

### Six Traits Writing Rubric

<b>Word Choice</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
	<p>Words convey the intended message in an interesting, precise, and natural way appropriate to audience and purpose. The writer does most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• chooses specific, accurate language which seems natural; uses ordinary words in an unusual way</li> <li>• chooses fresh, lively, vivid expressions</li> <li>• includes the purposeful, effective selection of figurative language and/or slang</li> </ul>
	<b>Level 3</b>
	<p>The variety of words employed is functional and appropriate to audience and purpose; The writer does most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mainly uses familiar words or phrases; may occasionally employ ordinary words in an unusual way</li> <li>• attempts to use fresh, vivid expressions although they may be ineffective and/or clichéd</li> <li>• attempts to use figurative language which may occasionally seem overdone or ineffective</li> </ul>
	<b>Level 2</b>
<p>Language is predictable, ordinary, and/or imprecise, and at times may not be appropriate for intended audiences/or purpose. The writer does most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses words that are colorless, flat , or imprecise, e.g. fun, thing, a lot, nice; language may be repetitious or misused</li> <li>• relies on predictable vocabulary</li> <li>• uses little figurative language; images, if present, are fuzzy</li> </ul>	
<b>Level 1</b>	
<p>Language is limited, monotonous, and/or misused; only the most general kind of message is communicated. The writer does most or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uses an extremely limited range of words</li> <li>• relies upon words that do not fit the text; they may be imprecise, inadequate, or just plain wrong</li> <li>• makes no attempt to use figurative language; uses general, vague words that fail to communicate</li> </ul>	

Notes/Comments: