

Level 3 Composition

Scoring Rubric: Paragraphs

| | Maximum Score | Actual Score |
|---|---------------|---|
| <p>Format—5 points</p> <p>There is a title.</p> <p>The title is centered.</p> <p>The first line is indented.</p> <p>There are margins on both sides.</p> <p>The paragraph is double-spaced.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p> | 5 | _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| <p>Punctuation and Mechanics—5 points</p> <p>There is a period after every sentence.</p> <p>Capital letters are used correctly.</p> <p>The spelling is correct.</p> <p>Commas are used correctly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p> | 5 | _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| <p>Content— 5 points</p> <p>The paragraph fits the assignment.</p> <p>The paragraph is interesting to read.</p> <p>The paragraph shows that the writer used care and thought.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p> | 5 | _____ _____ _____ |
| <p>Organization— 5 points</p> <p>The paragraph begins with a topic sentence that has both a topic and a controlling idea.</p> <p>The paragraph contains several specific and factual supporting sentences that explain or prove the topic sentence, including at least one example.</p> <p>The paragraph ends with an appropriate concluding sentence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total</p> | 5 | _____ _____ _____ |
| <p>Grammar and Sentence Structure— 5 points</p> <p>Estimate a grammar and sentence structure score.</p> | | |
| Grand Total | 5 | |

High

stray topic
sentences

5

10/30/12

3A

A Place from My Childhood

When I was a child, I lived in an apartment. There were a lot of my friends. We played tag at the stairway of apartment. It was a lot of fun, but we sometimes were scolded by our parents. Yet, we could not stop it.

Also we played in the park. There were many playground equipment. The slide was on the left of the park, and on the right, there were swings. A big jungle gym in the center was the most popular in the park. We played tag on the jungle gym too. We were not scold by parents when we did not play tag at the stairway but we played it on the jungle gym.

We often went to the amusement park. It was the most fun for us. We rode on the roller coaster which excited us. We also entered the haunted house. My friends were scared and cried, and so ~~do~~^{did} I. We could look around our town by the ferris wheel between the roller coaster and the haunted house. We usually came home after riding on the ferris wheel.

Verbs / Past

A Place from My Childhood

When I was a child, I lived in ~~the~~^{an} apartment.

There are^{were} a lot of my friends. We played a tag

at the stairway of the apartment. It was a lot of

fun, but we sometimes were scolded by our

parents. However^{yet}, we could not stop it.

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of the park, and on the right, there was^{were} swings.

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in the park. We played a tag on the jungle gym too.

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Chapter 4: Descriptive Paragraphs

Writer: S. ... Date: 10/30/12

Format

My paragraph is in the correct format (centered title, first line indented, margins on both sides, double-spaced). yes no

Content and Organization

My paragraph fits the assignment. I used spatial order to describe a place. yes no

I used left to right spatial order to organize my description.
(near-to-far, left-to-right, top-to-bottom, etc.)

I used the following spatial order expressions:

on the left, on the right, in the center, around, between

My paragraph has a topic sentence, several supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. yes no

My paragraph has unity. No sentences are off the topic. yes no

Punctuation, Capitalization, and Spelling

I put a period after every sentence. yes no

I put a comma in my compound sentences. yes no

I used capital letters correctly. yes no

I checked my spelling. yes no

Grammar and Sentence Structure

I checked my paragraph for fragments. yes no

I varied my sentence structure by writing a prepositional phrase at the beginning of at least one sentence (copy that sentence here):

We played tag at the stairway of the apartment

I wrote 5 compound sentences.
(number)

Personal Grammar Trouble Spots

I checked my paragraph for verbs past errors.
(verb tense, article, etc.)

Number found and corrected

4

I checked my paragraph for adverb errors.

1

I checked my paragraph for adjective errors.

