

Teaching Writing → Writing Conventions

Level: High School

Writing conventions are the rules that make your writing correct and easy to understand. Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar are all writing conventions that you must follow to show that you have worked hard and carefully to produce your best work. Mistakes can lead to writing that is confusing or doesn't say what you want it to.

Use the checklist below to check your writing for errors.

	Checked
Spelling: Words are spelled correctly.	
Spelling: I have chosen the correct homonym for my meaning.	
Spelling: I have checked spell-checker suggestions for meaning.	
Capitalization: Proper nouns, place names, titles, and the first word in the sentence are capitalized.	
Punctuation: My punctuation shows when sentences stop, when to pause, and which words and ideas are related.	
Punctuation: I have used end punctuation to indicate statements, questions, and emphasis or emotion.	
Grammar: My grammar follows basic rules and conventions.	
Grammar: I have read my piece aloud to listen for grammar errors, since sometimes writers hear errors that they might not see.	
General: I have traded papers with another student to check for errors.	

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