Conventions

Grade 5

3.3.2   Spells words appropriate for the grade level accurately.
- Uses spelling rules and patterns from previous grades.
- Spells high-frequency words correctly.
- Uses multiple strategies to spell.
     Examples:
     - Visual patterns (e.g., -*ion* endings)
     - Sound patterns (e.g., easily confused endings -*able* / -*ible*, -*ant* /-*ent*)
     - Affixes (e.g., *pre-, in-, un-, -ed, -ing, -graph*)
     - Rules (e.g., "i" before "e" rule)
- Self-corrects spelling errors.
- Develops a personal spelling list.
- Uses resources to find correct spelling for words identified as misspelled.

3.3.3   Applies capitalization rules.
- Uses capitalization rules from previous grades.
- Capitalizes brand names (e.g., Nike).
- Capitalizes geographic regions (e.g., the West).
- Uses resources to correct capitalization.

3.3.4   Applies punctuation rules.
- Uses punctuation rules from previous grades.
- Uses periods in abbreviations (e.g., pg., ft.).
- Uses commas to set off interjections (e.g., Okay, if you say so.) or explanatory phrases (e.g., They stood together, away from the pile of stones in the corner, and their voices were quiet.).
- Uses comma after date or address within text (e.g., June 1, 1993, was an important day in my life.).
- Uses quotation marks in dialogue correctly (e.g., "How's it going?" the boy asked.).
- Uses hyphen in numbers (e.g., twenty-three).
- Uses hyphen to join numbers (e.g., pages 1-3, The Mariners won, 17-6.).
- Uses ellipsis (. . .) correctly:
     - to show omitted words
     - to show a pause
- Uses semicolon correctly between two independent clauses.
- Uses resources to check punctuation.

3.3.5   **Applies usage rules.**
- Applies usage rules from previous grades.
- Uses subject vs. object pronouns correctly (e.g., *I* vs. *me*).
- Uses resources to check usage.

3.3.6   **Uses complete sentences in writing.**
- May use fragments in dialogue as appropriate.

3.3.7   **Applies paragraph conventions.**
- Uses paragraph conventions (e.g., designate by indentation or block format, skipping lines between paragraphs).
- Uses new paragraphs to change speakers in dialogue.

3.3.8   **Applies conventional forms for citations.**
- Cites sources in research using a bibliographic format.