

# Student Samples: Grade 3

## Informational Performance Task

### Focus Standards

Grade 3: W.3.2a, c, d; W.3.4; W.3.5

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

SCORE	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT	NS
ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE	<p>The response has a clear and effective organizational structure, creating a sense of unity and completeness. The organization is sustained between and within paragraphs. The response is consistently and purposefully focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>controlling/main idea of a topic is clearly communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose and audience</li> <li>consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas</li> <li>effective introduction and conclusion</li> <li>logical progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections between and among ideas with some syntactic variety</li> </ul>	<p>The response has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness. Though there may be minor flaws, they do not interfere with the overall coherence. The organization is adequately sustained between and within paragraphs. The response is generally focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>controlling/main idea of a topic is clear, and the focus is mostly maintained for the purpose and audience</li> <li>adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety to clarify the relationships between and among ideas</li> <li>adequate introduction and conclusion</li> <li>adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end; adequate connections between and among ideas</li> </ul>	<p>The response has an inconsistent organizational structure. Some flaws are evident, and some ideas may be loosely connected. The organization is somewhat sustained between and within paragraphs. The response may have a minor drift in focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>controlling/main idea of a topic may be somewhat unclear, or the focus may be insufficiently sustained for the purpose and/or audience</li> <li>inconsistent use of transitional strategies and/or little variety</li> <li>introduction or conclusion, if present, may be weak</li> <li>uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end; and/or formulaic; inconsistent or unclear connections between and among ideas</li> </ul>	<p>The response has little or no discernible organizational structure. The response may be related to the topic but may provide little or no focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>controlling/main idea may be confusing or ambiguous; response may be too brief or the focus may drift from the purpose and/or audience</li> <li>few or no transitional strategies are evident</li> <li>introduction and/or conclusion may be missing</li> <li>frequent extraneous ideas may be evident; ideas may be randomly ordered or have an unclear progression</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient (includes copied text)</li> <li>In a language other than English</li> <li>Off-topic</li> <li>Off-purpose</li> </ul>

## Sample A

### 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 B

The main Idea of this story is how it is to be an astronaut like how you look dow to earth and foat around and there blood gose to your head and you have chicken legs.

## Sample C

Astronauts have a difficult job to do in space. Some information I found in the article is that astronauts need to learn medical first aid. In source two pg.7 #3 some astronauts sometimes feel sick in space so somebody needs to know how to take care of them. Being in space also changes how the blood flows. The heart doesn't have to work as hard so more of the blood flows all around the heart.

It takes a few days to get used to your weight in space. It is easy to move heavy things in space because everything is weightless in space with no gravity. Astronauts have to train for many and many of years. And because there is no gravity astronauts are able to float in the spacecraft. Astronauts need to exercise while in space so they need to learn how to do it while in space. A human body is used to being on earth so our body is going to have to train for that. Mostly astronauts blood flows to the head making there head puffy. When they get skinny legs they call it condition "bird legs that's what astronauts call it." Astronauts use rubber bands to make there legs stronger .

Some astronauts say it is fun floating in the spacecraft. If something breaks on the spaceship one of them has to get in a suit and go fix it. Anything or something will go wrong. That is hard to do in space. Astronauts have to train and they have to scuba dive in there training with a special suit. Being weightless is fun but being a astronaut is a very very hard job.

Astronauts can be pilots but they have to learn to steer even if they are already a pilot. Astronauts Have to do this special job, they have to work as a team and together. Astronauts have to learn that how living things live in space.

There is a spacecraft that is called the (ISS) the ISS is a large spacecraft that orbits the earth. The ISS is also where astronauts do science experiments.

If you didn't know astronauts get a chance to see more stars than you ever seen before. Astronauts can see the whole world like water clouds and states. Being a astronaut is a exciting job but hard to do.

## Sample D

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 experiements 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 E

Information I have read is that astronauts can have a very hard job because you have to train for hundreds of hours and study lots and lots about stars. Astronauts get to see so many more stars than you will ever see in your whole life or if you become a astronaut of course. Astronauts have to learn how to eat and exercise in space some things can be very difficult for you. If you have small muscles and you go to space they will get smaller and weaker so before you go to space you want to work up those muscles. Astronauts have to learn medical skills so they have a good and safe flight. Astronauts go to the (ISS) to learn even more things about space my opinion is that I would not like to be an astronaut because I would have to do so much training and studying after that I have to learn how to use the space ship. In space not so much blood flows to your legs and they get skinny so people call you bird legs I would not like having bird legs but I don't know about you may like. Most blood flows to your head so your face gets puffy and your neck also gets bigger than normal. You thought being a astronaut is easy and fun but now you must think not. Astronauts get to ride in special vehicles that are just for space the vehicles are about the size of pickup trucks the vehicles are very big that have twelve wheels on them. Astronauts also have to take classes.

## Sample F

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." 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. 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 in when they are in space."

They work hard in space. Astronauts have a lot of amazing adventures but they work hard to!

## Sample G

Astronauts have a special job on the team. Some astronauts learn how to fix things and some astronauts are pilots. Other astronauts learn about science and some lead the team. Also in their training they learn what life is like in the International Space Station. The ISS is a place where astronauts do experiments.

Astronauts have to work where there is no gravity.