

Scoring Key: Grade 7

Explanatory Performance Task

Focus Standards

Grade 7: W.7.5; L.7.1; L.7.2

2-Point Explanatory Performance Task Writing Rubric (Grades 6–11)

SCORE	2 POINTS	1 POINTS	0 POINTS	NS
CONVENTIONS	<p>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling	<p>The response demonstrates partial command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">limited use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling	<p>The response demonstrates little or no command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">infrequent use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Insufficient (includes copied text)In a language other than EnglishOff-topicOff-purpose

SAMPLE NUMBER	SCORE	SCORE JUSTIFICATION
Sample Grade 7 Con A	2	This response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions. Capitalization and punctuation are consistently correct. Commas and apostrophes are used correctly and effectively throughout, and there are no spelling errors. The student forms a variety of sentence types correctly. There are very few minor errors, such as the one resulting of integrating a quotation without making needed grammatical adjustments (e.g., "... that 'affect people ..."). However, these errors are minor and infrequent, and do not detract from the response overall.
Sample Grade 7 Con B	1	This paper exhibits a number of basic errors, particularly with sentence formation ("But they are actually just to give people a wakeup call or to get there energy back. However sleeping can't replace your loss of sleep.") and commonly confused words ("it's"/"its" and "they're"/"there"). Awkward sentence structures, such as the beginning of the second paragraph, tend to muddle the clarity of the response overall. The severity and density of errors do not reach a level 0, as there are several properly constructed sentences (for example, "If he takes a 30-40 minute nap each day before work, he can get a full six hours of boost."). The ratio of errors to writing done correctly is moderate, resulting in an overall score of 1.
Sample Grade 7 Con C	0	Density, variety, and severity of errors in this response all result in a score of 0 for conventions. The writing includes a number of basic errors in capitalization ("I," "Today") and apostrophes ("thats"). The second sentence is a long run-on that omits necessary punctuation in multiple places. Since there are only two sentences to look over, the density of errors is very high, which is compounded by the basic level of the errors. This sample is a clear example of a level 0 for conventions.