

Proofreading and Editing Practice

Editing: How many mistakes can you find?____

The Beach



Do you no Ryan did last weekend. He went to the beach with his family. First, Ryan builded a huge sand castle. Then, he collect seashells and rocks After that, he goed swimming with his brother. Ryan has a wonderful time at the beach.

1ST PERSON: USE A MARKER TO PLACE PROOFREADING MARKS ON YOUR GROUP MEMBER'S PAPER.

2^{ND} PERSON:

Creative Writing- Scary Short Story Checklist

- _1. Story starts with an attention grabber.
- <u>2</u>. There is dialogue.
- 3. Descriptive writing is used. (i.e., sensory details, similes, metaphors, and/or alliteration)
- _____4. There is a plot with:
 - ____ a. an exposition.
 - _____ b. a tense rising action with a distinct conflict.
 - _____c. a climax (problem is solved or made worse)
 - ____ d. a falling action and resolution
- ____5. The story makes sense.
- <u>6.</u> It is interesting and holds my attention.
- _____7. There is a scary/Halloween theme to it.

FRIGHT WRITE" SHORT STORY GUIDELINES

	Excellent [A]	Good [B]	Average [C]	Fair [D]
Originality & Insight	Captivating. Fresh approach. Unique insight.	Engaging. Mostly unique and fresh.	Engaging, but with elements that are familiar.	Retelling of a familiar story.
Creative Expression	Skillful use of vivid imagery. Lucid expression.	Effective use of figurative language. Some imagery present.	Simple phrasing. Word choice commonplace.	Bland descriptions & poor word choice.
Language & Linguistic Conventions	Descriptive adjectives & powerful verbs. Expansive vocabulary.	Appropriate verbs & acceptable adjectives, but generally word choice is commonplace.	Simple verbs & weak adjectives. Uses slangs & cliches.	Incorrect use of words & tenses.
Plot & Character Development	Fully developed plot: well-defined event, setting & introduction of characters; conflict; climax (turning point) & resolution (events bringing story to a close). Characters come alive.	Basic plot elements present. Characters generally believable.	Some plot elements missing rendering the story confusing. Character not convincingly depicted.	Plot is absent. Characters not developed.
Organization & Flow	Cleverly sequenced. Good transitions. Engaging beginning, engrossing middle, & exciting ending.	Smooth flow. Adequately sequenced.	Inconsistent flow. Confusing sequencing. Inadequate transitions. Undeveloped introduction/conclusion.	Illogical sequence. Introduction or conclusion are missing.

3RD PERSON GRADE: _____

Use the rubric to explain what this writer needs to add or take away from their writing: