

**Table 8: Writing Rubric of the WIDA Consortium**

Level	Linguistic Complexity	Vocabulary Usage	Language Control
<b>6 Reaching</b>	A variety of sentence lengths of varying linguistic complexity in a single tightly organized paragraph or in well-organized extended text; tight cohesion and organization	Consistent use of just the right word in just the right place; precise Vocabulary Usage in general, specific, or technical language	Has reached comparability to that of English proficient peers functioning at the “proficient” level in state-wide assessments
<b>5 Bridging</b>	A variety of sentence lengths of varying linguistic complexity in a single organized paragraph or in extended text; cohesion and organization	Usage of technical language related to the content area; evident facility with needed vocabulary	Approaching comparability to that of English proficient peers; errors don’t impede comprehensibility
<b>4 Expanding</b>	A variety of sentence lengths of varying linguistic complexity; emerging cohesion used to provide detail and clarity	Usage of specific and some technical language related to the content area; lack of needed vocabulary may be occasionally evident	Generally comprehensible at all times, errors don’t impede the overall meaning; such errors may reflect first language interference
<b>3 Developing</b>	Simple and expanded sentences that show emerging complexity used to provide detail	Usage of general and some specific language related to the content area; lack of needed vocabulary may be evident	Generally comprehensible when writing in sentences; comprehensibility may from time to time be impeded by errors when attempting to produce more complex text
<b>2 Emerging</b>	Phrases and short sentences; varying amount of text may be copied or adapted; some attempt at organization may be evidenced	Usage of general language related to the content area; lack of vocabulary may be evident	Generally comprehensible when text is adapted from model or source text, or when original text is limited to simple text; comprehensibility may be often impeded by errors
<b>1 Entering</b>	Single words, set phrases, or chunks of simple language; varying amounts of text may be copied or adapted; adapted text contains original language	Usage of highest frequency vocabulary from school setting and content areas	Generally comprehensible when text is copied or adapted from model or source text; comprehensibility may be significantly impeded in original text