Exemplars
From the 2013 Administration of the DWA
Elementary School Grades 3-7
Nipisihkopahk Education Authority

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The exemplars contained in this document are student samples that were selected from the May 2013 Administration of the District Writing Assessment. The purpose of their selection is to help teachers see and internalize the standard of writing for each of the different grades that participate in the DWA is it relates to the standard inherent in the Alberta Education Programs of Study for English Language Arts.

Wherever possible, student samples have been chosen to represent each of the levels within the scoring guide – Excellent, Proficient, Satisfactory, Limited, and Poor. Note that not all categories are represented by an exemplar in the different grades, due to the fact that there was not necessarily a student sample that was considered to be exemplary in all related categories.

It is important to note that these exemplars were chosen to represent the associated score for all of the marking categories in the DWA Scoring Guides – Content, Organization, Sentence Structure, Vocabulary, and Conventions. It is common, however, to find student writing to be more varied. It is not common to have students score the same score in all categories as will be evidenced in using these exemplars to score this year’s administration of the DWA.

Please use these exemplars to help you internalize and apply the standard of writing, which we have determined through district level standards setting, to help you assess where your students are at in their writing (in class and on the District Writing Assessment during Central Marking Sessions) as well as consider how this standard can inform your practice as you teach writing in your respective English Language Arts programs.

If you have any questions or concerns about the exemplars that have been chosen, or how to apply them to the assessment of student writing, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Anderson, Instructional Services and Literacy Coach, at randerson@scnea.com.
Uh, oh.

(Title)

It was a nice day, and Tom wanted to go for a walk to his grandmother. Tom was a nice boy, never bad. He was never popular in school, didn't have many friends. Except his dog, T-rex. Oh, how they always played together, never a dull moment. Tom was T-rex's best friend, and T-rex was Tom's.

As they started walking, T-rex started to make a sound, it sounded like he was scared. So Tom took a shortcut, through the field and across a
bridge that led over a gigantic river. Tom climbed over the fence and started his walk, T-rex trailed behind him. But when Tom started walking through the dark field, he got a feeling, a bad feeling in his stomach. Crack, crack. Tom heard these old sticks break behind him, he thought it was T-rex so he called his name, "T-rex, where are you boy?" Suddenly T-rex appeared ahead of Tom, not in the back. Tom got worried, and his stomach got all woozy, and he suddenly felt light headed... He gazed over at where the sound was coming from, he couldn't see anything until... A mask, a blue mask with black eyes... At this point, he only had one thought, RUN! He was running, almost tripping.
at time to time, scared, not looking back.
Tom really couldn't see anything, it was
too dark, and it got darker as he entered
the forest. The one with the river, which
means Tom was close to being home. Tom slowed
down and started to walk, here and there
he heard someone whisper his name. Tom
got worried, but also scared cause he lost
his day when he went running. Where did
he go? Tom thought, "Ow!" Tom quietly
shouted as he tripped over something.
There was blood everywhere, but where did it
come from...? Then as Tom looks to what
he has tripped on, he sees what he cannot
believe... It's T-rex. He's dead, and all these
feelings Tom has... sad, alone, scared, broken,
worried, all just burst out, and he's crying.
He doesn't care if that thing, whatever it was, can hear him. Tom wiped his tears and just ran.

Tom ran, even though he couldn't see anything, he ran. He didn't want to play that person's sick game, he was helpless, alone, and scared. Tom fell, scrapping his knee, but still, he wasn't going to stay there, in the dark woods. No one would ever be able to hear him cry for help.

Suddenly, he hears twigs and sticks breaking, they get closer and closer. Tom manages to stand up, but groans in pain. Tom starts to walk, but his knee only slows him down.

"Oh, Tom, Tom, Tom. Why do you hide? I only want your soul! Ahahahaha!"

The man shot from behind Tom.
Tom heard water rushing down a stream in the distance. Finally, Tom whispers to himself, as he climbs over a humungous log. As he climbed over, he started to hear the man run, instead of walk. Trump. Trump. Trump. They got faster and closer. So Tom tried to hurry up, but fell into the river. He didn't yell when his leg got cut by a sharp branch sticking out. It would at least take 11 stitches to put it back together. He groaned in pain as he swam across the river. At last he seen his grandmas porch light, he ran in pain shouting "Help, Help! Grandma, Help!"

No response. Tom ran as fast as he can, even though the pain was enormous, he kept on going. He kicked opened her back door. There was broken glass on the floor, the place was trashed, and there was a trail of
blood leading to the main bedroom. "Oh no, no, no, Grandma! Please no!" he shouted as he burst into tears. "Grandma!!!" Tom opened the door, looked around... It was a mess, nobody, blood everywhere...

