

# The Pupil Friendly Scottish Criterion Scale

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# CfE First Level 1-3

Pupil's Name:	 	 	
My writing target:			

## My piece of writing should tell my teacher at least 3 things.

- 1. I can use good words.
- 2. I can write a story.
- 3. My letters are written the right way round.
- 4. I can write my full name.
- 5. I can choose the right words.
- 6. My writing makes sense.
- 7. I can use a connective.
- 8. I can write a sentence. I can put in a **capital letter** and **full stop**.
- 9. I use phonics to help me spell.
- 10. I can spell a few common words.
- 11. I can write different kinds of stories.
- 12. I can put extra bits into my story.
- 13. I can use finger spaces.



# CfE First Level 4-6

Pupil's Name:			
My writing target:			

# My piece of writing should be at least about 100 words.

- 1. I can use interesting words. I must use at least 2 examples.
- I can use connectives other than 'and' to join 2 or more simple sentences
   (e.g. but, so, then, because...)
- I can open my sentences in different ways (e.g. Soon, At last, After, Then,
   Next, So...)
- 4. I can use **full stops** and **capital letters**. I will try to use **question marks** and **commas**.
- 5. I can spell most common words correctly.
- 6. I will use phonics to help me spell words.
- 7. My writing has a **beginning**, **middle** and **end**.
- 8. I can give enough information or description to interest the reader.
- 9. I can attempt to make writing lively and interesting.
- 10. I can use the correct layout for my writing. (e.g. letter, instructions)
- 11. I can use the words; last time, also, after, then, soon, at last, and another thing, in my writing.
- 12. I can use words to show feelings in my personal writing. I can use suitable language in functional writing.
- 13. I can use adjectives and descriptive phrases.
- 14. My handwriting is neat and tidy.



# CfE Second Level 1-3

Pupil's Name:	 	 
My writing target:		

### My piece of writing should be at least about 200 - 250 words.

- 1. I can use interesting words. I must use at least 3 examples.
- 2. I can use different connectives to link sentences (e.g. when, because, if, after, while, also, as well, although, before, besides, until ...).
- 3. I can always vary sentence openings to make my stories interesting e.g. I must use better words than I, He, She.
- 4. I can use **full stops, commas, and question marks**. I am trying to use exclamation marks, inverted commas, ellipsis, dashes, brackets and apostrophes.
- 5. I can spell most of my common words correctly.
- 6. I can spell most familiar words accurately.
- 7. My stories are sequenced correctly.
- 8. I can write in different functional, personal and imaginative Ways. (e.g. letters –formal and informal, reports, diaries, dialogue).
- 9. I can choose adjectives and descriptive phrases for detail and emphasis. (The **wicked** wolf. The **malicious** wolf.)
- 10. I can make writing lively and interesting. I can change the length of my sentences.
- 11. I can give information about character or setting or making a series of points.
- 12. I can link ideas and events in a clear sequence so to that my writing makes sense (e.g. last time, also, after, then, soon, at last, another thing, as well as, to add to this, later, firstly, lastly, often ...)
- 14. I can use some words to express feelings and emotions in personal writing.I can use appropriate language in functional writing.
- 15. My nouns and verbs agree.
- 16. I can try to use paragraphs to show beginning, middle and end.
- 17. My handwriting is accurate and neat. I am beginning to join my Letters.



# CfE Second Level 4-6

Pupil's Name:	 	 _
My writing target:		

### My piece of writing should be at least about 250 – 350 words.

- 1. I can use interesting words or phrases to continue and develop ideas. I must use at least 4 examples.
- 2. I can attempt to use a range of connectives (e.g. although, however, nevertheless, since, in order to, contrary to, ...).
- 3. I can attempt to use a range of openers (e.g. words ending in "ing", "ed", "ly" and connectives as openers. (E.g. "Thoughtfully, I watched the stars...", "Smiling, she embraced me...")
- 4. I can use **full stops, commas and question marks** accurately and I experiment with other punctuation for effect, (e.g. exclamation marks, inverted commas, ellipsis, dashes, brackets and apostrophes).
- 5. I can spell all common words correctly.
- 6. I can spell all familiar words accurately.
- 7. I can link and relate events/points in my writing so that my writing makes sense. (e.g. afterwards, before, also, after a while, eventually, moreover, furthermore, in addition to this...)
- 8. I can consistently use the appropriate form to suit the purpose of the task. (e.g. formal and informal letter, report, diary, dialogue, narrative)
- 9. I can deliberately choose adjectives and/or adverbs for detail and description (E.g. The bad child. The despicable child.)
- 10. I can write in a lively and clear way and I can make my sentences different lengths.
- 11. I can try to use more than one paragraph.
- 13. I can use language to express feelings or emotions (may be implicit).
- 14. I can attempt to give opinion, interest or humour through detail.
- 15. I can use correct grammatical structures.
- 16. I can organise ideas appropriately for both purpose and reader, e.g. captions, headings, bullet points, fonts, chapters, letter formats, paragraphs, logically sequenced events, contextual and background information ...).
- 17. I can use general words for style (e.g. sometimes, never, always, often, even, in addition...).
- 18. My handwriting is accurate, consistent and linked.



# **CfE Third Level**

Pupil's Name:		
My writing target:		

### My piece of writing should be at least about 350 – 500 words.

- 1. I can use ambitious and adventurous language and include adjectives and adverbs for description. I must use at **least** 5 examples.
- 2. I can use a range of connectives confidently and accurately, (e.g. furthermore, moreover, similarly, yet despite, whereas...).
- 3. I can use openers using words ending in "ing", "ed", "ly". I can also use connectives as openers. (E.g. "Panicking, she corrected the writing...", "Stunned, he accepted his prize...")
- 4. I can use a wide range of punctuation accurately and to create effect (e.g. full stops, commas, question marks, exclamation marks, inverted commas, ellipsis, dashes, brackets, colons, semi -colons and apostrophes).
- 5. **Almost all** of my spelling is correct.
- 6. I can confidently link events/points in my writing (e.g. subsequently, before, also, after a while, eventually, moreover, furthermore, in addition to this, on the contrary...).
- 7. I can write for different purposes.
- 8. I can write in a lively and coherent way with confidence using different sentence lengths.
- 9. I can organise ideas appropriately for both purpose and reader **as appropriate to task** (e.g. captions, headings, fonts, chapters, letter formats, paragraphs, logically sequenced events, contextual and background information).
- 10. I can develop ideas in creative and interesting ways (including the development of characters, description of setting and exploration of feelings or emotions) **OR** I can produce thoughtful and considered writing as appropriate to task (e.g. providing explanation, opinion, justification and / or deduction, effective introductions and conclusions...)
- 12. I can use simple grammatical structures confidently and can attempt to use grammatically complex structures (e.g. expansion before and after the noun 'The little, old man who lived on the hill...' / subordinating clauses 'I felt better when...' / '... who taught me the guitar').
- 11. I can use nouns, pronouns and tenses accurately and consistently throughout.
- 13. I can use paragraphs confidently and accurately.
- 14. My handwriting is accurate, consistent and linked.

