

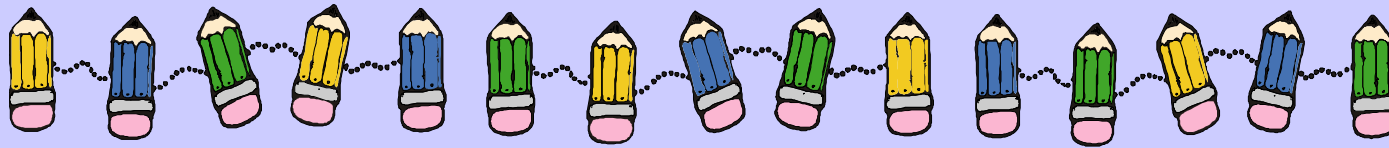
# 6 + 1 Traits of Writing



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# What is a “**Trait**”?








A trait is an important part, or feature, of something.

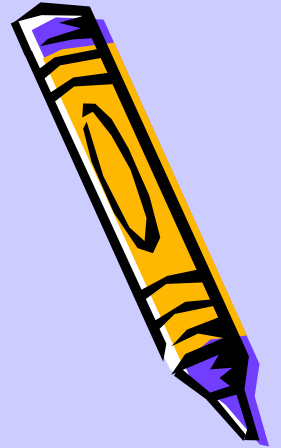


The **6 Traits** are the **six important features** of good writing.



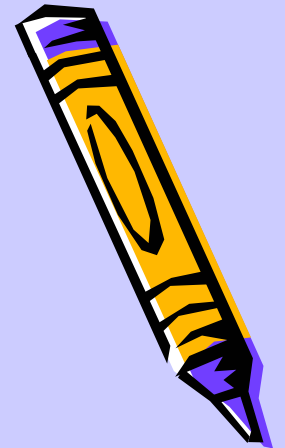
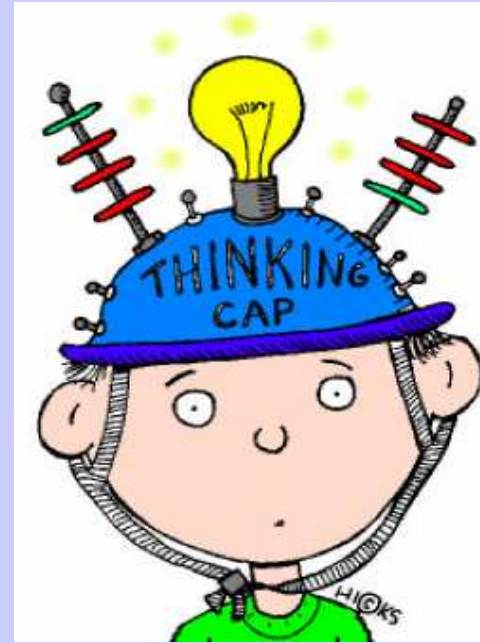
# The 6 + 1 Traits

-  Ideas
-  Organization
-  Voice
-  Word Choice
-  Sentence Fluency
-  Conventions
-  +1 Presentation



# Ideas

- I decided on a message.
- My message is clear.
- I tried hard to make it interesting.
- I have enough information.



# Organization



- My writing and picture match with each other.
- My paper has a beginning.
- My writing has ORDER.
- You will NOT feel lost!
- I used transition words.
- My paper has an ending.



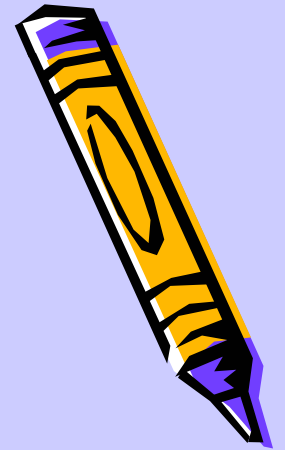
# Voice

- I like my writing.
- It sounds like ME!
- My paper shows feelings.
- My favorite part is

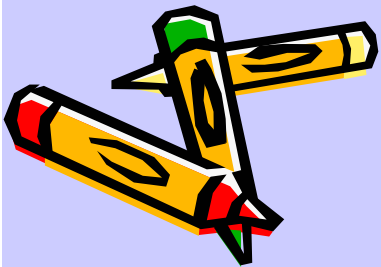
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# Word Choice

