

Claim 2: Students can produce effective and well-grounded writing for a range of purpose and audiences.

Target 3a. WRITE BRIEF TEXTS: Write one or more informational paragraphs demonstrating ability to organize ideas by stating a focus (main idea), including appropriate transitional strategies for coherence, or supporting evidence and elaboration, or writing body paragraphs, or a conclusion that is appropriate to purpose and audience and related to the information or explanation presented.

Target# 3b. REVISE BRIEF TEXTS: Revise one or more informational paragraphs demonstrating ability to organize ideas by stating a focus (main idea), including appropriate transitional strategies for coherence, or supporting evidence and elaboration, or writing body paragraphs, or a conclusion that is appropriate to purpose and audience and related to the information or explanation presented.

Clarifications	Target 3a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Informational text provides information appropriate for the subject/audience. Explanatory text provides explanations via thoughtful analysis/synthesis appropriate for the subject/audience. • Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (informational), and context/task. Information about the audience and context/task should be presented in an order that avoids confusion. For example, “A student is writing an essay <u>for a science website about nutrition</u>” has a different meaning than does “A student is writing an essay <u>about nutrition for a science website</u>.” • No item stems should promote formulaic writing. • Organization items focus on the student’s ability to compose a brief text (one to three paragraphs) by providing introductions, topic sentences, transitions, and/or conclusions appropriate for an informational text. • Elaboration/evidence items focus on the student’s ability to compose a brief text (one-to-three paragraphs) for a specific purpose by providing supporting details and/or development strategies that are appropriate for an informational text. • Note: Supporting evidence includes surveys, expert and/or research information, etc. Personal examples and anecdotal information can be used but should not substitute for authoritative evidence. • Student notes will be provided. They should be boxed. Notes should be crafted as authentic notes (e.g., bulleted, listed, or otherwise formatted to discourage wholesale copying. They should not be complete sentences.) A heading should be provided with the statement: <i>The student has taken the following notes from a trustworthy source:</i> • Style should be appropriate for audience, purpose, and task. • Formatting (CCSS W-2a) will not be a focus of these items. Target 3b <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Informational text provides information appropriate for the subject/audience. Explanatory text provides explanations via thoughtful analysis/synthesis appropriate for the subject/audience. • Note: This target asks students to revise, <i>not</i> edit (Target 9). • No item stems should promote formulaic writing. • Note: The stem will direct the student to select a revision to the stimulus that improves some <u>underlined</u> or otherwise specified aspect of the text’s evidence/elaboration or organization. Note: Items for this target focus on revision at the sentence or paragraph level, except for transitional words and phrases. Items asking for students to replace or add
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	<p>words/phrases are Target 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (informational), and context/task. Information about the audience and context/task should be presented in an order that avoids confusion. For example, “A student is writing an essay <u>for a science website about nutrition</u>” has a different meaning than does “A student is writing an essay <u>about nutrition for a science website</u>.” Organization items focus on the student’s ability to revise a brief text by providing introductory/topic sentences, transitions, and conclusions (appropriate for audience, purpose (informational), and task). Elaboration/evidence items focus on the student’s ability to revise a brief text by identifying appropriate supporting details and development for audience, purpose (informational), and task. Note: Supporting evidence includes surveys, expert and/or research information, etc. Personal examples and anecdotal information can be used but should not substitute for authoritative evidence. Style should be appropriate for audience, purpose, and task and consistent with the pre-established writing style in the stem. Formatting (CCSS W-2a) will not be a focus of these items.
Standards	<p>Target 3a</p> <p>W-2a. <u>Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</u></p> <p>W-2b. <u>Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</u></p> <p>W-2c. <u>Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., <i>another, for example, also, because</i>).</u></p> <p>W-2d. <u>Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</u></p> <p>W-2e. <u>Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</u></p> <p>W-8 Recall relevant information from experiences or <u>gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.</u></p> <p>W-9 <u>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</u></p> <p>Target 3b</p> <p>W-2a. <u>Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</u></p> <p>W-2b. <u>Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</u></p> <p>W-2c. <u>Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., <i>another, for example, also, because</i>).</u></p> <p>W-2d. <u>Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</u></p> <p>W-2e. <u>Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</u></p> <p>L-3a <u>Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.</u></p>

