

How-To Writing Rubric for 2nd Grade

Criteria	4 - Excellent 90-100	3 - Good 80-89	2 - Needs Improvement 70-79	1 - Unsatisfactory <69
Introduction	Clearly introduces the topic with an engaging sentence.	Introduces the topic, but may lack engagement.	Introduction is unclear or not related to the topic.	No introduction provided.
Steps	Three clear, logical steps that are easy to follow.	Three steps provided, but may lack clarity.	Fewer than three steps or steps are confusing.	No steps provided.
Content-Specific Language	Uses rich transitional language throughout. (First, Next, Last)	Uses some transitional language.	Limited use of transitional language.	No transitional language used.
Conclusion	Provides a strong concluding sentence that wraps up the topic.	Provides a conclusion, but it may lack strength.	Conclusion is unclear or missing.	No conclusion provided.
Illustrations and Captions	Illustrations are creative and well-labeled with informative captions.	Illustrations are present with captions, but may lack detail.	Illustrations are unclear or captions are missing.	No illustrations or captions provided.