

WIDA ACCESS WRITING RUBRIC

THE WIDA ACCESS WRITING SCORING, SAMPLES & TEAM CALIBRATION TOOLKIT



1-12
GRADES

EVERY SCORE POINT. EVERY SAMPLE. ONE PLACE.

41
PAGES

TIRED OF...

- ✗ GUESSING AT SCORE POINTS
- ✗ SCORING THE OLD RUBRIC BY HABIT
- ✗ STRUGGLING TO EXPLAIN SCORES TO PARENTS
- ✗ LOSING TRACK OF WRITING GROWTH OVER TIME

A Rubric Isn't A Scoring System.

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THE FOUR KEY LANGUAGE USES

NARRATE

Tell a real or imagined experience. Prompt sounds like: "Tell what happened when..."

INFORM

Give facts by defining, describing, comparing or sorting. Prompt sounds like: "Describe..."

EXPLAIN

Show how something works or why something happens. Prompt sounds like: "Explain why..."

ARGUE

Make a claim and support it with reasons or evidence. Prompt sounds like: "Do you agree? Why?"

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SCORE POINTS 1 TO 3

SCORE POINT	IDEAS AND CONNECTION	SENTENCE BOUNDARIES
3	Connected text with simple connectors, often repeated or misused	Some errors in mechanics
2	No connected text yet	
1	Single words or attempts at phrases	

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SCORE POINT 0: THE SIX CATEGORIES

WHAT IT MEANS

I

No discernible English words; only letters or symbols

T

Completely off-task; no interaction with the task

F

Entirely in a language other than English

C

Only copied text with no reformulation

B

Entirely blank

K

Partly or fully copied or adapted

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THREE SCORING PROTECTIONS

MECHANICS

Capital letters, punctuation, typos and creative spelling do not lower the score.

SENTENCE BOUNDARIES

Missing periods are fine. Look at how ideas connect.

OTHER LANGUAGES

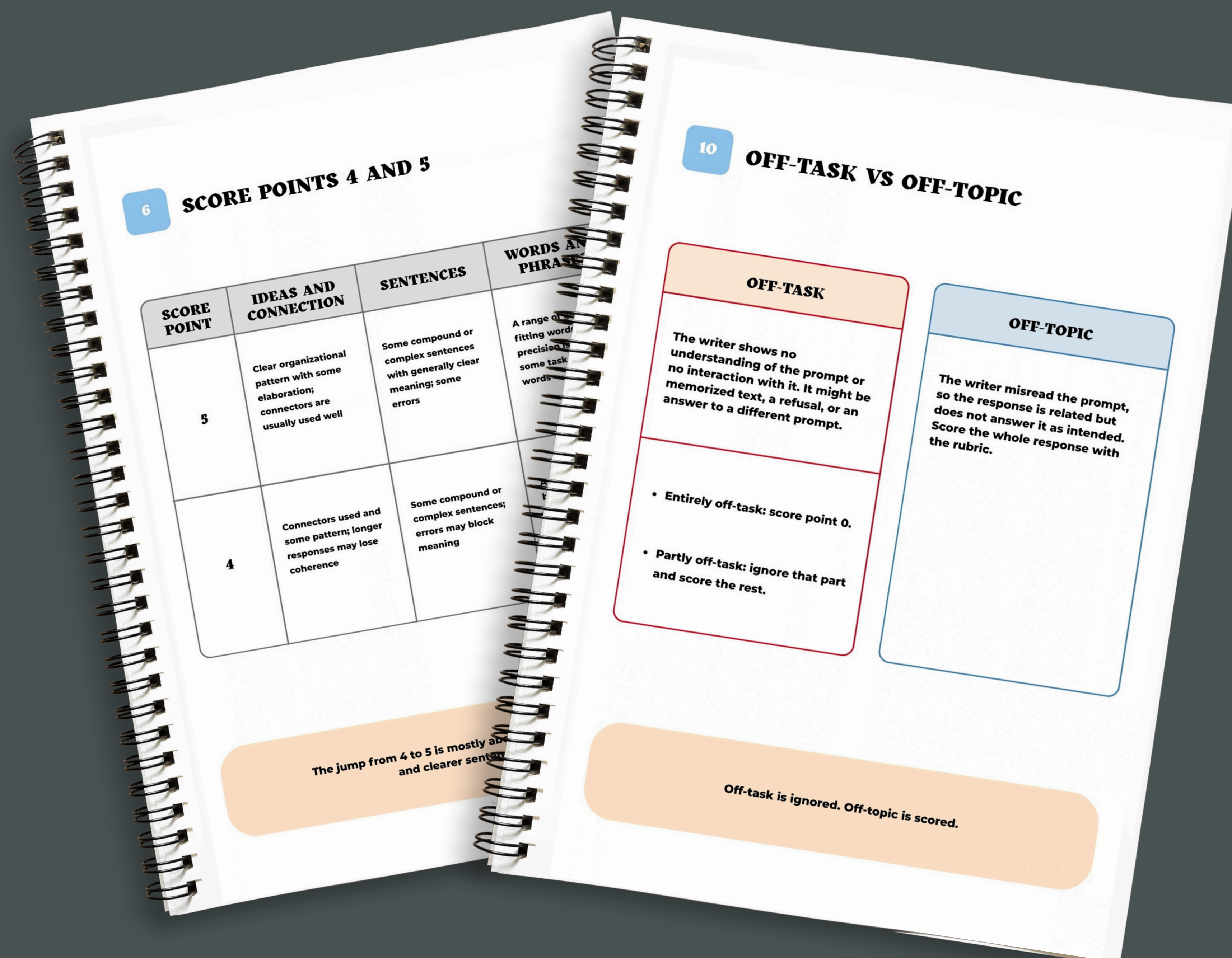
Score only the English. Do not penalize other languages.