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Depth of Knowledge	Target 3a DOK 3 Target 3b DOK 2
Stimuli/Passages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stimuli for this target will be brief informational texts (one-to-three paragraphs, ranging between 150 and 200 words, excluding student notes, which should range between 50 and 60 words in length).
Stimuli/Text Complexity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stimulus must be appropriately complex for the skill being assessed. The stimulus must be consistent with the purpose and intent of the target and standard being measured. The stimulus will read as would authentic student writing for the targeted grade. That is, the content, language/vocabulary, and sentence structure of each stimulus should be similar to what students would write at the tested grade level. (Note: Do not lower the readability of a stimulus simply by converting complex or compound sentences into simple sentences. This usually results in choppy, less cohesive writing.) The stimulus should be a model of good writing. It should NOT promote formulaic writing (e.g., topic sentence, three development sentences, and a concluding sentence that restates/repeats, or summarizes the topic sentence). When stimulus includes an introduction, it should avoid obvious preview of [3] supports; when stimulus provides a concluding statement/paragraph, that conclusion must do more than summarize information presented (see standards: emphasize the importance of claim, reflect on the experience, explain the significance of, etc.) A one-to-two paragraph stimulus, for example, should be written as if it is part of a larger piece of writing. For organization items, when asking for introductions [beginnings] or conclusions [endings], be sure that the stimulus clearly lacks an effective introduction or conclusion. Stimuli should reflect a variety of informational forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.) For 3a elaboration items, stimulus will provide, in addition to the student's draft, some source of information such as student notes, a chart, a bulleted list, or a similar fictitious, but factually accurate <p>Guidelines for Student Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the notes is to provide details and evidence that students can use in the development and elaboration of their responses. While the notes may have some overlap with the information in the stimulus, they should primarily consist of information that is in addition to the stimulus. Students will need to select the appropriate details/evidence to include. While not being purposely irrelevant or misleading, not all notes will necessarily serve the student's purpose for the task. For example, while an overall stimulus written for older students might be about both a given problem (e.g., invasive species) and its solution, the task might call for the student to address only a solution Notes should be presented in an authentic a manner as possible and should not lend themselves to being listed or copied and pasted directly into the student responses. To that end, notes should NOT be:

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- written as full sentences. (They must be sparse enough so that students must **elaborate** by using their own words.)
- presented in any particular order.
- grammatically parallel.
- Notes should be boxed so as to clearly distinguish them from the stimulus. A heading preceding the notes should read: *The student has taken the following notes from a trustworthy source:*
- Students should **not** be expected to include all notes in their responses.
- Because the claim 2 CAT items assess for specific traits (organization and elaboration) only, there is no need to cite sources (they are expected to cite sources in the Performance Task writing). Students can also assume the notes have already been paraphrased.
- There should not be an overwhelming number of notes; please refer to the recommended word counts for the student notes at the various grade levels, as noted in the item specifications.
- Guidelines for notes that provide evidence:
- Avoid giving reasons as notes (which the students can just copy into their responses).
- Examples of types of notes that may be provided include:
 - survey results (At the elementary level, this might include surveys of peers or family. At the middle and high school levels, more formal surveys, e.g., Pew reports, may be used.)
 - expert testimony (At the elementary level, this might include: parents, teachers, the principal, the mayor, the newspaper, etc. Examples for middle and high school: discipline-specific experts, government officials, etc.)
 - citations/information from credible publications
 - statistics

Sample grade 5 informational item with student notes (adapted for grade 3/4):

A student is writing a report for science class about healthy living. Read the draft of the report. Then complete the task that follows.

Living a healthy life is one of the most important things a person can do, and this often means making good choices. Choosing the right foods and getting enough exercise and sleep can have a great effect on our lives. These choices can control how much energy we have and even how long we live.

What do we need to do to stay healthy?

Besides having healthy eating and exercise habits, we need to make sure we get enough sleep. Children our age need at least 8 hours of sleep every night to stay healthy. For example, if we don't get enough sleep, we won't have the energy to get the exercise we need to stay healthy.

In conclusion, we have to make choices that will keep us happy, healthy, and useful. Knowing the facts about diet, exercise, sleep and good health can help all of us be the best we can be.

