

Session 3A — Writing Practice Test

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: WRITING — SESSION 3A

In this practice session you will write a response to the prompt below. You can earn up to 6 points for idea/topic development and up to 4 points for correct use of English.

Writing Prompt

While hiking on a trail with your friends, you discover a hidden cave.
Write a story about what happens next.

Use the guidelines below to help you write.

Writing Guidelines

Idea/Topic Development

The degree to which the story

- addresses the prompt,
- stays on topic,
- develops major events, setting, and characters,
- deals with problems and solutions,
- has a clear and logical order,
- provides supporting details, and
- has carefully chosen words that develop the story.

Correct Use of English

As you produce your final draft, check for correct

- sentences,
- grammar and word usage, and
- capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

You are encouraged to use paper supplied by your teacher to plan your response in a way that is helpful to you. If you write a rough draft, be sure to leave enough time to write the final draft in your practice test answer booklet. You **MUST** fit your response in the space provided on pages 2 through 5 of your practice test answer booklet.

Before you begin to write, please read the prompt again.

