

<p>Claim 2: Students can produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purposes and audiences.</p>	
<p>Target 3a: WRITE BRIEF TEXTS: Apply a variety of strategies when writing one or more paragraphs of explanatory text: organizing ideas by stating and maintaining a focus (thesis)/tone, providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence, developing a topic including relevant supporting evidence/vocabulary and elaboration, or providing a conclusion that is appropriate to purpose and audience and follows from the information or explanation presented.</p> <p>Target 3b: REVISE BRIEF TEXTS: Apply a variety of strategies when revising one or more paragraphs of explanatory text: organizing ideas by stating and maintaining a focus (thesis)/tone, providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence, developing a topic including relevant supporting evidence/vocabulary and elaboration, or providing a conclusion that is appropriate to purpose and audience and follows from the information or explanation presented.</p>	
<p>Clarifications</p>	<p>Target 3a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Informational text provides information appropriate for the subject/audience. Explanatory text provides explanations via thoughtful analysis/synthesis appropriate for the subject/audience. • Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (explanatory), and context/task. • No item stems should promote formulaic writing. • Organization items focus on the student’s ability to compose a brief text (one to three paragraphs) by providing introductions, topic sentences, and/or conclusions appropriate for an explanatory text. • Elaboration/evidence items focus on the student’s ability to compose a brief text (one-to-three paragraphs) for a specific purpose by providing supporting details and/or utilizing development strategies that are appropriate for an explanatory text. • Note: Evidence includes data (survey or other), and/or research information (“experts say,” “research shows,” etc.). Personal examples and anecdotal information may be included, but cannot substitute for authoritative evidence. • Student Notes will be provided. They should be boxed. Notes should be crafted as authentic notes (e.g., bulleted, listed or otherwise formatted to discourage wholesale copying. They should not be complete sentences). A heading should be provided with the statement: <i>The student has taken the following notes from a credible source:</i> • Style should be appropriate for audience, purpose, and task. • Formatting (CCSS W-2a) will not be a focus of these items. <p>Target 3b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Informational text provides information appropriate for the subject/audience. Explanatory text provides explanations via thoughtful analysis/synthesis appropriate for the subject/audience. • Note: This target asks students to revise, <i>not</i> edit, (Target 9). • No item stems should promote formulaic writing. • Note: The stem will direct the student to select a revision to the stimulus that improves some underlined or otherwise specified aspect of the text’s evidence/elaboration or organization. Note: Items for this target focus on

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	<p>revision at the sentence or paragraph level, except for transitional words and phrases. Items asking for students to replace or add words/phrases are Target 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (explanatory), and context/task. • Organization items focus on the student’s ability to revise a brief text by providing introductory/topic sentences, transitions, and conclusions appropriate for audience, purpose (explanatory), and task. • Elaboration/evidence items focus on the student’s ability to revise a brief text by identifying appropriate supporting details and development for audience, purpose (explanatory), and task. • Note: Evidence includes data (survey or other), and/or research information (“experts say,” “research shows,” etc.). Personal examples and anecdotal information may be included, but cannot substitute for authoritative evidence. • Style should be appropriate for audience, purpose, and task and consistent with the pre-established writing style in the stem. • Formatting (CCSS W-2a) will not be a focus of these items.
<p>Standards</p>	<p>Target 3a</p> <p>W-2a. <u>Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information; using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</u></p> <p>W-2b. <u>Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</u></p> <p>W-2c. <u>Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</u></p> <p>W-2d. <u>Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</u></p> <p>W-2e. <u>Establish and maintain a formal style.</u></p> <p>W-2f. <u>Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.</u></p> <p>W-8 <u>Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources.</u></p> <p>W-9 <u>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</u></p> <p>Target 3b</p> <p>W-2a. <u>Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information; using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</u></p> <p>W-2b. <u>Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</u></p> <p>W-2c. <u>Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</u></p>

