

Grade 3 Language Usage ISAT Proficiency Level Descriptors

Advanced

In the area of language usage, third grade students typically performing at the Advanced level demonstrate an **in-depth understanding** of grade-level skills. These students

- consistently identify a main idea and supporting details.
- consistently arrange ideas in sequence.
- consistently identify the purpose and audience of a piece of grade-appropriate writing.
- consistently identify logical word choice and arrange words for meaning.
- consistently revise by adding details, eliminating irrelevant details, and/or rearranging words/sentences for meaning and clarity.
- consistently identify a variety of complete simple sentences.
- regularly edit for grade-level spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.

Proficient

In the area of language usage, third grade students typically performing at the Proficient level demonstrate an **understanding** of grade-level skills. These students

- identify a main idea and supporting details.
- arrange ideas in sequence.
- identify the purpose and audience of a piece of grade-appropriate writing.
- identify logical word choice and arrange words for meaning.
- revise by adding details, eliminating irrelevant details, and/or rearranging words/sentences for meaning and clarity.
- identify a variety of complete simple sentences.
- edit for grade-level spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.

Basic

In the area of language usage, third grade students typically performing at the Basic level demonstrate a **limited understanding** of grade-level skills. These students

- rarely identify a main idea and supporting details.
- rarely arrange ideas in sequence.
- rarely identify the purpose and audience of a piece of grade-appropriate writing.
- rarely identify logical word choice and arrange words for meaning.
- rarely revise by adding details, eliminating irrelevant details, and/or rearranging words/sentences for meaning and clarity.
- rarely identify a variety of complete simple sentences.
- rarely edit for grade-level spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation.