

### Holistic Writing Rubric

- 9-8 DEMONSTRATES HIGH PROFICIENCY**  
**Excellent command of the language:**  
Well organized; ideas presented clearly and logically  
Few grammatical or spelling errors  
Wide variety of grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structures  
Few word-order errors  
Writing is appropriate to current level  
Thorough response to the question
- 7-6 CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES PROFICIENCY**  
**Good command of the language:**  
Loosely organized, but main ideas present  
Some grammatical or spelling errors  
Some variety of grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structures  
Some word-order errors  
Most of the writing is appropriate to current level  
Generally thorough response to the question
- 5-4 DEMONSTRATES PROGRESS TOWARD PROFICIENCY**  
**Comprehensible expression:**  
Some attempts at organization, but with confused sequencing  
Many grammatical or spelling errors  
Limited variety of grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structures  
Many word-order errors  
Writing is below current level  
Partial response to the question
- 3-2 DEMONSTRATES STRONG NEED FOR INTERVENTION**  
**Limited command of the language:**  
Lack of organization  
Significant and serious grammatical and spelling errors  
Lack of variety of grammar, vocabulary, and sentence structures  
Excessive word-order errors  
Writing is well below current level  
Insufficient response to the question
- 1 UNACCEPTABLE**  
Response falls below the above descriptions or is inappropriate