Score the language, not the polish.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GUESS AT SCORE POINTS AGAIN.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- THE FULL 0-7 RUBRIC IN PLAIN LANGUAGE
- 7 ORIGINAL ANNOTATED WRITING SAMPLES, SCORE POINTS 1-7
- SINGLE-RESPONSE SCORING SHEETS, READY TO FILL AND PRINT
- GROWTH TRACKERS FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS AND THE WHOLE CLASS
- PARENT-FRIENDLY SCORE EXPLAINER AND FAMILY TALK TRACK
- MOVE-UP TEACHING GUIDES FOR EVERY SCORE POINT
- TEAM CALIBRATION PROTOCOL AND CONSENSUS SCORING CHART



42 PAGES OF PRACTICAL SCORING SUPPORT

ONE SYSTEM FOR EVERY WRITING SAMPLE

7 SCORE POINTS 6 AND 7

SCORE POINT	IDEAS AND CONNECTION	SENTENCES	WORDS AND PHRASES
7	Smooth, coherent flow from start to finish; clearly shows the features of the key language use	Wide variety; meaning always clear; control of complex structures, though not always error-free	Wide variety used appropriately and precisely, relevant to the task
6	Well organized and elaborated; varied connectors create some cohesion; shows some features of the key language use	Variety of structures with consistently clear meaning; occasional errors	Variety with some precision, usually fitting the task

Score point 7 does not require perfect writing.

11 SENTENCE TYPES

SIMPLE
One independent clause. EXAMPLE: The dog ran home.
COMPOUND
Two or more independent clauses joined by and, so, but or yet. EXAMPLE: I was tired, so I went to bed.
COMPLEX
One independent clause plus a dependent clause. EXAMPLE: When the rain stopped, we played outside.

Look for compound and complex sentences starting at score point 4.

12 CONNECTOR BANK BY PURPOSE

ADDITION	CAUSE AND RESULT
and	because
also	so
in addition	therefore
besides	as a result
CONTRAST	SEQUENCE
but	first
however	next
although	then
on the other hand	finally
TIME	CONDITION
when	if
after	unless
before	
meanwhile	

Look at how many purposes a writer connects, not only how many connectors appear.

13 THE 4-STEP SCORING WORKFLOW

READ	CHECK
Read the whole response once without a pen.	Check for a score point 0 code: I, T, F, C, B or K.
MATCH	RECORD
Match the best fit. Compare Ideas and Connection, Sentences, and Words and Phrases to the score points.	Record the score and one piece of evidence for each strand.

Scoring is holistic. Choose the score point that describes the response best overall.

14 BEST-FIT DECISION STAIRCASE

Any code (I, T, F, C, B, K)?	YES	Score point 0
At least one clear, complete sentence?	NO	Score point 1
Connected text, not just separate statements?	NO	Score point 2
Connectors plus some compound or complex sentences?	NO	Score point 3
Clear pattern with some elaboration and clearer sentences?	NO	Score point 4
Well elaborated with varied connectors and sentences?	NO	Score point 5
Smooth flow, wide variety and precise words?	NO	Score point 6
Smooth flow, wide variety and precise words?	YES	Score point 7

