

Estimating Your Score for the Writing Section

As in the Speaking Section, your instructor must estimate scores in the Writing Section. Each of the two responses is worth 5 points, so the range of raw scores for the Writing Section is 1-10.

Integrated Writing Rubric

Score	Explanation of Score
5	Includes all of the important information from the lecture and accurately relates it to the important information in the lecture. The response is clearly organized. A variety of sentence structures is used and the sophisticated vocabulary is employed. There may be infrequent grammatical and mechanical errors. These mistakes will not make it difficult to understand the ideas and relationships that the writer describes.
4	Includes most of the important information in the passage and relates it to the most important information in the lecture. Some information may be presented somewhat inaccurately or imprecisely. There may be some problems with vocabulary, grammar, or mechanics, but these problems generally do not interfere with an understanding of the writer's ideas or the relationships he or she describes.
3	Includes important information from the passage and relates it to information in the lecture. However, the response has one or more of the following problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The relationship between key points in the passage and the lecture is not accurate or complete or is stated in very general terms▪ One of the key points is not mentioned in the response▪ Language mistakes may sometimes make it difficult to understand the writer's ideas or the relationships he or she describes.
2	Attempts to include some relevant information from the passage and the lecture but has one or both of the following problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Omits or shows a complete misunderstanding of the points in the lecture or passage or the relationship between them.▪ Language mistakes make the writer's ideas or the relationships he or she describes generally difficult to understand
1	Has one or both of the following problems: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Provides little or no information from either the passage or the lecture▪ Language mistakes are so frequent that it is impossible to understand the writer's ideas
0	Only repeats sentences from the reading passage, writes on an entirely different topic, writes in a language other than English, or does not write a response at all

Independent Writing Rubric

Score	Explanation of Score
5	Strongly indicates the ability to write a well-organized, well-developed, and logical response. Specific examples and details support the main ideas. All the elements of the response are unified and cohesive. A variety of sentence structures are used successfully and sophisticated vocabulary is employed. Grammatical and mechanical errors are infrequent but a few minor mistakes may occur.
4	Indicates the ability to write an organized, developed, and logical response. The main ideas are adequately supported by examples and details. Sentence structure may be less varied than that of a level 5 response, and vocabulary less sophisticated. Grammatical and mechanical errors appear.
3	Indicates some ability to write an acceptable response, but involves weaknesses in organization and development. Sentence structure and vocabulary may lack sophistication and there may be frequent grammatical and mechanical errors.
2	Indicates the inability to write an acceptable response. Organization and development are weak. May lack unity and cohesion. Few specific details are given in support of the writer's ideas. If details are given, they may seem inappropriate. Significant and frequent errors in grammar occur throughout the response, making it difficult to understand the writer's ideas. Writer may not have fully understood the response prompt.
1	Strongly indicates the inability to write an acceptable response. No apparent development or organization. Sentences may be brief and fragmentary and unrelated to each other. Very significant grammatical and mechanical errors occur throughout the response and make it very difficult to understand any of the author's ideas. Writer may have completely misunderstood the response prompt.
0	Did not write an response, did not write on the topic, or wrote in a language other than English.

Record your Estimated Scores here: _____

Add the two Estimated Scores to get your Total Raw Score: _____

Using this chart and your Raw Score, calculate the Scaled Writing Section Score.

Scaled Section Score _____

Writing	
Raw Section Score	Scaled Section Score
10	30
9	28
8	25
7	22
6	18
5	15
4	13
3	11
2	8
1	4
0	0