

## 6 Point ACT Writing Rubric

Rubric Areas	6	5	4	3	2	1
Take a Position	<b>YES</b>				<b>NO</b>	
Complexity Counterargument	<b>examine</b> different perspectives, evaluate implications and complications of issue, respond to counterargument	<b>some</b> recognition of complexity/counterargument		<b>brief</b> recognition of complexity/counterargument	<b>little or no</b> recognition of complexity/counterargument	
Examples Support	<b>specific and logical</b> fully elaborate		clear movement between <b>some general &amp; some specific support</b> adequate	<b>limited support</b> repetitious	<b>general</b> may not be relevant	<b>minimal</b> developed excessive repetition
Focus	<b>clear</b> focus	<b>maintained</b> focus		<b>general focus maintained</b> <b>preview items not maintained</b>		
Organization	<b>somewhat predictable / logical</b> sequence grows from purpose			<b>simple</b> organization / <b>little or no evidence of logical</b> sequencing	<b>some</b> organization structure / <b>some</b> logical groupings in parts of essay	<b>little evidence</b> of organization or logical groupings
Transitions	<b>most transitions reflect logic</b> transitions integrated into essay	<b>simple obvious</b> transitions				<b>rarely used</b> transitions
Introduction Conclusion	<b>effective</b> clear well-developed	clear <b>generally</b> well-developed	clear <b>somewhat</b> developed	clear <b>underdeveloped</b>	if present, <b>minimal</b>	
Language Word Choice Sentence Structure Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• good command of language</li> <li>• varied sentence structure</li> <li>• precise word choice</li> <li>• few errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• competent use of language</li> <li>• somewhat varied sentence structure</li> <li>• varied word choice</li> <li>• few errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adequate language</li> <li>• some varied sentence structure</li> <li>• appropriate word choice</li> <li>• some distracting errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• basic control of language</li> <li>• little variety in sentence structure</li> <li>• appropriate word choice</li> <li>• errors may be occasionally distracting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• simple language</li> <li>• simple sentence structure</li> <li>• errors may be frequently distracting and impede understanding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• simple language</li> <li>• simple sentence structure</li> <li>• errors may be frequently distracting and significantly impede understanding</li> </ul>