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	<p>W-2d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</p> <p>W-2e. Establish and maintain a formal style.</p> <p>W-2f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.</p> <p>L-3a Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style</p> <p>L-3b Maintain consistency in style and tone.</p>
<p>Depth of Knowledge</p>	<p>Target 3a DOK 3</p> <p>Target 3b DOK 2</p>
<p>Stimuli/Passages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stimuli for this target will be brief explanatory texts (one to three paragraphs, ranging between 200 and 250 words, excluding student notes, which should range between 70 and 80 words in length).
<p>Stimuli/Text Complexity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stimulus must be appropriately complex for the skill being assessed. The stimulus must be consistent with the purpose and intent of the target and standard being measured. The stimulus will read as would authentic student writing for the targeted grade. That is, the content, language/vocabulary, and sentence structure of each stimulus should be similar to what students would write at the tested grade level. (Note: Do not lower the readability of a stimulus simply by converting complex or compound sentences into simple sentences. This usually results in choppy, less cohesive writing.) The stimulus should be a model of good writing. It should NOT promote formulaic writing (e.g., topic sentence, three development sentences, and a concluding sentence that restates/repeats, or summarizes the topic sentence). When stimulus includes an introduction, it should avoid obvious preview of [3] supports; when stimulus provides a concluding statement/paragraph, that conclusion must do more than summarize information presented (see standards: emphasize the importance of claim, reflect on the experience, explain the significance of, etc.) A one-to-two paragraph stimulus, for example, should be written as if it is part of a larger piece of writing. For organization items, when asking for introductions or conclusions, be sure that the stimulus clearly lacks an effective introduction or conclusion. Stimuli should reflect a variety of explanatory forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). For 3a items, stimulus will provide, in addition to the student's draft, some source of information such as student notes, a chart, or a bulleted list, or a similar fictitious, but factually accurate, source. <p>Guidelines for Student Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the notes is to provide details and evidence that students can use in the development and elaboration of their responses. While the notes may have some overlap with the information in the stimulus, they should primarily consist of information that is in addition to the stimulus.

- Notes should be presented in an authentic a manner as possible and should not lend themselves to being listed or copied and pasted directly into the student responses. To that end, notes should **NOT** be:
 - written as full sentences. (They must be sparse enough so that students must **elaborate** by using their own words.)
 - presented in any particular order.
 - grammatically parallel.
- Notes should be boxed so as to clearly distinguish them from the stimulus. A heading preceding the notes should read: *The student has taken the following notes from a credible source:*
- Students should **not** be expected to include all notes in their responses.
- Because the claim 2 CAT items assess for specific traits (organization and elaboration) only, there is no need to cite sources (they are expected to cite sources in the Performance Task writing). Students can also assume the notes have already been paraphrased.
- There should not be an overwhelming number of notes; please refer to the recommended word counts for the student notes at the various grade levels, as noted in the item specifications.
- Students will need to select the appropriate details/evidence to include. While not being purposely irrelevant or misleading, not all notes will necessarily serve the student’s purpose for the task. For example, while an overall stimulus written for older students might be about both a given problem (e.g., invasive species) and its solution, the task might call for the student to address only a solution. Therefore, not all the notes will be applicable to the task.
- Guidelines for notes that provide evidence:
 - Avoid giving reasons as notes (which the students can just copy into their responses).
 - Examples of types of notes that may be provided include:
 - survey results (At the elementary level, this might include surveys of peers or family. At the middle and high school levels, more formal surveys, e.g., Pew reports, may be used.)
 - expert testimony (At the elementary level, this might include: parents, teachers, the principal, the mayor, the newspaper, etc. Examples for middle and high school: discipline-specific experts, government officials, etc.)
 - citations/information from credible publications
 - statistics

Sample grade 5 informational item with student notes:

A student is writing a report for science class about ways to model good health. Read the introduction and the first