**Explanation for
STIMULUS**

- stimulus is within recommended word length for gr 3-5 (between 150-200 words)
- task is asking for students to develop one part of the report, rather than write entire body
- stimulus models good writing yet is accessible

	<p style="text-align: right;">to students</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The student has taken the following notes from a trustworthy source:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Exercise –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school nurse: “most important factor in weight control” • doesn’t have to be formal club/team • 30 minutes day – at least! • Be physical during recess (not games/cards) <p style="text-align: center;">Diet</p> <p>fruits, vegetables, chicken, fish</p> <p>NO sugary or fried foods – fat less than 30% calories</p> <p>Diet – try for 80% low fat</p> </div> <p>Explanation for NOTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The notes provide sufficient ideas on both diet and exercise for the writer to develop and elaborate - The notes fall within the recommended word count for gr 3-5 (50-60 words) - As would be true of authentic notes, they are not neatly packaged for cut-and-paste, not complete sentences, and not grammatically parallel (they are organized for grade 3/4 more so than they would be for grades 5+) - The notes provide some evidence in the form of facts and statistics that are well within a 3-4 grader’s experience (school nurse as expert, accessible information from the food pyramid, etc.). <p>Choose facts and details from the student’s notes to develop a paragraph beginning with the underlined sentence.</p>
Accessibility Concerns	<p>Students will be required to read brief informational texts (one-to-three paragraphs) and write one or more paragraphs. Students with physical impairments may need to use an adapted mouse or a computer with eye-scanning capabilities. Students who are visually impaired or blind may need to have visual media described to them. Other formats or supports may be necessary for students with other disabilities. Speech to text may be an appropriate accommodation for students who have difficulty writing. The accommodations listed here are suggestions and could be altered depending on what accommodations will be allowable.</p>
Evidence Required	<p>Target 3a Write Brief Texts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Organization) The student will use information provided in a stimulus to organize informational text by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. stating a focus (main idea)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. writing in body paragraphs c. using transition words and phrases to link ideas d. including a conclusion that is appropriate to the audience and related to the information or explanation presented <p>2. (Elaboration) The student will select from information/evidence provided in order to develop or elaborate on a designated part of an informational text by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. developing and elaborating the focus (main idea) using supporting evidence b. using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain <p>Target 3b Revise Brief Texts</p> <p>1. (Organization) The student will revise informational text by identifying improved organizational elements such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. stating a focus (main idea) b. writing in body paragraphs* c. using transition words and phrases to link ideas d. including a conclusion that is appropriate to the audience and related to the information or explanation presented <p>2. (Elaboration) The student will revise complex informational text by identifying the best use of elaboration techniques such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. developing and elaborating the focus (main idea) using supporting evidence b. using precise language and domain specific vocabulary to inform or explain c. deleting details that do not support the main idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p>
Allowable Item Types	<p>Target 3a: Written Response</p> <p>Target 1b: Multiple Choice, single correct response; Multiple Choice, multiple correct responses; Hot Text, selected response; Hot Text, reorder text</p>

Note: Text included in brackets [] in the following task model item stems indicates possible alternative wording. When constructing questions, be sure to select only one wording option; do not include the additional options in brackets.

Task Models	
<p>Task Model 1</p> <p>Target 3a Write Brief Texts</p> <p>Item Type: Written Response</p> <p>DOK 3</p>	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (informational), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level and content appropriate, as if written by a good student. Text will be information that the student will use in composing a response. Complexity may be low to high within a grade level. Text should be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of informational forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Forms/audiences should be familiar to students or explained in context (e.g., science fair, a contest where science projects are displayed and judged.) Stimulus should range between 150 and 200 words, excluding student notes, which should range between 50 and 60 words in length.</p> <p>Student notes should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be boxed • be crafted as authentic notes (e.g., bulleted, listed or otherwise formatted to discourage wholesale copying) • not be complete sentences • not be grammatically parallel <p>A heading preceding the notes should read: <i>The student has taken the following notes from a trustworthy source:</i> [it is assumed student has paraphrased from source(s); furthermore, attribution of sources is not expected for CAT items]</p> <p>Refer to Stimuli/Text Complexity section for more specific information regarding development of stimuli and student notes.</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will direct the student to develop informational/ explanatory text, using the information provided in the stimulus. The stem will explain how the stimulus information is to be used. Students will be directed to use own words, use quotations, paraphrase and/or reference sources [student notes] as appropriate.</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Organization) The student will use information provided in a stimulus to organize informational text by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stating a focus (main idea) • writing in body paragraphs • using transition words and phrases to link ideas • including a conclusion that is appropriate to the audience and related to the information or explanation presented • (Elaboration) The student will select from information/evidence provided in order to develop or elaborate on a section of informational text by applying elaboration techniques such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing and elaborating the focus (main idea) using supporting evidence • using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain

APPROPRIATE STEMS:

Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a **draft** for a specified reason.