15 SINGLE-RESPONSE SCORING SHEET

Student name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Prompt: _____

KEY LANGUAGE USE: ☐ Narrate ☐ Inform ☐ Explain ☐ Argue

CODE CHECK: ☐ None ☐ I ☐ T ☐ F ☐ C ☐ B ☐ K

SCORE POINT: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

EVIDENCE, IDEAS AND CONNECTION

EVIDENCE, SENTENCES

EVIDENCE, WORDS AND PHRASES

FROM GUESSING TO CONFIDENT SCORING

BEFORE

Guessing at a score point

Unsure why a score isn't higher

Scoring the old level-based
rubric by habit

No way to show writing growth

Confusing scores for parents

unsure

AFTER

7 annotated samples, ready to compare

A clear move-up guide every time

Fresh best-fit scoring every time

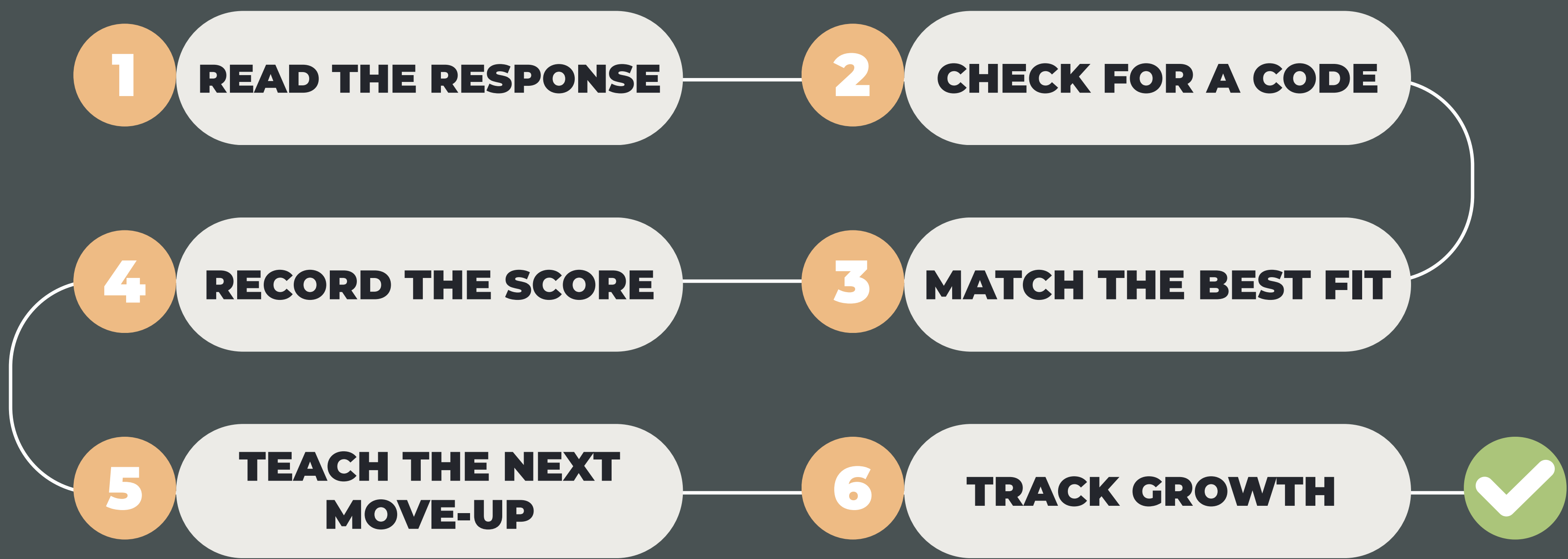
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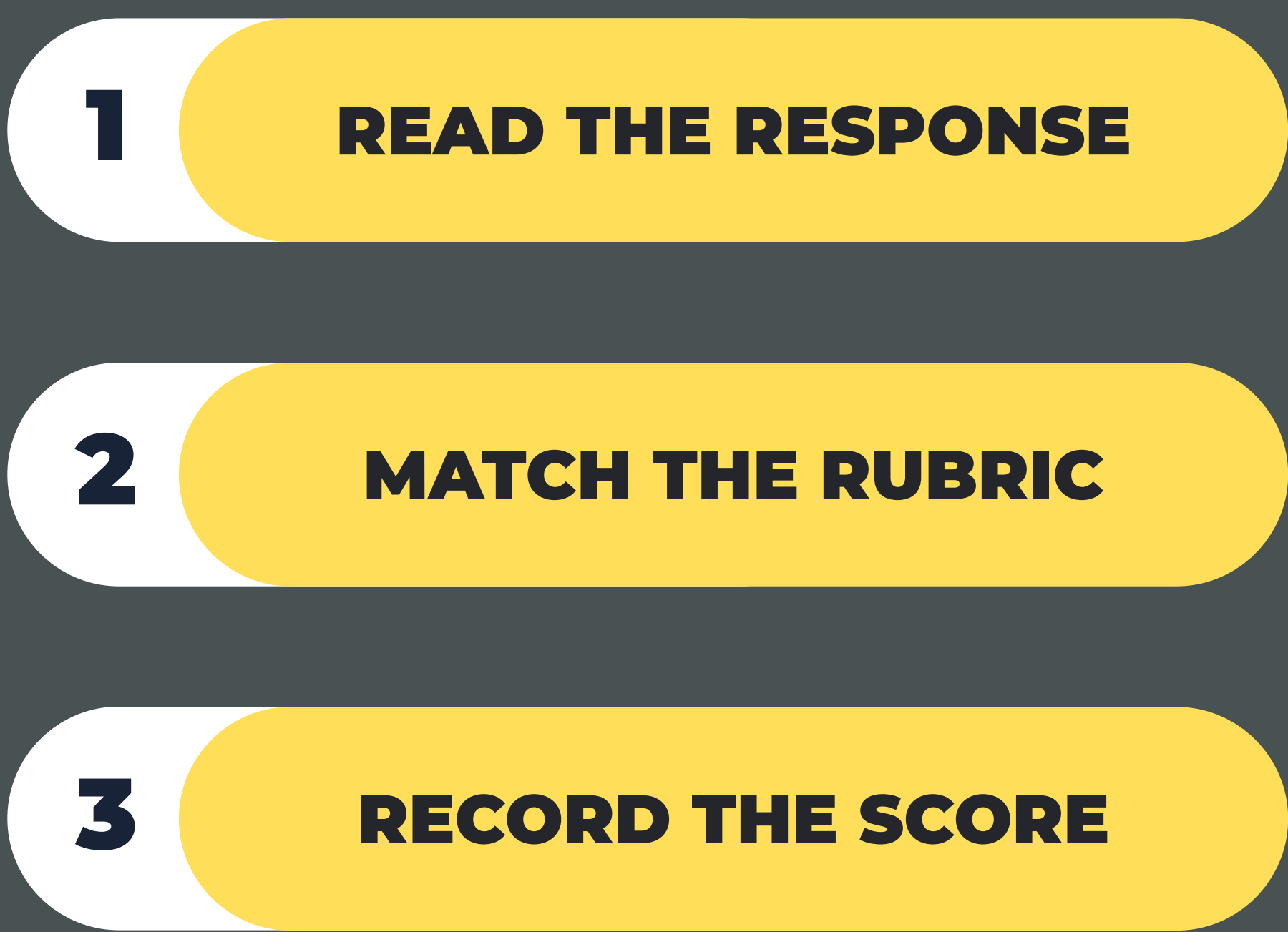
confident & in control