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	<p>sentence of the next paragraph of the draft. Then complete the task that follows.</p> <p>Living a healthy life is one of the most important things a person can do, and this often means making the right choices. These choices can help determine how much energy a person has and even how long he or she lives.</p> <p><u>What do we need to do to stay healthy?</u></p> <p>The student has taken the following notes from a credible source:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="560 464 1854 841"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="560 464 1854 492">NOTES</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="560 495 1264 841"> <p>Exercise –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school nurse: “most important factor in weight control” • doesn’t have to be formal club/team • 30 minutes day – at least! <p>NO sugary or fried foods fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish (at least 80% of diet) Do physical stuff during recess, not just games/cards Pre-teens = 8 hrs sleep per day fat no more than 30% ALL calories</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1268 495 1854 841"> <p>- The notes provide plenty of ideas on both diet and exercise, on which the writer can develop and elaborate</p> <p>- As would be true of authentic notes, they are not neatly packaged for cut-and-paste, not complete sentences, and not grammatically parallel</p> <p>- The notes provide some evidence in the form of facts and statistics that are well within a 5th grader’s experience (school nurse as expert, accessible information from the food pyramid, etc.).</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Choose relevant facts and details from the student’s notes to develop a paragraph beginning with the underlined sentence.</p>	NOTES		<p>Exercise –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school nurse: “most important factor in weight control” • doesn’t have to be formal club/team • 30 minutes day – at least! <p>NO sugary or fried foods fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish (at least 80% of diet) Do physical stuff during recess, not just games/cards Pre-teens = 8 hrs sleep per day fat no more than 30% ALL calories</p>	<p>- The notes provide plenty of ideas on both diet and exercise, on which the writer can develop and elaborate</p> <p>- As would be true of authentic notes, they are not neatly packaged for cut-and-paste, not complete sentences, and not grammatically parallel</p> <p>- The notes provide some evidence in the form of facts and statistics that are well within a 5th grader’s experience (school nurse as expert, accessible information from the food pyramid, etc.).</p>
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<p>Accessibility Concerns</p>	<p>Students will be required to read brief explanatory texts (one to three paragraphs) and write one or more paragraphs. Students with physical impairments may need to use an adapted mouse or a computer with eye-scanning capabilities. Students who are visually impaired or blind may need to have visual media described to them. Other formats or supports may be necessary for students with other disabilities. Speech-to-text may be an appropriate accommodation for students who have difficulty writing. The accommodations listed here are suggestions and could be altered depending on what accommodations will be allowable.</p>				
<p>Evidence Required</p>	<p>Target 3a Write Brief Texts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Organization) The student will use information provided in a stimulus to organize explanatory text by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. introducing and clearly stating a focus (thesis) 				

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. maintaining a clear focus c. organizing ideas/concepts strategically (e.g., using definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect) d. providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence e. providing a conclusion that follows from the information or explanation presented <p>2. (Elaboration) The student will select from information/evidence provided in order to develop or elaborate on a designated part of an explanatory text by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. integrating relevant supporting evidence (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples from notes provided) appropriate for the required task and form (essay, report, etc.) b. using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain c. establishing and maintaining a formal style (including appropriate sentence variety and complexity) for audience/purpose <p>Target 3b Revise Brief Texts</p> <p>1. (Organization) The student will revise explanatory text by identifying improved organizational elements such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. introducing and clearly stating a focus (thesis) b. maintaining a clear focus* c. organizing ideas/concepts strategically (e.g., using definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect) d. providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence e. providing a conclusion that follows from the information or explanation presented <p>2. (Elaboration) The student will revise explanatory text by identifying the best use of elaboration techniques such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. including relevant supporting evidence (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) b. using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain c. establishing and maintain a formal style (including appropriate sentence variety and complexity) for audience/purpose d. deleting the details that do not support the thesis/controlling idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order, NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p>
<p>Allowable Item Types</p>	<p>Target 3a: Written Response</p> <p>Target 3b: Multiple Choice, single correct response; Multiple Choice; multiple correct response; Hot Text, select text; Hot Text reorder text</p>

Note: Text included in brackets [] in the following task model item stems indicates possible alternative wording. When constructing questions, be sure to select only one wording option; do not include the additional options in brackets.

Task Models

Task Model 1
Target 3a Write Brief Texts
Item Type: Written Response
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Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (explanatory), and context/task.

Stimulus: Text should be grade level- and content-appropriate, as if written by a student. Text will be information that the student will use in composing a response. Complexity may be low-to-high within a grade level. Text should be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of explanatory forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.).

