

Conventions

Grade 6

3.3.2 Spells accurately in final draft.

- Uses spelling words and patterns from the previous grades.
- Uses multiple strategies to spell.
Examples:
 - visual patterns (e.g., tough/enough/rough, right/night)
 - homophones (e.g., read and reed)
 - affixes (e.g., in-, im-, -spect, -fer)
 - roots (e.g., biology, telegraph).
- Uses resources to correct own spelling.

3.3.3 Applies capitalization rules.

- Uses capitalization rules from previous grades.
- Capitalizes languages, races, nationalities, and religions correctly.
- 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 commas in appositives (e.g., Bob, the dog, was fun.).
- Uses comma to set off direct address (e.g., Mom, may I go to the movies?).
- Uses apostrophe to show quotation within a quotation in dialogue (e.g., He said, “Mom, said ‘Clean your room.’”).
- Uses parentheses correctly (e.g., A hypotheses (prediction) is a critical component of scientific investigation.).
- Uses semicolon correctly between two independent clauses connected by a conjunctive adverb (e.g., I studied late into the night; consequently, I passed the test.).
- Uses resources to check punctuation.



3.3.5 Applies usage rules.

- Applies usage rules from previous grades.
- Shows agreement of pronoun and its referent (e.g., A person needs his or her own space.).
- Maintains consistent person.
- Uses parallel construction when listing verbs particularly in informational and technical writing.
 - parallel: A scientist observes, hypothesizes, and analyzes.
 - not parallel: A scientist observes, hypothesized, and analyzed.
- 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).
- Provides detailed labeling, captions, headings, and subheadings when appropriate.

3.3.8 Applies conventional forms for citations.

- Cites sources according to prescribed format.