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# The Writing Class

— What will you learn? —

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# Purpose

Improve your English writing skills by learning what makes ***good writing***.

What is good writing?

Six + 1 Writing Traits



# Six + 1 Writing Traits

## 1 Idea

The content, the message, the story.

It's interesting. Has details. Show me, don't tell me.

Good stories can start with simple ideas, like a chair.



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## 2 Organisation

The structure. Good paragraphs.

The writing has order. There is a start, middle and end.

The story moves. There is flow. It is connected.



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## 3 Voice

Your ideas are in the writing. Not just copying sentence patterns.

Your opinions and experience.

Your unique style.



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## 4 Word choice

Good words. Not boring words.

Paint a picture with words.

Your unique style.



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## 5 Sentence Fluency

Use a variety of sentences. Long. Short.  
Different structures.

Good sentences are like musical notes. They  
have a beat and rhythm.

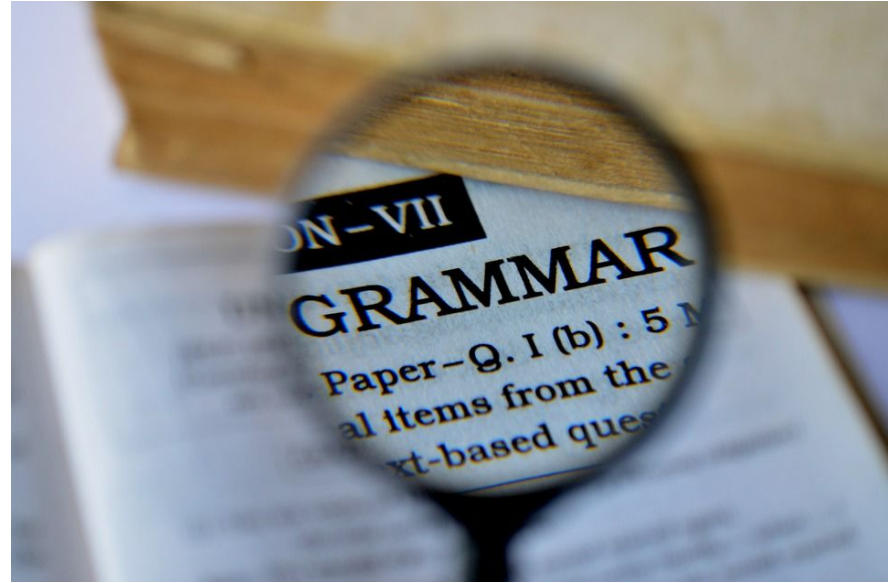


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## 6 Conventions

Spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization.

Important yes, but good writing is much more than proper grammar.





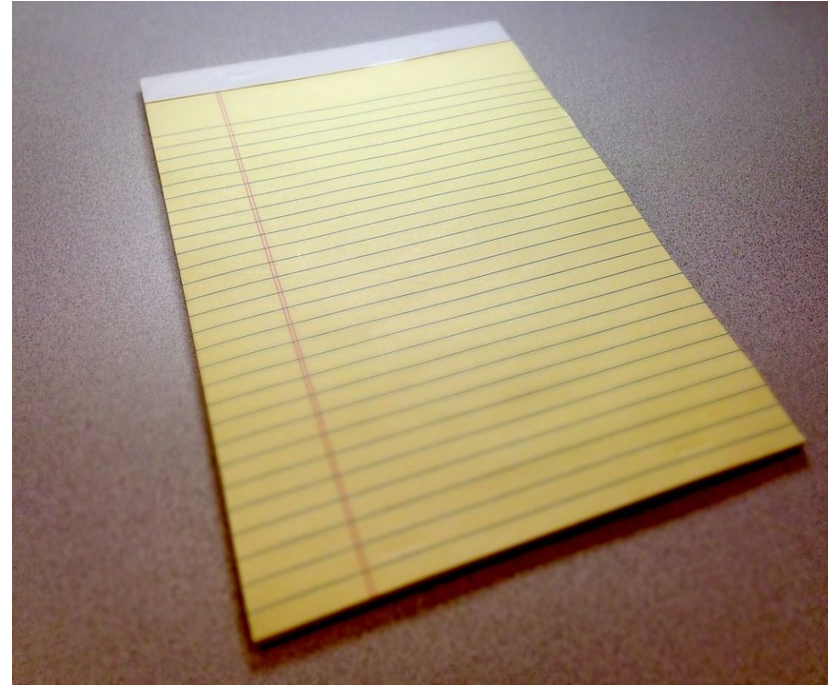
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## 6+1 Presentation

The way your writing looks on paper.

Must look good. Lots of white space. Easy to read.

Neat.



# The Writing Traits



## Ideas...

the content, theme, and message



## Organization...

the structure of your writing



## Voice...

the personal tone that brings your writing to life



## Word Choice...

the vocabulary used to convey meaning



## Sentence Fluency...

the rhythm and flow of your writing



## Conventions...

the correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar



## Presentation...

the overall look of your writing