Refer to the Stimuli/Text Complexity section for more specific information regarding development of stimuli and student notes.

Forms/audiences should be familiar to students or explained in context (e.g., science fair, a contest where science projects are displayed and judged). Stimulus should range between 200 and 250 words, excluding student notes, which should range between 70 and 80 words in length.

Student notes should

- a. be boxed.
- b. be crafted as authentic notes (e.g., bulleted, listed or otherwise formatted to discourage wholesale copying).
- c. **not** be complete sentences;
- d. **not** be grammatically parallel.

A heading preceding the notes should read: *The student has taken the following notes from a credible source:* [it is assumed student has paraphrased from source(s); furthermore, attribution of sources is not expected for CAT items]

Refer to Stimuli/Text Complexity section for more specific information regarding development of stimuli and student notes.

Task Description: The stem will direct the student to develop informational/explanatory text, using the information provided in the stimulus. The stem will explain how the stimulus information is to be used. Students will be directed to use their own words, use quotations, paraphrase and/or reference sources [student notes] as appropriate.

Target Evidence Statements:

1. **(Organization)** The student will use information provided in a stimulus to **organize** explanatory text by
 - a. introducing and clearly stating a focus (thesis)
 - b. maintaining a clear focus
 - c. organizing ideas/concepts strategically (e.g., using definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect)
 - d. providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence
 - e. providing a conclusion that follows from the information or explanation presented
2. **(Elaboration)** The student will select from information/evidence provided in order to develop **or elaborate on a** section of an explanatory text by
 - a. integrating relevant supporting evidence (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples from notes provided) appropriate

