



Change to Decimal Scores – August 2017

The PEG engine returns scores with many decimal places. In the past, these scores appeared to users rounded to the nearest whole number, one through five. However, students were often disappointed to see that their scores did not change after one or more revisions. Thus, in order to encourage students to continue to revise, scores will now be shown with one decimal place rounded to the nearest tenth.

This change will be beneficial to both students and teachers, but at first, it may seem as if scores are lower than in the past. This is because half of the scores had been rounded up – 3.5, for example, was shown as a 4. The other half, of course, were rounded down – 3.4, for example, was shown as a 3. We hope that this change will further encourage students as they revise their essays. Below is a chart showing how the scores were previously displayed compared to their current display.

Previously Displayed Scores	Currently Displayed Scores
5	4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 5
4	3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4
3	2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 4.9, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
2	1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
1	0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
Non-scoreable	<0.5