

CONVENTIONS

Beginner	Borrower	Experimenter	Meaning Maker	Experienced Writer
<input type="checkbox"/> Does not use recognizable conventions in own text. <input type="checkbox"/> Can point to conventions in print. <input type="checkbox"/> Plays with letter or number shapes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Imitates print: letters, "cursive flow (w)," punctuation marks. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes own name. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes one to several sight words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Use capitals and lower case – not ALWAYS correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses periods, question marks, commas, and exclamation points (often correctly). <input type="checkbox"/> Puts spaces between words. <input type="checkbox"/> Spells many sight words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses capitals and lower case with fair consistency. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses periods, commas, exclamation points, question marks correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Correctly spells ever – growing range of sight words and some challenging words. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some difficult conventions correctly: e.g., quotation marks, ellipses, dashes, parentheses.	<input type="checkbox"/> Uses wide range of conventions skillfully and accurately. <input type="checkbox"/> Creates easy-to-read text with few errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses paragraphs, often in the right places. <input type="checkbox"/> Spells most sight words and many challenging words correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses conventions to reinforce voice/meaning.
<input type="checkbox"/> Can name/describe many convention: e.g., period, capital, comma, question mark. <input type="checkbox"/> Asks about conventions. <input type="checkbox"/> Often writes left to right.	<input type="checkbox"/> "plays" with more difficult conventions: dashes, ellipses, quotations marks. <input type="checkbox"/> Can name/describe numerous conventions. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows concern for correctness in own text. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes left to right.	<input type="checkbox"/> Gives some attention to correct format. <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes uses paragraphs. <input type="checkbox"/> Makes corrections in own text. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes left to right, notices margins.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is careful with layout and formatting. <input type="checkbox"/> Consistently checks/edits own text for many conventions. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes left to right and respects margins.	