

Grade 2 Narrative	Adequately Meets Grade Level Learning Outcomes
CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses familiar events and ideas as a starting point for writing • Writing focuses on a topic • Story includes problem (usually stated as one of the events) • Writing includes simple details
ORGANIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story has a beginning, middle, and end • Beginning of story identifies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Characters ○ Problem • Middle includes some actions/events • Ending is usually brief and/or predictable and may not be connected to the story
WORD CHOICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word choice is appropriate for intended audience • Uses words related to topic • Uses descriptive words that may include adverbs and/or similes to create an image
SENTENCE FLUENCY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses a variety of simple sentence patterns (statements, questions, exclamations)
VOICE (Author's Craft: Style, Tone, Engagement, Mood) <i>Word choice, sentence structure, and content choice work together to create voice</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing is individual (sounds like the child is talking or telling the story) • Writing engages audience (is interesting) • May show emphasis by using <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Different sizes of print ○ Underlining ○ Repeated punctuation
CONVENTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses conventional spelling for most familiar or high frequency words • Uses spelling generalizations, patterns, and structural analysis • Sometimes uses periods, question marks, and exclamation marks • Errors may be distracting but basic communication is understandable

Grade 2 narrative typically includes stories, descriptions, journal entries, and retellings of familiar stories, movies, etc. Stories have a beginning, middle, and end. These components are not always developed equally: usually the beginnings are more complete, while the middles and endings may be brief or less detailed. Content is a description or a sequence of events that extends beyond self and family.