	<p>for the required task and form (essay, report, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain c. establishing and maintaining a formal style (including appropriate sentence variety and complexity) for audience/purpose <p>Appropriate Stems:</p> <p>Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason.</p> <p>(Organization) A student is writing a [report, essay, article, letter, etc.] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction* of the student’s paper does not have a clear focus. Write an introduction* that provides a clear [controlling idea, or thesis] for the [report, essay, article, letter, etc.]. • Write a conclusion* for this essay (or report, article, etc.)_that [follows logically from the information in the (stimulus) or is appropriate for the audience and purpose of the (report, article, etc.)] <p>* Be sure that stimulus clearly <i>needs</i> an introduction/conclusion.</p> <p>(Elaboration) A student is writing a [report, essay, article, letter, etc.] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text] Note: Stimulus will provide, in addition to the student's draft, some source of information such as student notes, a chart, a bulleted list, or similar fictitious, but factually accurate, source. For items written to this type of stimulus, students should either quote directly from the source (assuming they’ve already been paraphrased) or integrate information using their own words when referencing the sources. They do not need to cite sources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student wants to add more supporting information for the [report, etc.]. Using appropriate information from the student notes, write one or two paragraphs* to further develop [the <u>underlined</u> (sub)topic.] Your elaboration should provide [the audience] with more specific [information/clearer evidence/more description of/more background information on/more historical information about – depending on content of student notes] the [idea/topic/part that is <u>underlined</u>]. Notes: 1) The <u>underlined</u> idea should be a subtopic rather than the central idea of the stimulus; 2) Stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by <u>underlining</u> a section and indicating, for example, “[the <u>underlined</u> part] between paragraphs 1 and 2;” or “after [the <u>underlined</u> part] at the end of paragraph 3;” or by asking students to complete a paragraph that has been started (and underlined) for them. • Using appropriate information from the student notes, write one or two paragraphs* that develop information on the effect of _____ [if stimulus provided the cause of _____]. [Or vice versa]. [Additional possibilities are problem/solution, compare/contrast, pro/con, etc.]. Note: Stem must indicate exactly where the information
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	<p>is to be added.</p> <p>*Questions that ask for additional evidence/paragraph(s) should not require students to write the entire body of the letter (or article, etc.); rather the additional paragraph(s) should elaborate on existing information. For example, if an introductory paragraph is given, there should also be at least one other paragraph (or the beginning of a paragraph) for the student to add to, elaborate on, or develop. For elaboration items, students should never be required to “conclude” a piece of writing.</p> <p>Rubric/ Scoring Rules: 2-Point Rubric (0, 1, 2) needs to be item-specific and for either organization or elaboration. Note: MUST use rubric template document for appropriate rubric (organization: introductions, conclusions; elaboration)</p> <p>Rubric Templates</p> <p>Organization—Introduction</p> <p>2 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduces an adequate statement of the controlling idea/thesis that reflects the body of writing as a whole • provides adequate information to put the controlling idea/thesis into context • does more than list points/reasons to support the controlling idea/thesis— not formulaic • connects smoothly to the body paragraph <p>1 point The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a partial or limited controlling idea/thesis • provides a controlling idea/thesis that partially reflects the body of writing as a whole • may provide limited and/or extraneous information to put the controlling idea/thesis into context • may list supporting points/reasons—formulaic • provides a limited and/or awkward connection to the body paragraph <p>0 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides no controlling idea/thesis or provides a controlling idea/thesis that is not appropriate for the body of writing as a whole • provides irrelevant or no information to put the controlling idea/thesis into context • provides no connection to the body paragraph <p>Organization—Conclusion</p> <p>2 points</p>
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	<p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides an adequate conclusion that follows from and supports the preceding information in the body of writing as a whole or provides a “so what” statement (or provides an answer as to why this information is important or what should happen) • does more than restate or summarize the points/reasons—not formulaic • provides adequate connections and/or progression of ideas to contribute to coherence <p>1 point</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a limited conclusion that is partially related to the information in the body of writing as a whole • lists, restates, or summarizes the points/reasons—formulaic • provides an awkward or partial connection and/or limited progression of ideas <p>0 points</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides no conclusion or a conclusion that is minimally related to the information in the body of writing • may restate random and/or incorrect details from the preceding information • provides no connections or progression of ideas <p>Elaboration</p> <p>2 points</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develops adequate supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence from the student notes • does more than list supporting details or ideas • adequately elaborates ideas/reasons using precise words/language <p>1 point</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides mostly general and/or limited supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence (which may be extraneous or loosely related) from the student notes • lists supporting details or ideas with limited elaboration/evidence • partially elaborates ideas/reasons using general words/language <p>0 points</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides minimal or no supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence from the student notes • provides supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence that may be unclear, repetitive, incorrect, contradictory to, or interfere with the meaning of the text • provides no appropriate elaboration and/or may use poor word choice for audience and purpose
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<p>Task Model 2 Target 3b Revise Brief Texts Item Type: Multiple Choice, single correct response DOK 2</p>	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (explanatory), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level. Text will be brief—one-to-three paragraphs. Complexity will depend upon the type of revision being assessed. Text will be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of explanatory forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Text should not exceed 200 words.</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will direct the student to select a revision to the stimulus that improves some specified and <u>underlined</u> aspect of the text’s evidence/elaboration or organization. Answer choices will present four options of similar structure. The correct answer will be a clearly discernible and correct solution that revises the stimulus to make the indicated improvement. (For revision items, stems should not ask for correct answers, but should ask for best answers in relation to audience, purpose, and task.)</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Organization) The student will revise explanatory text by identifying improved organizational elements such as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. introducing and clearly stating a focus (thesis) b. maintaining a clear focus* c. organizing ideas/concepts strategically (e.g., using definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect) d. providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence e. providing a conclusion that follows from the information or explanation presented 2. (Elaboration) The student will revise complex explanatory text by identifying best use of elaboration techniques such as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. including relevant supporting evidence (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) b. using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain c. establishing and maintaining formal style (including appropriate sentence variety and complexity) for audience/purpose d. deleting the details that do not support the thesis* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order, NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p> <p>Appropriate Stems:</p> <p>Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason (e.g., to introduce a thesis, to conclude the report, to elaborate by adding supporting evidence).</p> <p>(Organization) A student is writing a [report, essay, letter, or article] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve its organization. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the</p>