ONE KIT. EVERY WRITING SAMPLE SCORED.

HOW IT WORKS?



Example



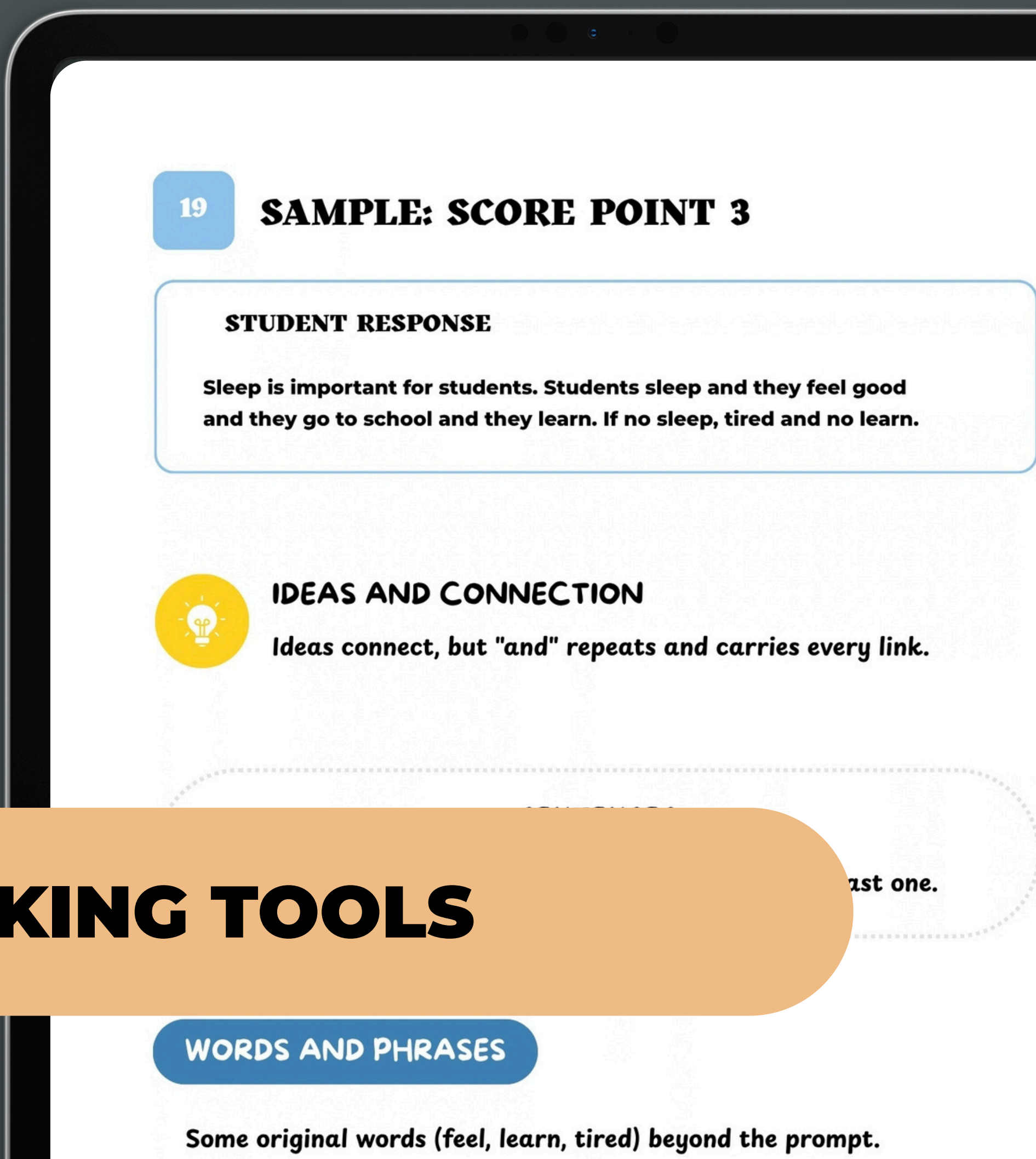
SCORE IDENTIFIED

EVIDENCE NOTED

SCORING SHEET COMPLETE



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BUILT FOR YOU IF YOU...

- ✓ ARE NEW TO THE WIDA 0-7 WRITING RUBRIC
- ✓ STRUGGLE TO SCORE CONSISTENTLY ACROSS STUDENTS
- ✓ WANT TO SHOW CLEAR WRITING GROWTH OVER TIME
- ✓ NEED TO EXPLAIN SCORE POINTS TO PARENTS
- ✓ WANT YOUR WHOLE TEAM SCORING THE SAME WAY

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SAMPLE: SCORE POINT 4

STUDENT RESPONSE

they need energy for school. When student sleep good they think good. And if no sleep, the student is tired, and the teacher say something, they don't understand. Sleep is also for the body health.

IDEAS AND CONNECTION

Several connectors (because, when, if, also). The last idea drifts.

SENTENCES

Compound and complex attempts.
Errors sometimes hide the meaning.

WORDS AND PHRASES

A range beyond the prompt: energy, tired, understand, health.

WHY NOT A 5?

The pattern is not clear all the way through, and errors still block meaning.

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MOVING FROM SCORE POINT 1 TO 2

YOU SEE AT 1

• Single words, phrase attempts, no complete sentence.

LOOK FOR AT 2

• One clear, complete sentence.

TEACH NEXT

- Model a simple pattern: who or what, plus what happens.
- Turn a labeled picture into a spoken sentence, then a written one.
- Have students say the sentence aloud before they write it.

TRY THIS STARTER

The _____ is _____. OR i _____.

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SAMPLE: SCORE POINT 5

STUDENT RESPONSE

Sleep is important for students for two reasons. First, sleep give the brain time to rest, so students can focus and remember what they learned. Second, sleep keep the body healthy. For example, students who sleep enough get sick less and have more energy in class. So students should go to bed early.

IDEAS AND CONNECTION

A clear pattern (First, Second) with an example. Connectors fit.

SENTENCES

Compound and complex sentences with clear meaning.
Verb slips do not block it.