ORGANIZATION ITEM STEMS

A student is writing a [report, letter, or article] for the [teacher, principal, class, etc.] about _____. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows.

[Insert stimulus text: @150-200 words]

- The student's [report, letter, or article, etc.] does not have a clear introduction*. Write a beginning paragraph that states and explains the main idea of the paper.
- The student's paper does not have an ending. In one or two paragraphs, write a conclusion* that is clearly related to the information presented in the [report, letter, or article, etc.] about _____.

*Be sure that the stimulus clearly *needs* an introduction/conclusion.

ELABORATION ITEM STEMS

A student is writing a [report, letter, article] for the [teacher, class project, principal, etc.] about _____. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows.

[Insert stimulus text @150-200 words + student notes @50-60 words]

NOTE: *Stimulus will provide, in addition to the student's draft, some source of information such as student notes, a chart, a bulleted list, or similar fictitious, but factually accurate, source. For items written to this type of stimulus, students will either quote directly from the source (they'll assume the notes have been paraphrased) or integrate information using their own words when referencing the sources. They will not need to cite sources.*

- The student wants to develop more support for the [report, article, essay, etc.]. Select [information, evidence, facts, examples, etc. depending on content of student notes] from the student notes to elaborate on the underlined [main or controlling idea, subtopic, or idea] of the [report, article, essay, etc.].
- The student wants to develop more support for the [report, article, essay, etc.]. Select [information, evidence, facts, examples, etc. depending on content of student notes] from the student notes to support the student's ideas about _____.
- Choose facts and details from the student's notes to develop a paragraph beginning with the underlined sentence.
- The student wants to add more supporting information for the [report, etc.]. Select information from the student notes and write a paragraph [or section, etc.] developing support for [the underlined idea, etc.]

***Note:** stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by underlining a section and indicating, for example, "[the underlined part] between paragraphs 1 and 2," or "after [the underlined

	<p>part] at the end of paragraph 3,” etc., or by asking students to complete a paragraph that has been started (and underlined) for them.</p> <p>**Note: Elaboration questions that ask for additional evidence/paragraph(s) should not require students to write the entire body of the letter (or article, etc.); rather, the additional paragraph(s) should elaborate on existing information. For example, if an introductory paragraph is given, there should also be at least one other paragraph (or the beginning of a paragraph) for the student to add to, elaborate on, or develop. For elaboration items, students should never be required to “conclude” a piece of writing.</p> <hr/> <p>Rubric/ Scoring Rules:</p> <p>2-Point Rubric (0, 1, 2) needs to be item specific and for either organization or elaboration. Note: MUST use rubric template document for appropriate rubric (organization: introductions, conclusions: elaboration).</p> <p>Organization—Introduction</p> <p>2 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduces an adequate statement of the main idea/controlling idea that reflects the body of writing as a whole provides adequate information to put the main idea/controlling idea into context does more than list points/reasons to support the main idea/controlling idea—not formulaic connects smoothly to the body paragraph <p>1 point The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides a partial or limited main idea/controlling idea provides a main idea/controlling idea that partially reflects the body of writing as a whole may provide limited and/or extraneous information to put the main idea/controlling idea into context may list supporting points/reasons—formulaic provides a limited and/or awkward connection to the body paragraph <p>0 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides no main idea/controlling idea or provides a main idea/controlling idea that is not appropriate for the body of writing as a whole provides irrelevant or no information to put the main idea/controlling idea into context provides no connection to the body paragraph <p>Organization—Conclusion</p> <p>2 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides an adequate conclusion that follows from and supports the preceding information in the body of writing as a whole or provides a “so what” statement (or provides an answer as to why this information is important or what should happen)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does more than restate or summarize the points/reasons—not formulaic • provides adequate connections and/or progression of ideas to contribute to coherence <p>1 point The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a limited conclusion that is partially related to the information in the body of writing as a whole • lists, restates, or summarizes the points/reasons—formulaic • provides an awkward or partial connection and/or limited progression of ideas <p>0 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides no conclusion or a conclusion that is minimally related to the information in the body of writing • may restate random and/or incorrect details from the preceding information • provides no connections or progression of ideas <p>Elaboration</p> <p>2 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develops adequate supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence from the student notes • does more than list supporting details or ideas • adequately elaborates ideas/reasons using precise words/language <p>1 point The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides mostly general and/or limited supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence (which may be extraneous or loosely related) from the student notes • lists supporting details or ideas with limited elaboration/evidence • partially elaborates ideas/reasons using general words/language <p>0 points The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides minimal or no supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence from the student notes • provides supporting points/ideas/reasons/details and/or evidence that may be unclear, repetitive, incorrect, contradictory to, or interfere with the meaning of the text • provides no appropriate elaboration and/or may use poor word choice for audience and purpose
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Task Models	
Task Model 2 Target 3b Revise Brief Texts Item Type: Multiple Choice, single correct response DOK 2	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (informational), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level. Text will be brief—one-to-three paragraphs. Complexity will depend upon the type of revision being assessed. Text will be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of informational forms (grade-appropriate essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Text should not exceed 150 words.</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will direct the student to select a revision to the stimulus that improves some specified and <u>underlined</u> aspect of the text's evidence/ elaboration or organization. Answer choices will present four options of similar structure. The correct answer will be a clearly discernible and correct solution that revises the stimulus to make the indicated improvement. (For revision items, stems should not ask for correct answers, but should ask for best answers in relation to audience, purpose, and task.)</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Organization) The student will revise informational text by identifying improved organizational elements such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stating a focus (main idea) • writing in body paragraphs* • using transition words and phrases to link ideas • including a conclusion that is appropriate to the audience and related to the information or explanation presented • (Elaboration) The student will revise complex informational text by identifying the best use of elaboration techniques such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing and elaborating the focus (main idea) using supporting evidence • using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain • deleting details that do not support the main idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order NOT details which do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p> <p>APPROPRIATE STEMS:</p> <p>Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason (e.g., to introduce a topic, to conclude the report, to add supporting information, etc.).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORGANIZATION ITEM STEMS</p> <p>A student is writing a [report, letter, or article] for the [teacher, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve the organization. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Embed short informational stimulus with a missing introduction] Choose the sentence that best introduces the main idea of the [report, article, etc.].