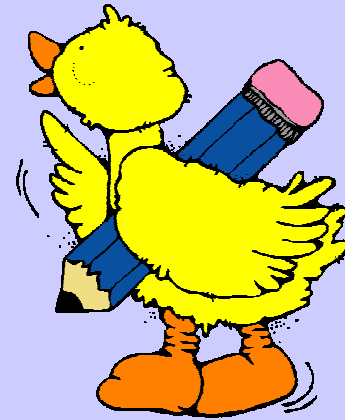


- My words make sense.
- I like the words I chose.
- I tried not to repeat words too many times.
- I used a new word. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

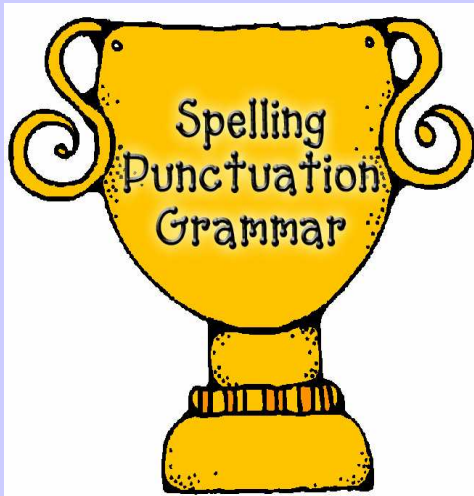
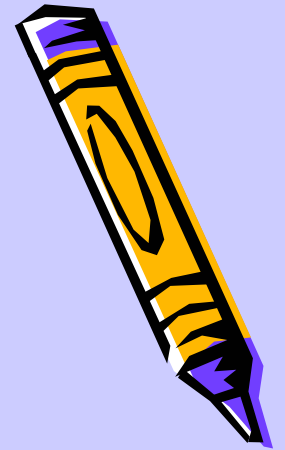


# Sentence Fluency

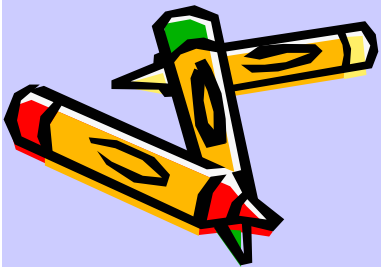
- I wrote in complete sentences.
- Some sentences are long and some are short.
- Some are telling sentences and some are questions.
- My sentences begin with different words.
- My writing sounds smooth as I listen to it.



# Conventions

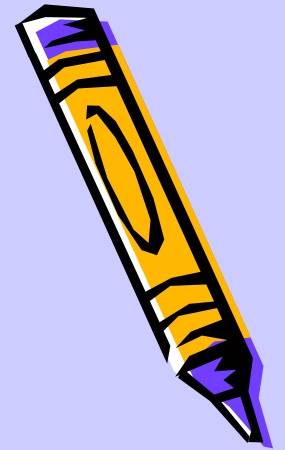
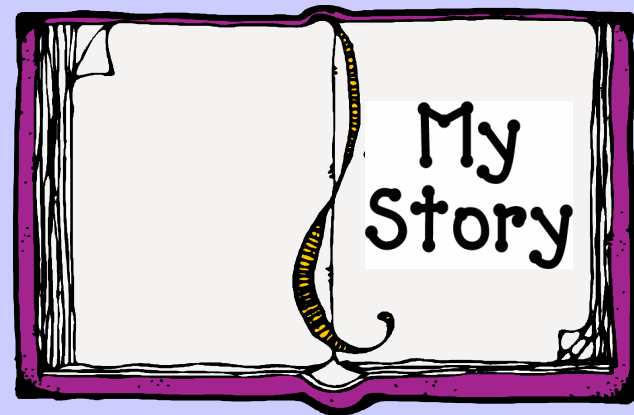
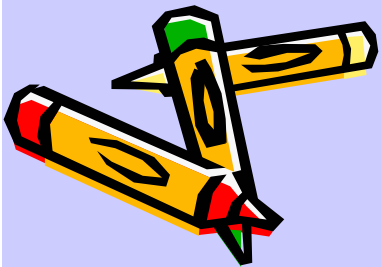


- You can read my paper without help.
- I wrote my name on my paper.
- I have a title.
- I wrote from left to right.
- I put spaces between my words.
- I have periods after my sentences.
- I have question marks after my questions.
- I used capital letters.
- I used my BEST spelling.



# + 1 Presentation

- I wrote neatly.
- The letters and words stay on the lines.
- I have carefully drawn my pictures.
- There are very few cross outs or smudges on my paper.
- I have a finished, polished piece of writing.





Knowing and practicing the 6 traits of good writing, helps you become a better writer!