WORDS AND PHRASES

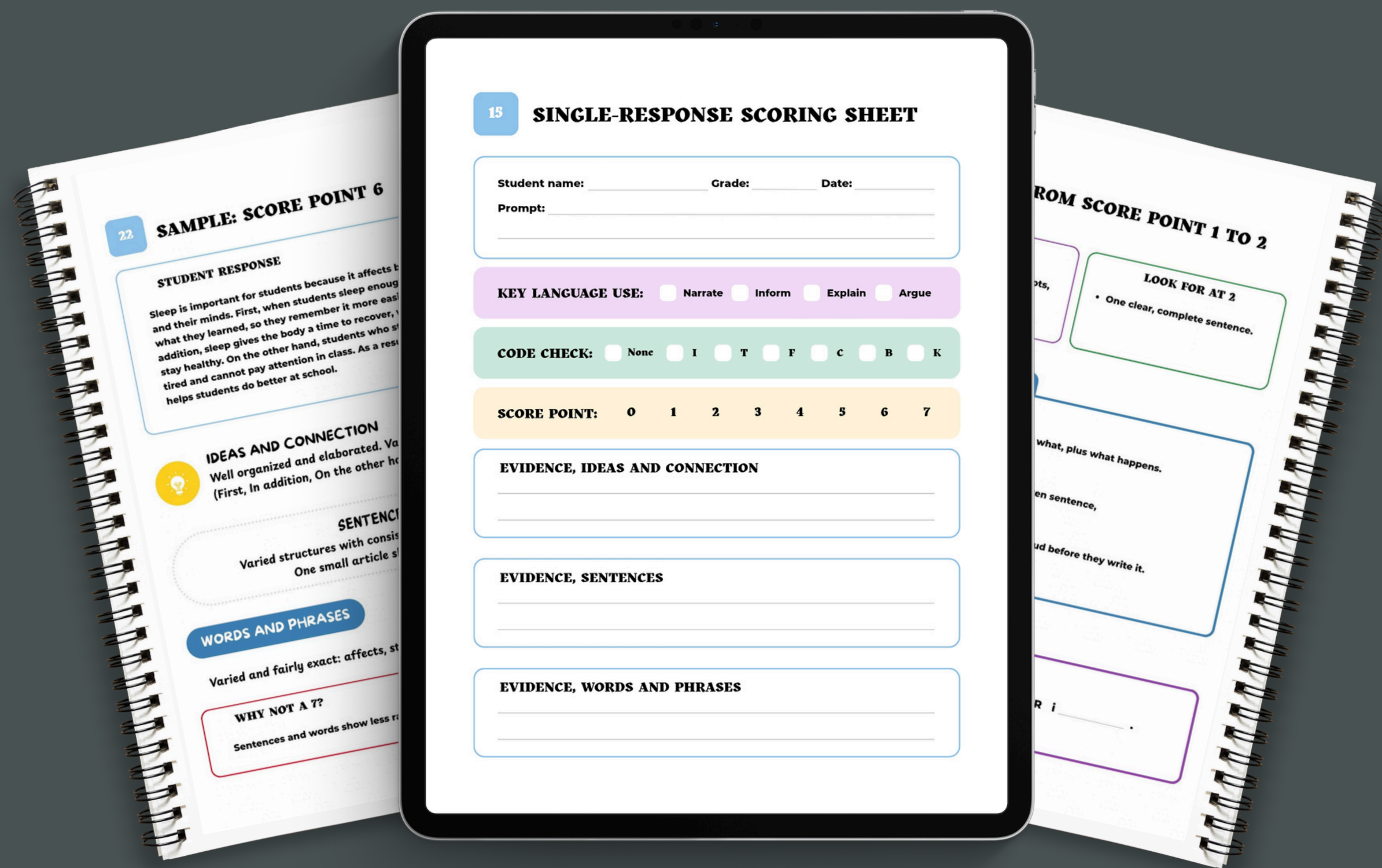
