

## RUBRIC FOR CONVENTIONS

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- 6**
- You have to be really picky to find any errors in my paper!
  - I used conventions to make my message clear and to bring out the voice.
  - I thoroughly edited this paper and feel confident that I found and corrected all errors.
  - I liked and listened for mistakes more than once. This is ready to publish.
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- 5**
- You might find a few errors – but you will really have to hunt for them!
  - I think my conventions help make my message clear.
  - I checked my paper over pretty thoroughly, and I am sure I corrected the major errors.
  - I looked and listened for mistakes. I might have missed some small things. It's almost ready to publish, though.
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- 4**
- You will probably notice some errors. I need to edit more carefully.
  - My message is still clear, I think.
  - Though I did check it over quickly, I should probably take one more look.
  - This paper still needs careful editing before it's ready to publish.
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- 3**
- I have too many errors. This draft is still pretty rough!
  - I did some things correctly. Still – I'm not sure my message is always clear.
  - Just looking the paper over, I see enough errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar to slow a reader down.
  - This could use *a lot* of editing. It is not ready to publish.
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- 2**
- I have a lot of errors! Wow! This is hard to read.
  - I did a few things correctly, but mistakes get in the way of my message.
  - The errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar will definitely slow a reader down.
  - I need to read this aloud and edit it line by line before I publish it.
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- 1**
- I made so many mistakes I can hardly read this myself.
  - It is hard to find things done correctly or even to tell what my message is.
  - I see many errors – and many kinds of errors – here.
  - I need to read this aloud, work with a partner, and edit my paper word by word before I publish it.
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