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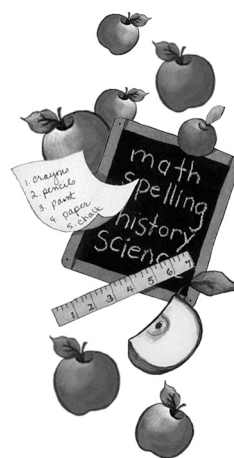
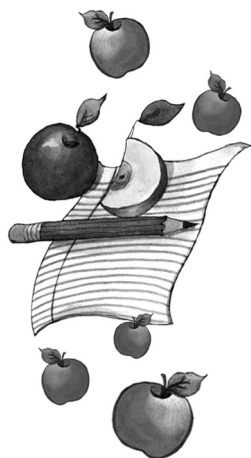
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Good Writing Tips and Traits



What writing traits do you look for when you read your students' work? Current educational theory delineates several primary traits that comprise good writing. When checking and revising their work, students should be aware of these traits and whether or not their writing reflects the traits effectively. Share these writing traits with the class and encourage students to apply them throughout the year.

Voice

Voice is a unique quality of the writer. The writer's voice shows his or her personality. Voice sometimes sets the tone or mood of the writing.

Word Choice

Precise and careful word choice is essential for good writing. A dictionary and thesaurus should always be kept nearby when writing. However, here is a word of caution regarding the thesaurus: Students should be careful never to choose a word that is out of place with the rest of the writing.

Organization

The writing's organization is its structure. Sometimes the structure has a precise format as in a problem/solution essay, and sometimes the structure is unprecedented. In either case, the organization should be clear and easy to follow.

Conventions

Conventions are all those elements of grammar and mechanics that make writing understandable. Editing is the process completed while checking one's conventions.

Sentence Fluency

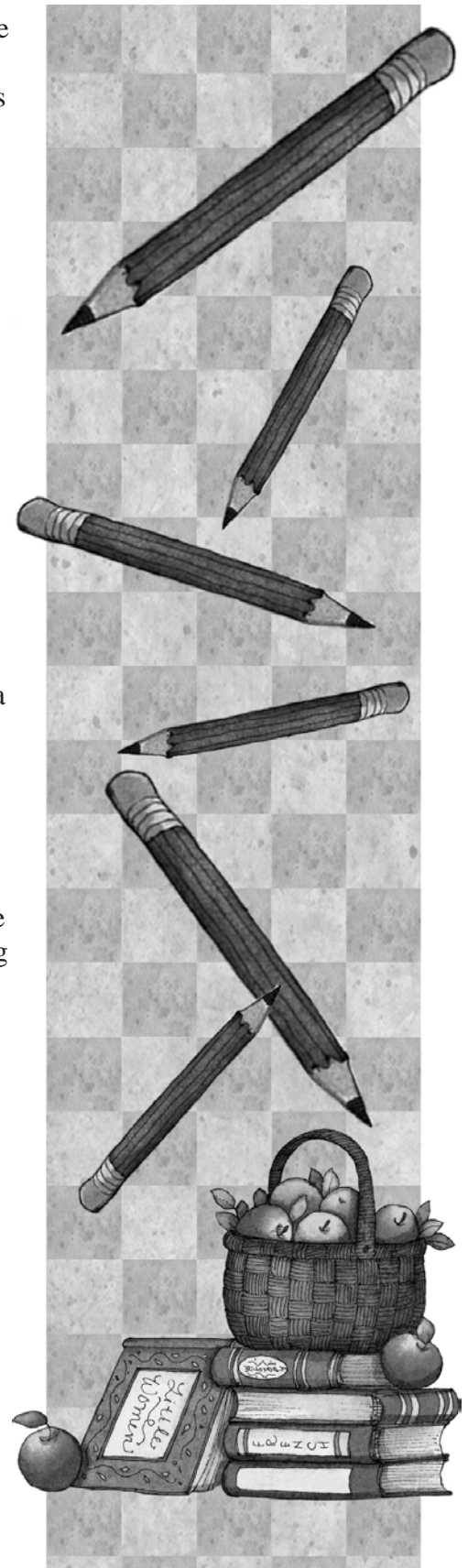
Good writers are careful to vary sentence length, to use understandable syntaxes, and to be sure that one sentence flows easily into the next. These characteristics together comprise sentence fluency.

Ideas

Ideas are the foundation of good writing. To write effectively, one's ideas must be sound, clear, and thoroughly supported.

Presentation

To emphasize their most important ideas, good writers often incorporate visual materials into their writing. This adds interest and clarity to the overall work.




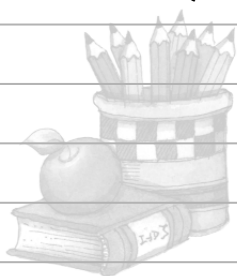
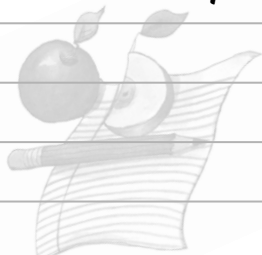



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