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Embed short informational stimulus with an ineffective/inappropriate <u>underlined</u> introduction] The [report, letter, article] does not have a clear introduction. Choose the sentence that best replaces the first sentence]. • [Embed short informational stimulus with an ineffective/inappropriate <u>underlined</u> conclusion] The [report, letter, article] does not have a clear conclusion. Choose the concluding sentence that is more clearly related to/appropriate for the information presented in the [report, etc.]. • [Embed short informational stimulus with a missing conclusion] The [report, letter, article] does not have an ending. Choose the sentence that best concludes the writing. <p style="text-align: center;">ELABORATION ITEM STEMS</p> <p>A student is writing a [book report, report on a class (or other) project, description of a place visited on a field trip, etc.] for [teacher, class, etc.] [about _____]. The student wants to revise the draft to improve the development of ideas. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The [report, letter, article] needs more supporting information [or facts or examples]. Choose the sentence that gives the best information to [be added before/after – or to replace] the underlined sentence to support [the topic/idea, etc.] • Choose the sentence(s) that add(s) the best information to support [the <u>underlined</u> sentence OR to be added after the <u>underlined</u> sentence/idea/topic, etc.]. <p>Note: stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by <u>underlining</u> a section and indicating, for example, “[the <u>underlined</u> part] between paragraphs 1 and 2,” or “after [the <u>underlined</u> part] at the end of paragraph 3,” etc.</p> <p>Scoring Rules: Correct response = 1 point; other = 0 points.</p>
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Task Models	
Task Model 3 Target 3b Revise Brief Texts Item Type: Multiple Choice, multiple correct responses DOK 2	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (informational), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level. Text should be a model of good writing. Text will be brief—one-to-three paragraphs. Complexity will depend upon the type of revision being assessed. Text will be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of informational forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Text should not exceed 150 words.</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will pose a question about two ways to revise the text to improve some specified <u>underlined</u> aspect of the text's development or organization. Answer choices for multiple correct response items should present 5 to 6 options (so that fewer than half the choices are correct). Answer choices will present options of similar structure. The correct answers will be clearly discernible and the best two solutions to revise the stimulus to make the indicated improvements. (For revision, stems should not ask for correct answers, but should ask for best answers in relation to audience, purpose, and task.)</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements: [Note: There are no Organization items for this task model.]</p> <p>(Elaboration) The student will revise complex informational text by identifying the best use of elaboration techniques such as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> developing and elaborating the focus (main idea) using supporting evidence using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain. deleting details that do not support the main idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p> <p>APPROPRIATE STEMS: Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ELABORATION ITEM STEMS</p> <p>A student is writing a [report, letter, or article] for [teacher, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve the development. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose two sentences that would add the best support [examples, definition of terms, etc.] for [the one <u>underlined</u> main idea of the paper]. Choose two sentences that would help develop [or support] [the idea about _____ or the <u>underlined</u> topic or main or controlling idea from the draft]. <p>Note: Stem must indicate specifically where the information is to be inserted. This can be by <u>underlining</u> a section and indicating, for example,</p>