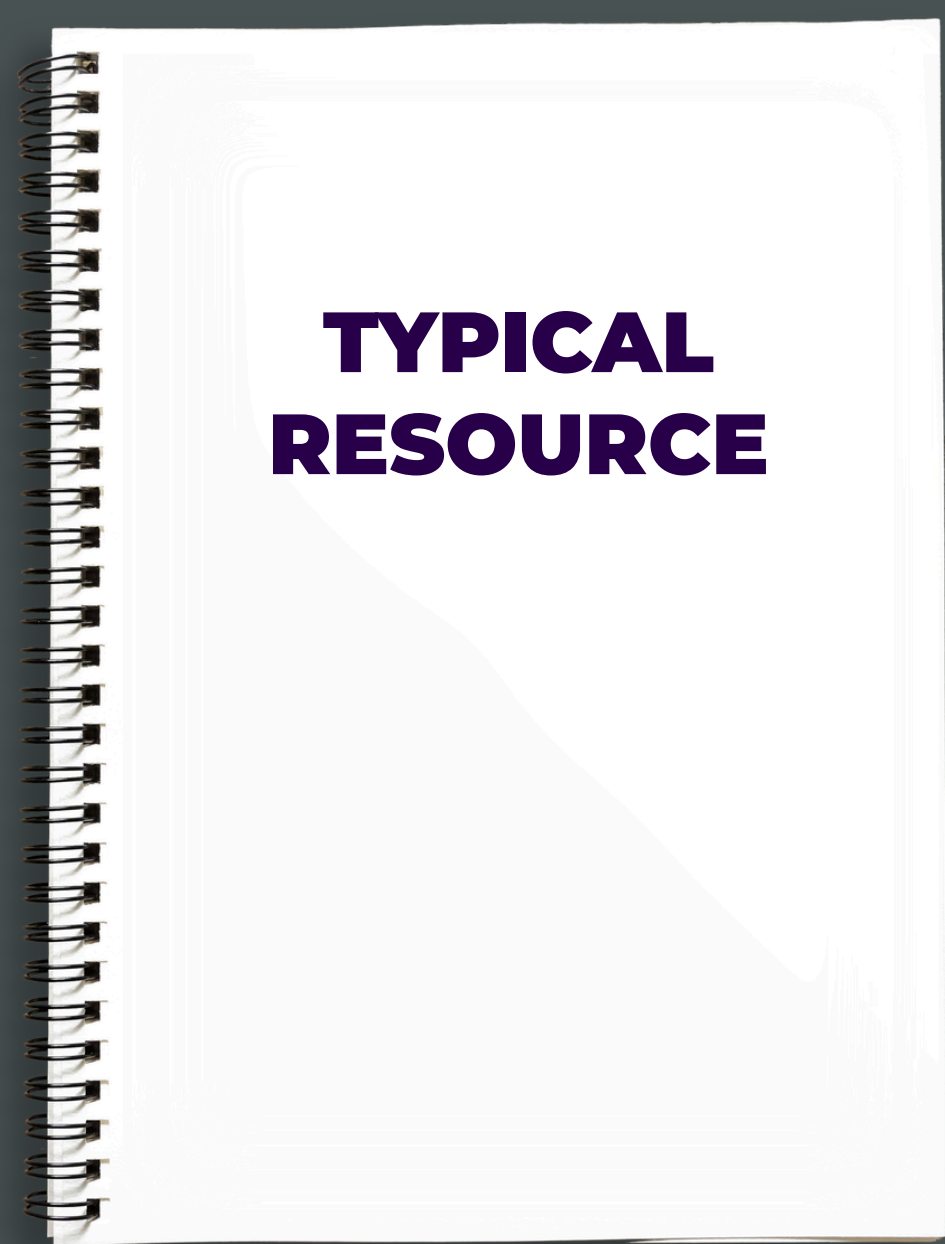
Topic words fit: brain, focus, healthy, energy.

