



## ***Sentence Fluency***

Sentence fluency is enhanced through sentence complexity and variety and through skilled weaving together of different sentence formats to promote a smooth flow of ideas.

- 5** The writing shows expert control over sentence structure and fluency.
- Sentence construction contributes to a strong sense of fluency.
  - The writing has rhythm and flow and is a pleasure to read aloud.
  - The purposeful variety of sentence lengths and structures shows originality, enhances flow, and promotes strong expression.
  - The writer has considered the sound of the words well as the meaning.
  - Sentence construction emphasizes and enhances meaning.
- 4** The writing shows strong control over sentence structure and fluency.
- Sentence construction contributes to fluency.
  - The writing has a good flow and is easy to read aloud.
  - The variety of sentence lengths and structures enhances flow and promotes expression.
  - There is evidence that the writer has considered the sound of the words well as the meaning.
  - Sentence construction often emphasizes and enhances meaning.
- 3** Sentence structure and fluency are generally controlled.
- Some variety in sentence lengths and structures is present.
  - Awkward sentences may create some minor interruptions.
  - There are errors in sentence construction, including run-ons and fragments, but they do not seriously disrupt the presentation.
- 2** Sentence structure and fluency is elemental.
- Sentence lengths and structures are simple and repetitive.
  - Awkward sentences create interruptions.
  - There are errors in sentence construction, including run-ons and fragments that seriously disrupt the presentation.
  - The response may have insufficient writing to evaluate sentence fluency.
- 1** Command of sentences is still emerging.
- Sentences are simple and errors create confusion.
  - Command of sentences is still emerging.
  - The response consists of simple or incomplete sentence structures.
  - Awkward sentences create confusion and make it difficult for the audience to understand.
  - There are errors in sentence construction, including run-ons and fragments that seriously disrupt the response.
  - The response may have insufficient writing to evaluate sentence fluency.