But at last a note, that was written in proper handwriting: "See, now look what you've done... Uh oh!"

"Oh my god!" Tom struggled to say as he been stabbed in the back... A good aim for the heart. "Nice to meet you, Tom! I'm eyeless jack. Now if you be a good sport and show me where the gold is, I won't feast on you tonight." Jack said as he grinned, checking to check.

"Go back to hell!" Tom shouted.
as he shot Jack repeatedly 20 times in the chest, right before he died. The died.
The Last Survivors

I woke up hearing a loud noise outside of my window. It sounded like the police siren. It scared me for a moment, I yelled for my dad, Joel hoping that he will respond back to me. So I went walking to his room opening the door making a creaking sound as I walked in. He was nowhere to be found his TV was on showing a news reporter talking about an outbreak on live TV. The phone rang loud almost giving me a heart attack so I ran quickly trying to answer the phone. I came running downstairs trying to answer it but as I got there it stopped ringing. So, I click on the voice message. All I could hear was yelling and screaming.
and it was my uncle Tommy sounding out of breath yelling my name asking for my Dad and that was it. I seen my Dad's phone on the table. I pick it up unlocking his phone. I scrolled through his messages but the only message on his phone was uncle Tommy. I quickly tried to read it but I felt a cold breeze going down my spine. I looked around and all I saw was the sliding door open, I went walking to take a look. My dad came running through knocking me down on the floor. He look terrified, he rushed to pick me up and he ask me if anybody came in. I said no. He quickly shut the sliding door but something came running and banging on the window.
the infected thing back up and ran through the sliding door. It got up trying to reach and grab me. My dad shot a few bullets killing the infected zombie.
One Day I went to visit Cordell then I saw something in the trees. Then I went to check it out. I called Cordell then he came to check what I was looking at. We both were in shock. After I said we are looking at aliens. The aliens look at both of us then I said run the aliens chase us then I got caught by the aliens. The aliens brought me back to their space ship.
I struggle and struggle then finally got away and I was terrified for life.

The End
Cannibal Attack
(Title)

Once upon a time..... On Wednesday, May 1st, 1982, news broke out that
A sunny morning. Charlie woke up early to see his favorite dog chasing. Charlie was always happy to see Charlie. The first thing Charlie would always do was go out to see his dog chasing. Every time Charlie's parents would wake up, they would always tell Charlie to do his chores. And Charlie would always do his chores. Charlie's parents, Jim and Kate, would always tell him to clean the room, that Charlie was always disappointed because he didn't get to do what he wanted to do. Charlie always wanted time with his parents and his dog. Later that day, Charlie decided to take his dog Charlie. But for a long walk, well, they walked and they walked and they walked. They just kept walking. Till Charlie realized where he was going. He took a look around and wondered...
"Hi, M," were 1 Chovie said to his dog.

Chovie's dog "growled," Chovie noticed were he
was and Chovie said, "I really got to do what
I want to do," but he was worried because he wouldn't
have anything to eat and sleep. Chovie went out in
the field and Chovie ran to something and he
was sniffing and Chovie said, "What is it boy?"
Chovie moved carefully and Chovie looked at it and
it was something to eat. Chovie and Chovie's

The next day, Chovie's parents noticed that they had
left Chovie's mom Katie was really worried
about him and his dog. They were searching and
searching for Chovie and Chovies, but Chovie's parents

Jim and Katie had no clue where they both
had been. Chovie loved were he has been staying.
In the nice field were he loved to play with his dog,
Chovie they but run around in the field having lots.

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of fun with eachother, Charlie wasn't even

lonely for his parents because they were too

busy having the time of their lives.

Charlie said to himself "I never want to go

back with my parents because they never let

me do anything!" Charlie was out in about in

the field batting with his ball in the fields but

Charlie was sitting down looking up at the sky.

Jim and Katie were still looking but they still

couldn't find Charlie and Charlie's, early in the

morning Charlie's parents got up and looked for

the dog and himself. Jim and Katie went driving

for 5 hours looking for Charlie and his dog.

Katie heard something. She heard barking

and a bay talking, she followed the barking

and she followed the trucking. Finally she found

herself and the dog. She shouted with joy "I found
You chose "and Chare's dad said "Why did you run away? Chare replied because you guys never let me do anything all you guys ever let me do is clean!" and Chare's was so happy to be home.

Chare said "at least I'm home after all"!!!

The end
It was a sunny day, a little bit cloudy and a nice breeze.
My dog Charlie is a playful dog. He loves to eat carrots and cookies. My name is Andy. I'm 8 years old and my dog is 3 in human years.