	<p>task that follows. [Insert text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed stimulus with a missing introduction] Choose the sentence(s) [or paragraph] that would best introduce the topic [OR the best thesis statement] for the [report, essay, article, etc.]. Note: Answers can contain a single sentence “main idea” (or focus, etc.) or a multi-sentence answer. • [Embed stimulus with an ineffective/inappropriate introduction] The [essay, article, etc.] does not have a clear introduction. Choose the sentence that best replaces the first sentence. • [Embed stimulus with an ineffective/inappropriate conclusion] The [report, letter, article] does not have a clear conclusion. Choose the concluding sentence(s) that is more clearly related to/appropriate for the information presented in the [report, article, etc.]. • [Embed stimulus with a missing conclusion] Choose the [group of] sentence(s) that would be the best conclusion for the [essay, report, etc.]. <p>(Elaboration)</p> <p>A student is writing a [report, essay, letter, article, etc.] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve the development. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The [essay, report, etc.] needs more supporting information [or facts or examples]. Choose the sentence that gives the best information to [be added before/after – or to replace] the underlined sentence to support [the topic/idea, etc.] Note: Stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by <u>underlining</u> a section and indicating, for example, “[the <u>underlined</u> part] between paragraphs 1 and 2,” or “after [the <u>underlined</u> part] at the end of paragraph 3,” etc. • Revise the <u>underlined</u> sentence [section] by selecting a sentence [section] that includes more precise [or appropriate] information for the audience/purpose. [Note: This must be an entire sentence; if only a word or phrase is different, it should be Target 8.] • Choose the sentence that provides the best evidence to support the information in [or before/after] the [underlined sentence/etc.] <p>Scoring Rules: All correct=1 point, other=0 points</p>
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<p>Task Model 3 Target 3b Revise Brief Texts Item Type: Multiple Choice, multiple correct response DOK 2</p>	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (explanatory), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level. Text will be brief—one to three paragraphs. Complexity will depend upon the type of revision being assessed. Text will be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of explanatory forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Text should not exceed 200 words.</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will pose a question about two ways to revise the text to improve some specified and <u>underlined</u> aspect of the text’s development or organization. Answer choices for multiple correct response items should present 5 to 6 options (so that fewer than half the choices are correct). Answer choices will present options of similar structure. The correct answers will be clearly discernible and the best two solutions to revise the stimulus to make the indicated improvements. (For revision, stems should not ask for correct answers, but should ask for best answers in relation to audience, purpose, and task.)</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements: [Note: There are no Organization items for this task model.]</p> <p>(Elaboration) The student will revise complex explanatory text by identifying best use of elaboration techniques such as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> including relevant supporting evidence (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain establishing and maintain a formal style (including appropriate sentence variety and complexity) for audience/purpose deleting the details that do not support the thesis/controlling idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order, NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p> <p>Appropriate Stems: Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason.</p> <p>(Elaboration) A student is writing a [report, essay, letter, or article] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve the development. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose two sentences that provide the best [evidence; can specify—examples, concrete details, definitions, facts, quotations, examples, etc., as appropriate for the task] to support the controlling idea [thesis] of the paper. Note: Stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by <u>underlining</u> a section and indicating, for example, “[the <u>underlined</u> part] between paragraphs 1