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	<p>“[the <u>underlined</u> part] between paragraphs 1 and 2,” or “after [the <u>underlined</u> part] at the end of paragraph 3,” etc.</p> <p>Note for all: For this task model at this grade level, students choose two answer choices to support one <u>underlined</u> reason, main idea, point, etc.</p> <p>Scoring Rules: All responses correct = 1 point; other = 0 points.</p>
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Task Model 4 Target 3b Revise Brief Texts Item Type: Hot Text, select text DOK 2	<p>Note: Items for this target must have a setup that establishes audience, purpose (informational), and context/task.</p> <p>Stimulus: Text should be at grade level. Text will be brief—one-to-three paragraphs. Complexity will depend upon the type of revision being assessed. Text will be a model of good writing. Text should reflect a variety of informational forms (essay, research and/or news report, article, etc.). Text should not exceed 150 words</p> <p>Task Description: The stem will direct the student to select a revision to the stimulus that improves some specified aspect of the text's development or organization. The correct answer(s) will be clearly discernible and offer the best solution(s) that revise the stimulus to make the indicated improvements. (For revision, stems should not ask for correct answers, but should ask for best answers in relation to audience, purpose, and task.) There should be four to five possible correct answers, and each possible answer should be <u>underlined</u>. If there is more than one defensible options (check every possibility), do not use this item type; use task model 2).</p> <p>Target Evidence Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (Organization) The student will revise informational text by identifying improved organizational elements such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stating a focus (main idea) writing in body paragraphs* using transition words and phrases to link ideas including a conclusion that is appropriate to the audience and related to the information or explanation presented (Elaboration) The student will revise complex informational text by identifying the best use of elaboration techniques such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing and elaborating the focus (main idea) using supporting evidence using precise language and domain-specific vocabulary deleting details that do not support the main idea* <p>*Note: Items aligned to organization present reasons and evidence that are out of order, NOT details that do not belong. Elaboration items address details that do not belong.</p> <p>APPROPRIATE STEMS:</p> <p>Note: all stimuli/stems should indicate that students are revising a draft for a specified reason.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORGANIZATION ITEM STEMS</p> <p>A student is writing a [report, letter, or article] for [teacher, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve [organization, transitions, connections, etc.]. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Insert paragraph of 4-5 sentences, with the best beginning sentence embedded somewhere within the body of the paragraph] The first sentence is not the best beginning for the [_____]. Click on one sentence in the [paragraph, etc.] that would be the best introduction for this [topic]. • [Insert one underlined pair of transition words within stimulus text]. For the <u>underlined</u> pair of words, click on the best word(s) to [make the writer's message clear, connect ideas, etc.] in the student's [report, etc.] Note: Limit to one pair of words at this grade. Also note that the <u>underlined</u> pairs can be single words (e.g., "finally") or short phrases (e.g., "at last"). Note: only transition words/phrases, words that signal relationships, can be assessed outside of target 8. <p style="text-align: center;">ELABORATION ITEM STEMS</p> <p>A student is writing a [report, letter, or article] for [teacher, class, etc.] about _____. The student wants to revise the draft to improve the development of ideas. Read the draft of the _____ and complete the task that follows. [Insert text.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Embed paragraph with one sentence that does not support the main idea] Click on one sentence that does not belong in the [paper, letter, report, etc.] because it does not support [the <u>underlined</u> main idea]. Note: this is not an organization stem: the correct answer should be information that clearly does not support the controlling idea. <p>Scoring Rules: All responses correct = 1 point; other = 0 points.</p>
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