I heard my mom yelling our names so I told Charlie to come inside. It was getting late and I'm tired so me and Charlie went to my bedroom upstairs. I fixed Charlie's bed then mine.
So we can have a good sleep. I slowly close my eyes and feel asleep. "Wake up sweetie" my mom said. I reply "why, what's wrong?" to my mom.

"Charlie ain't in his bed," my mom says. I look and see him gone. I feel scared cause Charlie is my best friend and I don't want to lose him now. I get up and out of my bed to go out of my my clothes. I begin to look for Charlie everywhere.

I don't see him anywhere.
I go for a walk down our driveway and look in the fields, and I see something weird and it's digging in a hole. I walk towards it and see that it's moving more! I'm finally so close I'm scared to move farther.

Then I take a closer look and it's Charlie! I stand there watching him play and I say 'lets go home Charlie and have cookies and carrots.'
runaway
(Title)

One upon a time on a farm there was a boy named Mikey. Mikey was a nice young boy. But one day Mikey said, I wonder what it like to live on your own. He said to the dog, the dog's name was Jake, Jake was a nice dog. When it was night time, Mikey woke up and he put on a sweater on and jumped out down and Jake woke up and saw Mikey waking and Jake jumped out and followed him.
The End
Building a Grounded Rim

_one day a boy named Josh and a dog named Jim were going for a walk. Josh got some snacks so if they get hungry. They went south because that's the way to the field. Josh said,

'This is gonna be awesome, isn't gonna be Jim.'

Jim said, 'Ruff.'

Then Josh said, 'Which way is south? I'm only 4 my birthday's on a leap year if not I would've been 6.'

They headed left. Oh no left is north let's see what happens.

Jim started barking.

'What is it Jim?' Josh said.

Jim found a fossil.

Josh said, 'It looks like a tooth.'
Then all of a sudden the ground started to shake, leaves started blowing.

Then a real life dinosaur came out of the ground.

Jim started running and howling.

The dino started stepping on trees and breaking houses.

Josh said, "W-w-w-What do we d-d-do now?"

Jim started running he dug up another fossil.

The ground started shaking, leaves started blowing.

Another dino came.

Jim ruffed and the dinosaur started fighting the evil dino. The good dino fell and the evil one kept destroying the town.
Josh ran for his life, saying, "LOOK AT THIS MESS WE CREATED WE MADE THIS DINO. WE MADE ANOTHER DINO DIE AND ALL WE CAME TO DO WAS GO FOR A WALK JUST FOR A WALK!"

Jim wasn't even listing he was digging another fossil.

"Really Jim Really?" Josh said.

The ground started shaking, the leaves started blowing.

"AGAIN!" Josh said.

Then a lady dino came up and said, "There's you are, mister. I told you not to go anywhere. Did you make your brother unconscious again the dino mom took both of them underground.

Josh was happy so was Jim.
Losh started eating their lunch and they both ate happily ever after.

The End
Once upon a time there was a boy named Jody. Jody has a dog named Dasiy. Jody is a girl. Jody and Dasiy go on walks all the time. One day Jody woke up. Jody said to Dasiy, "Let's go for a walk!"

Jody and Dasiy got ready to go for a walk.

They started walking into the fields. Jody and Dasiy went for a long walk. Jody said, "Let's go back home now, I am tired!"

They both started walking back home. When they got home, Dasiy fell asleep. Dasiy slept for a really long time. So Jody fell asleep too. Jody slept for a really long time. When Dasiy woke up she woke up Jody, but Jody was still tired.
When Jody woke up he took Dasiy for another walk. They got ready and started walking. Jody let Dasiy off the leaths and let her run around. Jody seen Dasiy sniffing the ground. Jody said "What are you doing Dasiy?!"

When Jody picked up Dasiy, Dasiy jumped out of Jody's arms and ran off. Jody said "Dasiy come back here!!"

Jody was sad. Jody started running after Dasiy but Dasiy was too fast for Jody. Jody was out of breath. When Jody caught his breath, he went to go and look for Dasiy. Jody said "DASLY come back DASLY." Jody heard Dasiy barking so Jody followed Dasiy barking. Jody seen Dasiy but she ran away.
again. Jody said

"Come here, Dasiy come back." When Jody heard a big crash Jody started running to go and find Dasiy. Jody stopped running because he seen a space ship. He went close to it. He opened the door and Dasiy jumped out and Jody was so happy.
Jody said

"Hi, Dasiy! I thought you were lost forever."
They both lived happily ever after.

