

Attributes of B+ and A+ Writing (Expository)

B+ (Concrete writing)	A+ (Abstract writing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes effectively on 'small picture' or 'concrete' topics/elements such as characters, individual arguments or examples • Has mastered writing to a conventional structure - such as the TEEL (topic sentence, evidence, explanation, link) body paragraph structure - but constantly conforms to this structure • Beginning to use abstract nouns to label ideas, sometimes these are the subject of sentences • Uses a limited range of ways to start sentences. May overuse certain words/ways of beginning sentences • Developing elaboration skills: can write 2-3 sentences on the same idea/example and use a limited range of words to discuss this idea • Sentences are routinely 15-20 words long. • Is beginning to master the use of strong, specific verbs in a sentence (but still often uses basic verbs such as 'is,' 'has' or 'was'. • Routinely uses examples/quotes which are long. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing conveys a sense of the big picture, such as the overall purpose or message of a text, the role of the author/techniques, or the values and principles underpinning an argument • Adapts, alters or varies conventional structures to improve the expression of ideas through methods such as varying paragraph length, sentence length, topic sentence styles or positioning of evidence. • Routinely uses a range of nouns to label and describe the nuance and complexity of ideas. Abstract nouns are often the subject of sentences • Uses a wide range of ways to begin sentences which include participles (-ing, -ed words), adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions. • Advanced elaboration skills: Can write 2-4 sentences on the same idea, using a range of different adjectives, verbs and nouns to refer to the idea. • Sentences are routinely 20-30 words long - achieved through using multiple conjunctions, prepositions and clauses. • Routinely uses multiple, strong specific verbs in a sentence. • Uses a range of short quotes/examples, including multiple examples in the one paragraph.