

Parent Guide to the

Clear and Coherent Writing

Today's Standard

5.W.4 - Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1-3 above.)

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive essay; Creating a story with a clear beginning, middle, and end; Drafting a letter to a local official; Composing a research report; Writing a personal narrative

Today | Learned

Today, we learned about writing clearly and making sure our writing is easy to understand. We also learned that who we are writing for is important.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think writing is just about spelling and grammar, but it's also about organizing ideas. Another mistake is thinking the audience doesn't matter, but it really does.

Quiz Me

- What does clear writing mean?
- Why is it important to know who you are writing for?
- What should a good piece of writing have?
- Is writing only about spelling?
- How can we make our writing better?

Help Me

Clear writing means your ideas are easy to understand. Knowing who you are writing for helps you decide how to write. For example, writing a letter to a friend is different from writing to a teacher. Practicing writing for different people can help you get better.