

# Supporting your writer at home

Complimenting your child on his/her writing using the 6 Traits

## Trait of **Ideas**



I like how you wrote about one specific topic.  
Very specific use of detail. Well done!  
You sound like an expert.  
You know a lot about this topic.  
My favorite detail is \_\_\_\_\_ (picture or word detail).  
Your pictures matched your words/letters. Great!

## Trait of **Organization**



Your organization makes this easy to follow.  
You came up with a clever title.  
Your grouping of ideas is great.  
You wrote a good, attention-getting first sentence.  
Your ending wraps everything up.  
Good transitions helped me read through this piece easily.  
You wrote a clear beginning, middle, and end.

## Trait of **Voice**



I have the same feelings sometimes.  
My favorite part was \_\_\_\_\_ .  
I can tell you feel strongly about this.  
I can hear your voice.  
I wish it wasn't over! I could have kept reading!  
This was very interesting!

## Trait of **Word Choice**



Very specific words make this good writing.  
Your word choice—*creepy, scary*— really gives your piece voice.  
Good word—*delicate*. I love it when you try new words.  
You really paid attention to your word choice. AWESOME!  
My favorite phrase/word is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
This really drew a picture in my mind.  
\_\_\_\_\_ — what a perfect word for this part!

## Trait of **Sentence Fluency**



I had no trouble reading this the first time from start to finish.  
Your sentences begin in interesting and different ways.  
I noticed you are writing several sentences; not just one. Terrific!  
I noticed you have some long sentences and some short sentences.  
I like how this part sounds fast, and this part sounds slow.  
You certainly have good sentence sense.

## Trait of **Conventions**



Very cleanly written. Good job.  
I had to look hard for any mistakes.  
You knew this was a question— and used a question mark.  
You have spaces between all your words now! EXCELLENT!  
I see you used an exclamation point to show strong feelings.  
Just an occasional "oops" here and there. Good work.  
Your audience will appreciate your careful editing as they read.