

NEXT-GENERATION WRITING

SKILLS INSIGHT™

Score range: 236 and below

Students scoring in this band are beginning to demonstrate the foundational skills and knowledge needed to be college and career ready.

Score range: 237–249

Students scoring in this band can typically demonstrate the following skills and knowledge:

- Revise a somewhat to moderately challenging text to improve development and organization (e.g., delete a clearly irrelevant sentence, select a logical transitional phrase)
- Use language effectively in a somewhat to moderately challenging context (e.g., use familiar words and phrases precisely, correct basic redundancies)
- Recognize and correct a basic error in sentence structure, usage, or punctuation (e.g., an inappropriate shift in verb tense, missing punctuation between items in a list)

Score range: 250–262

Students scoring in this band can typically demonstrate the following additional skills and knowledge:

- Revise a moderately challenging to complex text to improve development and organization (e.g., add support for an explicitly stated claim, make basic decisions about the order of information in a paragraph)
- Use language effectively in a moderately challenging context to achieve a rhetorical goal (e.g., combine sentences to incorporate a modifying phrase)
- Recognize and correct an error in sentence structure, usage, or punctuation (e.g., an obviously incomplete or run-on sentence)

Score range: 263–275

Students scoring in this band can typically demonstrate the following additional skills and knowledge:

- Revise a moderately challenging to complex text to improve development and organization (e.g., effectively set up a main idea, use a transitional sentence to link ideas or topics within a text)
- Use language effectively in a complex context (e.g., revise text to eliminate subtle redundancies)
- Recognize and correct a complex error in sentence structure, usage, or punctuation (e.g., a vague pronoun, punctuation incorrectly setting off a restrictive sentence element)

Score range: 276 and above

Students scoring in this band can typically demonstrate the following additional skills and knowledge:

- Revise a complex to highly complex text to improve development and organization (e.g., make a nuanced decision about the best placement of a sentence)
- Use language effectively in a complex to highly complex context (e.g., use the most appropriate word or phrase to achieve a particular rhetorical effect, such as emphasis)
- Recognize and correct a complex, subtle, or uncommon error in sentence structure, usage, or punctuation (e.g., a colon to introduce an explanation)