

# Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

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## Below-average Writing Model

### Writing Process in Action: Descriptive Writing (Unit 3, pages 160–163)

**Assignment:** For the magazine *Vicarious Voyager*, write a one- to two-page descriptive article of an imagined place.

There once was a beach that looked like any other normal beach except for it was covered with black sand and had a scary jungle by it. Some beaches have soft white sand like in Hawaiyai and other beaches have just rocks and no sand. I saw one like that before and I didn't like it as much as regular ones. But this beach was very wierd becuse it was all black. She never saw a beach like that any where before.

There were lots of fish and crabs that lived on this beach. It had big birds that flew in the sky. It sounded like there were big animals living in the forrest but you couldnt see them. They just made noises. It was warm there. There were some big bushes too. Also the beach had big red flowers. They were pretty and looked good to pick but they had a lot of thorns that would hurt you if you touched them and might be poisin or something. Every time you touch a thorn it hurts. Like when you get stung by a bee, which I did one time in third grade.

The water around the beach was warm, it was nice to swim in but sometimes it was really salty. That hurts if you have any cuts. The black sand seemed like the beach was backwards. Becuse the water is blue and has white sand to be normal. There was no people around any where. It is desserted.

**Summary:** *This description does not follow a clear organizational strategy that shows where things on the beach are in relation to each other and does not maintain a consistent first-person point of view. The piece also lacks a title and sufficient specific details. The writing could be improved by revising it to include a more effective organizational strategy and a consistent first-person point of view; by replacing irrelevant and vague details with vivid, sensory descriptions; and by eliminating the numerous spelling and grammatical errors.*

*This piece would probably receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 62 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—23 points for Focus/Organization, 24 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 15 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.*

*Title is missing*

*Introduces place, but shifts point of view*

*Contains spelling errors and vague word choices*

*Includes irrelevant details and a confusing tense shift*

*Throughout, an unclear organizational strategy and grammatical errors distract from the mood.*