

# Writing: Crafting Skills Scoring Guide<sup>1</sup>

- 6 This response shows SUPERB use of language, with ALL of the following characteristics. A paper earning this score:
- \* appropriately uses syntactic variety to express relationships between ideas
  - \* effectively uses appropriate word choice
  - \* effectively uses figurative language, if present
  - \* correctly uses standard American English grammar
  - \* fully acknowledges the ideas of others
- 5 This response shows EXCELLENT use of language, with all or most of the following characteristics. A paper earning this score:
- \* uses syntactic variety to express relationships between ideas
  - \* uses appropriate word choice
  - \* correctly uses figurative language, if present
  - \* demonstrates generally correct use of standard American English grammar
  - \* has few problems with spelling or punctuation
  - \* acknowledges the ideas of others
- 4 This response shows GOOD use of language, with all or most of the following characteristics. A paper earning this score:
- \* uses some syntactic variety
  - \* has few problems with word choice
  - \* has few problems with grammar
  - \* has few problems with spelling or punctuation
  - \* usually acknowledges the ideas of others
- 3 This response shows ADEQUATE use of language, with all or most of the following characteristics. A paper earning this score:
- \* may have little syntactic variety
  - \* may have some complex sentences incorrectly constructed or used
  - \* may have some problems with word choice
  - \* may have some problems with grammar
  - \* may have some problems with spelling or punctuation
  - \* may not acknowledge the ideas of others, or may inappropriately acknowledge the ideas of others
- 2 This response shows BARELY ADEQUATE use of language, with all or most of the following characteristics. A paper earning this score:
- \* has little syntactic variety
  - \* may contain serious errors in sentence structure
  - \* may have noticeably inappropriate choice of words or word forms
  - \* may have many problems with grammar
  - \* may have many spelling problems
  - \* may fail to acknowledge the ideas of others
- 1 This response shows INADEQUATE use of language, with all or most of the following characteristics. A paper earning this score:
- \* contains serious and frequent errors in sentence structure
  - \* has many missed words or word forms
  - \* has many repeated problems with grammar
  - \* has many spelling problems
  - \* fails to acknowledge the ideas of others