

THE WISE MEN AND THE ELEPHANT - RUBRIC

Dimension	Content	Discourse & Organization	Vocabulary	Language Usage and Conventions
Criteria Grade Level	<i>Reliability of description</i> <i>Explanation</i>	<i>Clarity</i> <i>Flow</i>	<i>Appropriacy to topic</i> <i>Range</i>	<i>Grammar, spelling and punctuation</i>
On Target 5	Description matches events and includes all details. Explanation covers all events and shows complete understanding of dilemma.	Whole message is completely clear. Logical flow of ideas throughout whole text.	Vocabulary is appropriate to topic and genre. Vocabulary is rich and varied.	Generally tenses are correct, both in form and use. Mostly correct spelling. Correct punctuation throughout.
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On Your Way 3	Description matches events, but lacks some details. Explanation covers events and shows a degree of understanding of dilemma.	Most of message is clear. Flow of ideas in some parts of text.	Vocabulary is usually appropriate to topic and genre. Range of vocabulary is adequate.	Some mistakes in use and/or form of tenses. Spelling mistakes detract from meaning or reader's understanding. Aware of need to punctuate by making some use of punctuation marks.
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Starting Out 1	Events are not described in a way that reader can get a clear picture of what happened. Either no explanation is offered, or it does not match events and dilemma.	No attention paid to clarity. Lacks flow of ideas in text.	Vocabulary is inappropriate to topic and/or genre. Vocabulary is poor and limited.	No sense of understanding use of tenses; mistakes in form detract from reader's understanding. Poor spelling makes it impossible to understand. No sense of understanding use of punctuation.