Assessment Rubrics: Letter-writing (Friendly letters)

Category	4	3	2	1
Ideas	All ideas were expressed in a	Most ideas were expressed in a	Ideas were somewhat	The letter seemed to be a collection
	clear and organized way. It was	pretty clear manner, but the	organized, but were not very	of unrelated sentences. It was very
	easy to figure out what the	organization could have been	clear. It took more than one	difficult to figure out what the letter
	letter was about.	better.	reading to figure out what the	was about.
			letter was about.	
Creativity	The letter contains many	The letter contains some creative	The letter contains a few	There is little or no evidence of
	creative details and/or	details and/or descriptions that tell	creative details and/or	creativity in the letter. The writer
	description that fully express	the feelings of the writer and the	descriptions, but they distract	does not seem to understand the
	the feelings of the writer to the	relationship between the writer	from the story. The author has	relationships between the two
	reader. The writer has really	and the reader. The writer has	tried to use his imagination, but	characters and does not seem to
	used his imagination	used his imagination.	not very successfully.	have used much imagination.
Format	Complies with all the	Complies with most of the	Complies with several of the	Complies with few of the
	requirements for a friendly	requirements for a friendly letter.	requirements for a friendly letter.	requirements for a friendly letter.
	letter.			
Sentences	Sentences and paragraphs are	Most sentences are complete and	Some sentences are complete	Many sentence fragments or run-on
and	complete, well-constructed and	well-constructed. Paragraphing	and well-constructed.	sentences and paragraphing needs
Paragraphs	of varied structure.	is generally done well.	Paragraphing needs some	lots of work.
			work.	
Grammar &	Writer makes few or no errors	Writer makes some errors in	Writer makes quite a lot of	Writer makes very frequent errors in
spelling	in grammar or spelling.	grammar and/or spelling but the	errors in grammar and/or	grammar and/or spelling.
		errors do not impede	spelling	
		understanding.		

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