1

Mid

5
Effective
Revisions

3A

10-30-12

Childhood place

My childhood place in my house was special for me. First, since I was born, my mother and my father very happy. My mother and my father began to teach me. I remember my room was filled game and stories. Also, I remember my home was very small and next to our house a large garden. I remember when awaking in morning, eating with my family. Finally, my childhood house and very thing around me.

Secondly, my childhood place in school has several stages. First, the kindergarten stage was education, letters and numbers. Also, I learned to write my name. My teacher gave me books. My teacher taught me methods for writing correctly. I met my friends Amal, Reem, Fatimah. My kinder garten stage was very great.

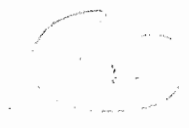
Third, four of my friends lived around my home. My friend next to my family. I remember when was playing with their children. Also we wanted to play together in the garden and at the sea. I remember when we are eating together in my home. My childhood period was the best moment in my life.

Childhood Place
friend's house

I ~~talked~~ about friend's house. ~~first~~, ~~my~~
was ~~live~~ next to ~~fore~~ family. I remember
when was I play^{ing} with their children.

Also we want^{ed to play} together in ^{the} garden and ^{at the} sea.

I remember when ~~was~~ ^{we were} eat^{ing} together in
my home. My childhood period was the
best moment in my life.



Topic Sent.

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" Childhood place "
" house "

I talking about ^{my} Childhood Place in house. ^{was special for me}

First, since I was born, my mother and my father

very happy. My father and my mother ^a begin ^{to} learned me. I remember my room was filled

with games and stories. Also, I remember my home

was very ^a smell. I remember when a wak^{ing}

in morning, was I ^{eating} ate with ^{my} family. ^{Finally,} ^{fairly}

my childhood ~~is~~ house ^{and} was very happy. everything
around me.

Childhood Place & School

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My childhood place is school, ^{has} several stages. ^First the

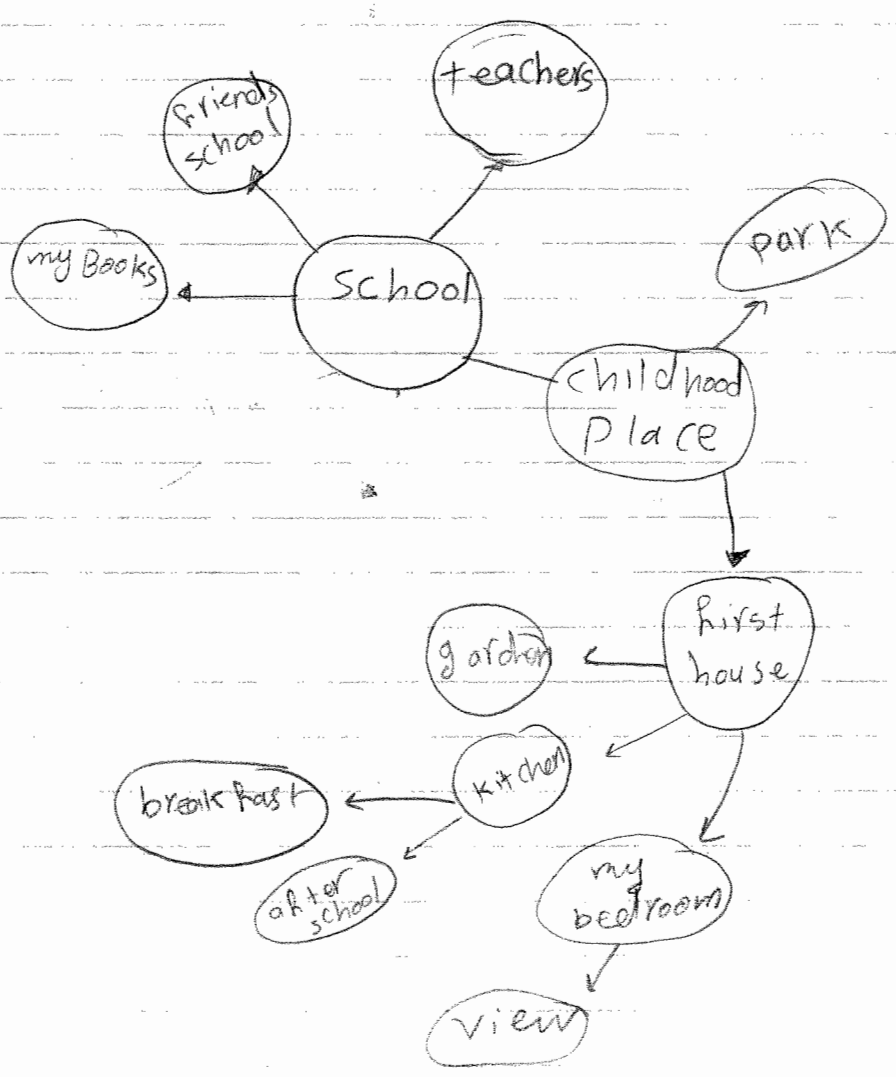
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Self-Editing Worksheet 4