	<p>and 2,” or “after [the <u>underlined</u> part] at the end of paragraph 3,” etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose two sentences that could be added [before/after the <u>underlined</u> sentence] that would add the best supporting information for the thesis.• Revise the <u>underlined</u> sentences [section] by selecting two sentences that include more [precise or specific information or examples, etc.].• Choose two sentences that would help the writer develop [the <u>underlined</u> (sub)topic or idea from the draft] and [a second <u>underlined</u> (sub)topic or idea from the draft]. <p>Note for all of the stems in this task model: At this grade level, items can ask students to choose two answer choices to support one <u>underlined</u> idea/topic, etc. OR students may be asked to choose sentences/details, etc. to develop/support two different underlined ideas/subtopics, etc. Either way, items should make it clear to students that they must choose two correct answers.</p> <p>Scoring Rules: All correct=1 point, other=0 points</p>
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<p>Task Model 4 Target 3b Revise Brief Texts Item Type: Hot Text, select text DOK 2</p>	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (explanatory), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level. Text will be brief—one-to-three paragraphs. Complexity will depend upon the type of revision being assessed. Text will be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of explanatory forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Text should not exceed 200 words.</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will direct the student to select a revision to the stimulus that improves some specified aspect of the text’s development or organization. The correct answer(s) will be clearly discernible and offer the best solution(s) that revise the stimulus to make the indicated improvements. (For revision, stems should not ask for correct answers, but should ask for best answers in relation to audience, purpose, and task.) There should be five to six possible correct answers, and each possible answer should be <u>underlined</u>. If there is more than one defensible options (check every possibility), do not use this item type; use task model 2).</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Organization) The student will revise explanatory text by identifying improved organizational elements such as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. introducing and clearly stating a focus (thesis) b. maintaining a clear focus* c. organizing ideas/concepts strategically (e.g., using definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect) d. providing appropriate transitional strategies for coherence e. providing a conclusion that follows from the information or explanation presented 2. (Elaboration) The student will revise complex explanatory text by identifying best use of elaboration techniques such as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. including relevant supporting evidence (e.g., facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples) b. using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain c. establishing and maintain a formal style (including appropriate sentence variety and complexity) for audience/purpose d. deleting the details that do not support the thesis/controlling idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order, NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p> <p>Appropriate Stems:</p> <p>Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason.</p> <p>(Organization) A student is writing a [report, essay, letter, or article] for the [teacher,</p>

	<p>principal, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve [organization, transitions, connections; or to help readers understand the relationship between X and Y; etc.]. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Insert paragraph of 5 to 6 sentences, with the best beginning sentence embedded somewhere within the body of the paragraph] The first sentence is not the best beginning for the. Click on one sentence in the [paragraph, etc.] that would be the best introduction for this [topic, paper, etc.]. • [Insert paragraph of 5 to 6 sentences, with the best conclusion embedded somewhere within the body of the paragraph] The last sentence is not the best introduction for the [essay, report, paragraph, etc.]. Click on one sentence in the [paragraph, etc.] that would be the best conclusion [for this topic/ to support the writer’s thesis, etc.]. • [Insert one or two <u>underlined</u> transition word pairs embedded in text such as next/moreover; in fact/also; finally/therefore – correct word must be clearly better than wrong answer]. Revise the draft by clicking on one [or two word(s)/phrase(s)] from each <u>underlined</u> pair that would improve the [connections] between the <u>underlined</u> [sentences, paragraphs, or sections]. Note: Limit to two pairs of words at this grade. Also note that the <u>underlined</u> pairs can be single words (e.g., "finally") or short phrases (e.g., "at last"). Note: only transition words/phrases, words that signal relationships, can be assessed outside of target 8. <p>(Elaboration) A student is writing a [report, essay, letter, or article] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to improve the development of the ideas in the draft. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. Note: Stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by <u>underlining</u> a section and indicating, for example, “[the <u>underlined</u> part] between paragraphs 1 and 2,” or “after [the <u>underlined</u> part] at the end of paragraph 3,” etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Embed stimulus with 4 to 5 possible underlined “answers,” which can be sentences or parts of a sentence] Click on [one] place in the _____ that needs more [facts, details, examples] to support the [stated main (or controlling) idea or (sub)topic]. Note: Correct answer must clearly lack evidence/support, etc. • [Embed paragraph with one (or two) sentence(s) that is/are irrelevant or do/does not support the main idea] Click on the [one or two] sentences that should be deleted because it/they do(es) not support the <u>underlined</u> controlling idea [thesis, (sub)topic] in the paragraph [essay, report, etc.]. • Click on one sentence that should be deleted because it does not maintain the writer’s style for this audience. Note: Correct answer must be clearly different – and inappropriate (e.g., informal, or didactic, or off purpose). <p>Scoring Rules: All correct=1 point, other=0 points</p>
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