

Sentence Fluency:

Questions to ask yourself about your writing

Key quality: Crafting well-built sentences

- ✖ Do my sentences begin in different ways?
- ✖ Do my sentences vary in length?
- ✖ Are my sentences grammatically correct unless constructed creatively for impact?
- ✖ Have I used conjunctions such as *but*, *and*, and *so* to connect parts of sentences?

Key quality: Varying sentence types

- ✖ Do I include different *kinds* of sentences?
- ✖ Do I vary the way I use or place clauses and phrases?
- ✖ Are some of my sentences complex?
- ✖ Are some of my sentences simple?
- ✖ Do I intermingle or mix sentence types, one to the next?

Key quality: Capturing smooth and rhythmic flow

- ✖ Is reading the entire piece aloud easy?
- ✖ Do my sentences flow, one to the next?
- ✖ Do individual passages sound smooth when I read them aloud?
- ✖ Did I thoughtfully place different sentence types to enhance the main idea?

Key quality: Breaking the "rules" to create fluency

- ✖ Did I use fragments with style and purpose?
- ✖ Do I begin a sentence informally to create a conversational tone?
- ✖ Does my dialogue sound authentic?
- ✖ Did I try weaving in exclamations and single words to add emphasis?