WHY NOT A 6?

Elaboration is light, and connectors and sentence types show little variety.

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WHY THIS IS DIFFERENT?



TYPICAL RESOURCE

Rubric only

no annotated samples

No team calibration included

No parent-friendly explanations

THIS RESOURCE

Rubric and annotated samples in one

Built-in growth tracker

Parent-friendly score explainer

Everything in one system

BUILT FOR EVERY WRITING SAMPLE.

STOP GUESSING AT SCORES. START SCORING WITH CONFIDENCE.

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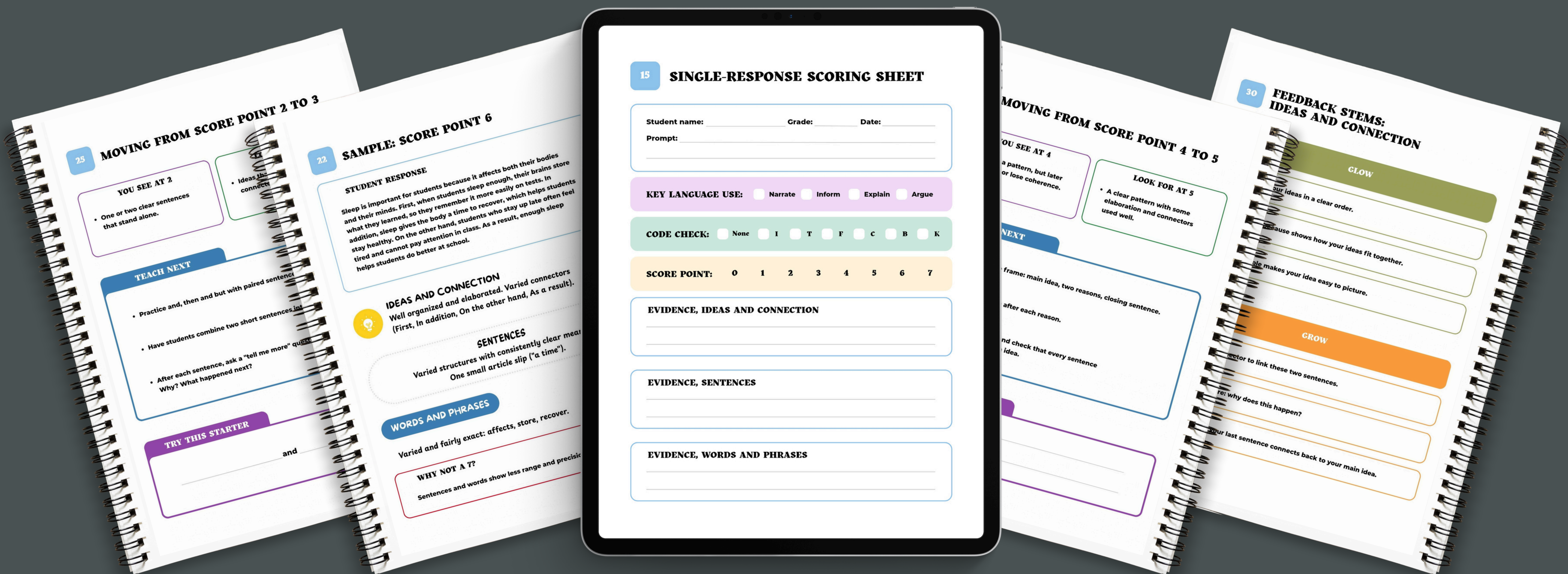
FASTER SCORING
- 2

