

# Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

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## Average Writing Model

### Writing Process in Action: Descriptive Writing (Unit 3, pages 130–133)

**Assignment:** In order to inspire an artist, write a one-page description of something memorable in your life.

#### The Public Swimming Pool

I am at the pool. That's my favorite place. We can only get to go there in Summer though. Everything there is hot and cold. Concrete is hot. Water is cold. The sun is hot too until I jump in the water. The sun dries me off fast. This pool is huge and so many people go there. I usually go with my friends. We started going two years ago even before we could jump off the diving board.

The pool is light blue. There are all kinds of different colors of bathing suits. Yellow, green, purple, orange, and black suits. I hope I get a new one this year. I want a blue one. Something cool. Last year I had red with flowers.

We swim for a long time at the pool. I jump off the diving board. So many people want to do the diving board. The pool is very loud and there are people everywhere. Moms, little kids, and big kids all go there. I'm one of the bigger kids now. The high school kids usually go somewhere else. I do the best jumps when my friends watch. I do the the crazy man where I make faces. Or the octopus, where I put out my arms and legs. The jumps can't be too much or the lifeguards get mad. I never dive because the diving board is too high and last year I did a belly flop.

My mom never drives us. She says walk, the pool is very close to my house.

*States the place the writer will describe*

*Good visual details, but choppy sentences and sentence fragments interfere with effect*

*Details are not well organized.*

*Closing does not relate to the purpose.*

**Summary:** *The description includes some sensory details and reveals what is memorable to the writer. However, it is ineffectively organized. The writing is choppy and contains numerous errors in capitalization, punctuation, and sentence structure. The description could be improved if each paragraph were focused on one aspect of the pool, and if more vivid language and imagery were used to describe these aspects.*

*The description might receive a 2 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 78 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—25 for Focus/Organization, 30 for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 23 for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.*