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Content and Organization

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I used next to spatial order to organize my description.
(near-to-far, left-to-right, top-to-bottom, etc.)

I used the following spatial order expressions:

next to - next to - outside

My paragraph has a topic sentence, several supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence. yes no

My paragraph has unity. No sentences are off the topic. yes no

Punctuation, Capitalization, and Spelling

I put a period after every sentence. yes no

I put a comma in my compound sentences. yes no

I used capital letters correctly. yes no

I checked my spelling. yes no

Grammar and Sentence Structure

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I varied my sentence structure by writing a prepositional phrase at the beginning of at least one sentence (copy that sentence here): _____

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(number)

Personal Grammar Trouble Spots

I checked my paragraph for stage very errors.
(verb tense, article, etc.)

Number found and corrected

stage was very

I checked my paragraph for when eating errors.

when we are eating

I checked my paragraph for and sea errors.

and the sea

Low

Alim:

3/5

about my school

My school is one of the best schools in our city. My school taught me everything I study in Arabic, so it was not that hard for me ~~but~~ but I wish I studied before English. When I was in school I didn't take anything serious because I ~~got~~ had friends that took my time from doing my studies. I however I ~~tried~~ passed my final exams.

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Neighbourhood

First of all I will talk about my place. I live in a really ~~just~~ calm place because every one who stay in ~~that~~ this neighbourhood are good people. ~~That~~ my ~~good neighbour~~ I have a really ~~good~~ good neighbour who care about everyone and ask about anyone that have problems. So in other words we share everything with our neighbour and every week we go to our neighbours to eat dinner and it goes around for every one. ~~at~~ the end I really love my neighbour and I wish I could ~~like~~ ^{have} this neighbour here.

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2^o Topic

Mid - High

Effective
Revision

5

Level 3B

Jennifer

10/23/12

Where Are You

Today writing class is outside yard. I think this is good idea because the yard has grass, sun, tree, and sky. First, I can see blue sky. The United States has special blue sky. I like to see sky because blue sky feeling good mood. I don't like cloudy the mood also become bad. Second, I can walk on the lawn and sit under the tree. The United States grass can be tread upon, but the grass will have a brand telling you can't stamp on the grass in the China. Mild weather sitting under the reading feel very comfortable. Third, sunshine. I like sunshine, but I am afraid of tanning. Chinese think white skin girl is beautiful. My skin is tanned by the sun into life in the United States a year. In the distant scenery I can see mountains sometime have people on the mountain parachute. I think this is interesting game and I want try. In conclude, this is my first time class outside yard. I like this is feeling. I can smell the smell of the grass, can feeling sunlight.

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Level 3B

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10/23/12

| Draft | total pieces |
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| 4/5 | +3 |

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Spelling

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Number found
and corrected

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(verb tense, article, etc.)

I checked my paragraph for _____ errors.

I checked my paragraph for _____ errors.

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