CLEARER COMMUNICATION
- 3

VISIBLE GROWTH

DIGITAL
FOR IPAD

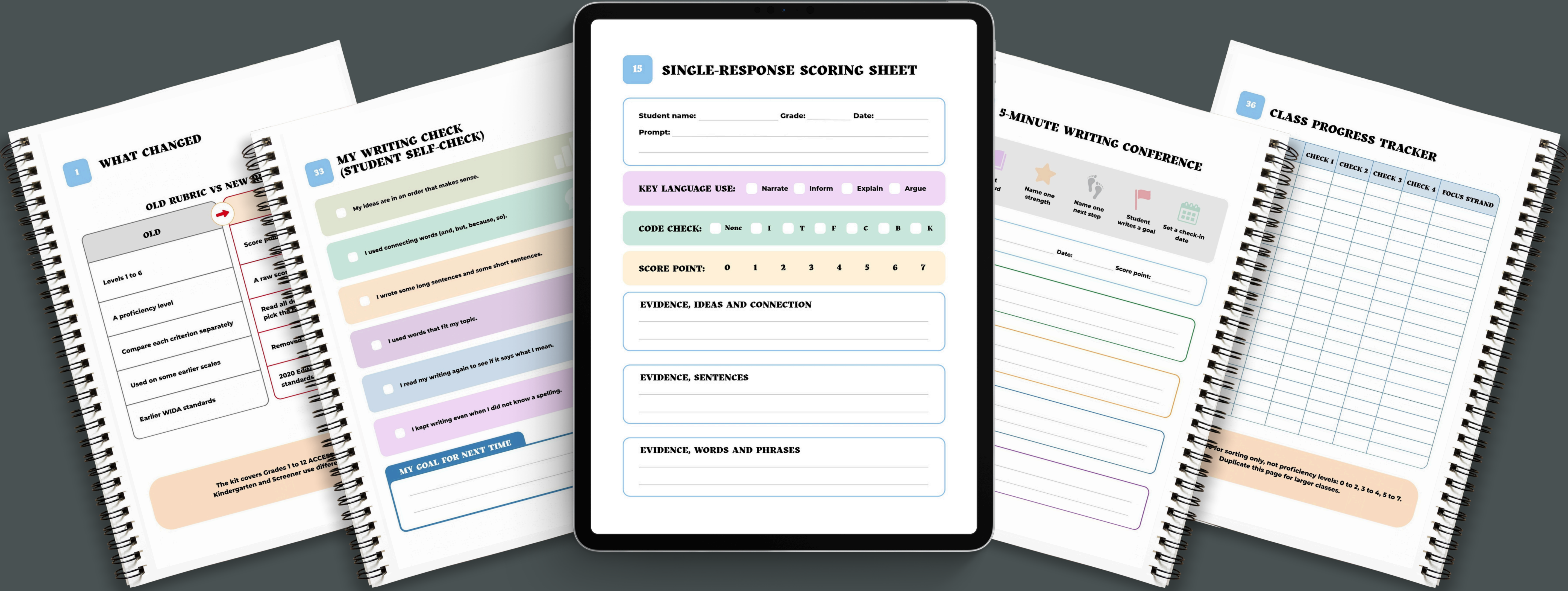
PRINT
& GO



STAY READY FOR EVERY WRITING SAMPLE

READY TO GET ORGANIZED?

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- ✓ GROWTH TRACKER AND MOVE-UP GUIDES
- ✓ EDITABLE SINGLE-RESPONSE SCORING SHEETS



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