

## Writing Sample Checklist

### **Incorrect capitalization**

- Did not consistently capitalize the first word in a sentence
- Did not consistently capitalize the first letter in names or proper nouns
- Did not consistently capitalize I
- Capitalized words (or letters within words) that did not need a capital

### **Incorrect punctuation**

- Did not put periods or question marks at appropriate spots
- Did not use commas correctly
- Did not use apostrophes correctly
- Did not use quotation marks correctly

### **Spelling errors**

- Misspelled high frequency sight words
  - Consonant sounds left out, inserted or just wrong
  - Wrote the correct letters in the wrong sequence
  - Messed up the vowel sounds
  - Wrote words or syllables without any vowels
  - Showed Silent-E confusion
  - Spelled the same word differently each time it was written
  - Homonym confusion
  - Did not apply suffix spelling rules
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- Common Confusions: b-d p-q g-j m-n**
  - Reversals of letters and/or numbers after 2 years of instruction & practice**

## Dysgraphia Checklist

- Odd pencil grip
- Extreme pressure when writing
- Letters do not consistently sit on the line
- Letter heights and/or letter-height relationships are inconsistent
- Slant is inconsistent
- Tails do not consistently go below the line
- Inconsistent spacing between words, or between letters within words
- Poor or inconsistent letter or number formation