of the ship that means they're in charge. Some people are the scientists and they do most of the experiments. I learned about this hard work in source 1. It's not easy to be an astronaut!

Sample G

The job an astronaut is very mind blowing, but you have to study for many years .When you go into space your blood will flow a different direction , causing the blood to go to your head so, it will cause you to have a puffy head and a big neck.

astronauts learn how life is like in space in their space station called the ISS . The ISS is a large spacecraft that circles around the earth .Astronauts exercise in space with rubber bands,they use it to exercise their legs and arms and many more . Astronauts have to study the stars the earth and especially gravity ,if you understand that then you will understand space, space will be really complicated and hard .

You have to learn how to fix things just in case something goes wrong in the spaceship .the the job of an astronaut is very cool, but it is tough.

Sample H

Have you ever wondered about life in space? It might sound fun but it is a lot of hard work. You have to study for hundreds of hours. There are so many things an astronaut needs to know before going into space.

The astronaut needs to learn the basic first aid during training. Astronauts also learn what life is like on the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS is a place where astronauts learn experiments. Astronauts also learn how to eat, exercise and do experiments with no gravity. They have to learn how to drive special vehicles about the size of a pickup truck with twelve wheels. Astronauts have to take scuba diving lessons. When they are walking under water, it is hard and it feels the same as walking in space. There is no gravity in space so heavy objects are easy to lift but it isn't easy to do jobs that way.

All of the astronauts need to work as a team. The article #1 says, "these astronauts have to learn how to live and work together in space." That is not easy to do when you live so close to strangers. Every astronaut has a different job on the spacecraft. Some astronauts learn how to fix things on the spaceship. That astronaut has a very important job because if anything breaks they have to be able to fix it. This is because there's nobody else to fix it out there! Some astronauts go to flight school before becoming an astronaut. These astronauts have to study for hundreds of hours just like before becoming an astronaut. Some of the astronauts are leaders on the ship. They make sure that everybody is doing their job. The article #1 says "Other astronauts learn mostly about science. Their job is to learn how living things change when they are in space." They learn about their body and animals and plants they take to space. That's hard for them to see all the changes. They work hard in space. Astronauts have a lot of amazing adventures but they work hard to!