The End
The lost Dog
(Title)

There was a boy named Max and Max had a dog and the dog named Bill. It was a nice day and Max mom said you should play with Bill ok let's go Bill. And when Bill got out of the house he ran to the road and ran and Max said come back come back. He went in the house and said to his mom Bill ran off what
said his mom. Ok let's go fin Bill. Ok said Max get in the car said Max mom look around before it gets dark I think I found him said Max ok that is him stop I am going to get him. Ok said his mom. I will be going to the store ok said Max and Bill look at Max and ran the water and said stop Max said Bill and walking and Max mom said get in
we're going to go
eat at my cousin's
house and when they
got there Bill in ran
the house.
Once upon a time there was a dog and a boy, they were in a field playing ball.
Once upon a time on a bright spring day on a farm. There was a boy named Victor that was walking his fluffy little dog named Toby. Toby loved to play so Victor let Toby off of his blue leash. Then they began to play in the barn with the pigs that didn't turn out so good. Victor came in all muddy, then they began to play with the cows and Victor stepped in cow.
poop. So then they went to play tag around

a big, gray wire. A second later Toby's leg was

stuck in the big gray wire. Then Victor

saw him stuck so he took off to find

some help. One minute later Victor came

with his dad. His dad had a

big red wire cutter and cut the big,

grey wire in half. So Toby was free again.

Victor ran as fast as he could and jumped
on his dad. He said thank you dad

as loud as you ever heard anyone yell

in the whole world. That's how the

story ends.
Walking in the Field

(Title)

once upon a time there was a boy
and his dog were walking in the
field. And there was no cars
driveing around. Then one car
drove by and the boy looked away
from his dog for a couple seconds
and looked back and his dog
was gone and the boy went
looking for the dog in the field.
But he couldn't find him then he
realized that the car was gone.

Then he started to worry
about the dog. Then the next
day he sent the police to go
out and look for the dog. Then
they found the dog and the kidnappers and put them in jail. And they went home to have a rest for the rest of the day. The End.
Me and my dog went to the Park
And we played on the evaement.
Then we went home and sleep.
Me and my dog had Brakfest
And then we watch tv.
Then I played with my dog.

And when I was done playing with my dog,
I went to my friend's to play.
Then when I was done playing,
I went home I had supper.

When it was summer I played with the water
When I was hot.
After that I ride my bike,
And then I went to the Park.
Then I had
And then me and my family went to the beach. Then we went to BC to see the mountains. And we slept there. When I woke up, I went to the store to get something to eat. And I had a wonderful time. And the end.
The boy finds a dog. The dog finds a cat. And his mom found out the end.
Me and my dog lost

(Title)

Once there was a boy named Shawn and a
dog named Stan. Shawn asked his parents if he
could go play in the field his parents
said go ahead but you have to come back at
dinner time ok? Shawn said ok I'll come back bye.

He said come on Stan lets go. So they ran in
to the field they ran and ran when their
where going home. We were lost. Shawn said I
want to go home, but how he said he tried to
find the way home. But he saw a trail of rocks
he said so they followed it.

As soon as they looked up a little
There was the house. They ran in a flash
just to go eat dinner right when they
got in the house they knew it was
Their house they were so sad. ok
pull it together now" Shawn said they walked
away they heard their mom calling them
for dinner. Shawn's mom said dinner's really good. They
ran on up the hill jumped over
the river and saw their house. Shawn said
"home sweet home" ran to their house knocked
on the door. Shawn's mom said "you just in
time for dinner" who want some pork chops?
Everyone said "me! I filled up their bowl
of dog food. Shawn said "It's good to be home" and ate his porkchops. The end.
Jack and Henry

(Title)

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Jack and a dog named Henry. They were at the house. Jack decided to go for a walk. He went walking and walking, then Jack was lost. He was going to walk to the treehouse. But he went the wrong way. Jack wasn't that scared at all. He thought he knew the way back home. He was bored, so he was playing with Henry. Henry was chasing Jack. Henry tripped Jack. Jack got a scrape. Jack said "we're lost." Jack tried thinking. "Wait a second." Henry said, "did you eat bread?" Henry barked "maybe that's a yes." Said Jack, he check the ground.
There the bread we will follow
the bread crumb's then we will get
they were walking and walking then
they got home.
The Lost Toy Fizb

(Title)

One hot day we play with
The Fizb and we lost the Fizb
We look, we look, we are ear.

I sell a Fash it is the Fizb
I had the Fizb we got
Lost we found the home.

We play with the Fizb we
went to go out.

The End
One day a boy Preston and a dog Scooby bones found a bone in the gown.