Indicators of Success for Writing in Mathematics

Goals for students include the following:

- Students can communicate their ideas clearly using a variety of writing formats such as conjectures, proofs, mathematical arguments, graphic organizers, and affective writing.
- Students use appropriate mathematical vocabulary.
- Students integrate pictures, words, and numbers meaningfully to support and demonstrate their understandings and ideas.
- Students provide effective rationales for their ideas.
- Students provide examples to support their mathematical ideas.
- Students are able to revise and rework their writing based on feedback from peers and/or teachers.
- Students can make connections to real-world applications.

Observation Checklist for Writing in Mathematics

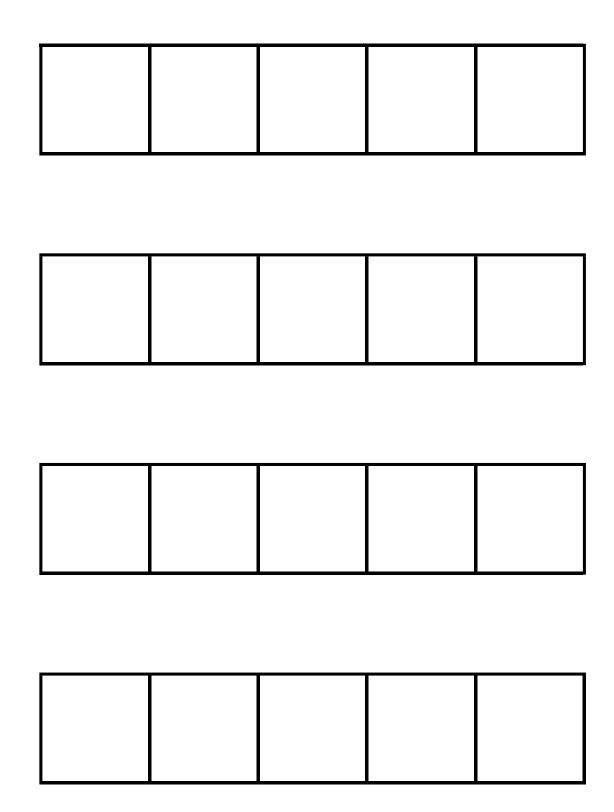
Teacher Comments				
Makes connections to real- world applications				
Revises and reworks her/his writing based on feedback from peers and/or teachers				
Provide examples to support her/his mathematical ideas				
Provides effective rationales for her/his ideas				
Integrates pictures, words, and numbers meaningfully to demonstrate her/his ideas				
Uses appropriate mathematical vocabulary		_		
Communicates her/his ideas clearly using a variety of writing formats				
Student Name				

R = Rarely S = Sometimes F = Frequently C = Consistently

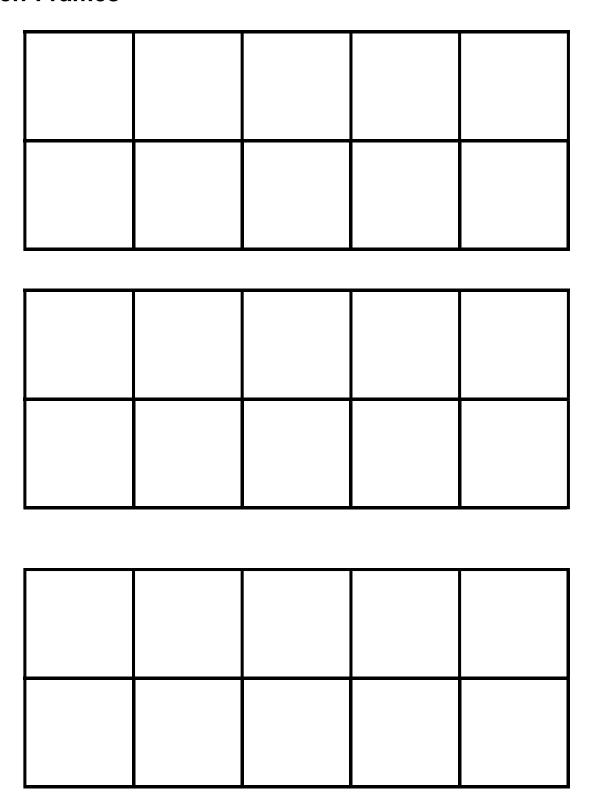
My Math Writing
☐ Is my writing easy to understand?
☐ Do I include math words?
□ Have I used pictures and/or numbers to explain my thinking?
☐ Have I explained how I know my mathematical ideas?
☐ Have I included examples to show my ideas?
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In	dicators of Success for Writing
	Is my writing well organized and easy to follow?
	Have I included mathematical vocabulary?
	Have I used mathematical vocabulary correctly?
	Have I used pictures and/or numbers effectively to explain my thinking?
	Have I explained the reasons for my mathematical ideas?
	Have I included examples to help the reader understand what I am saying?
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Five-Frames



Ten-Frames

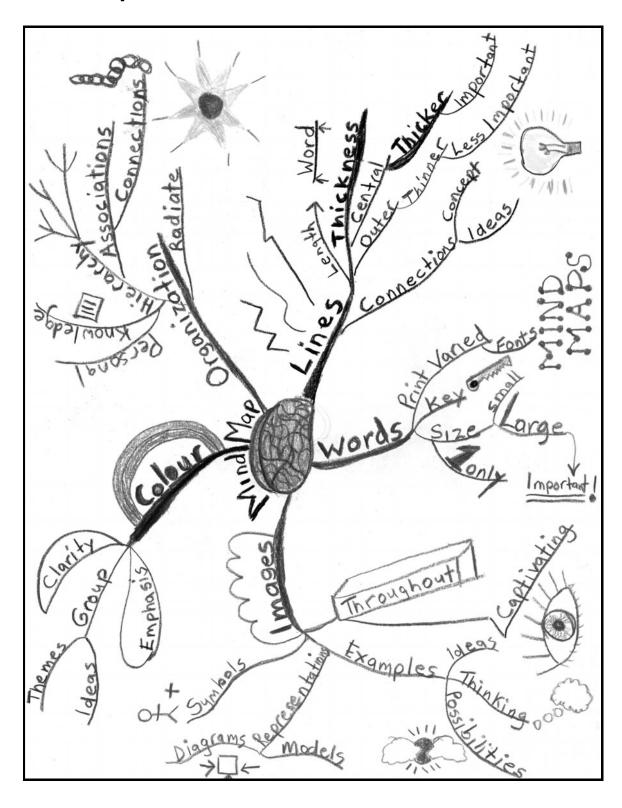


My Math Pictures
☐ Are my pictures clear and easy to read?
☐ Do I include titles and numbers?
☐ Do I use arrows and labels to explain my pictures?
☐ Does the picture show my thinking?
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Indicators of Success for Effective Pictures in Mathematical Writing

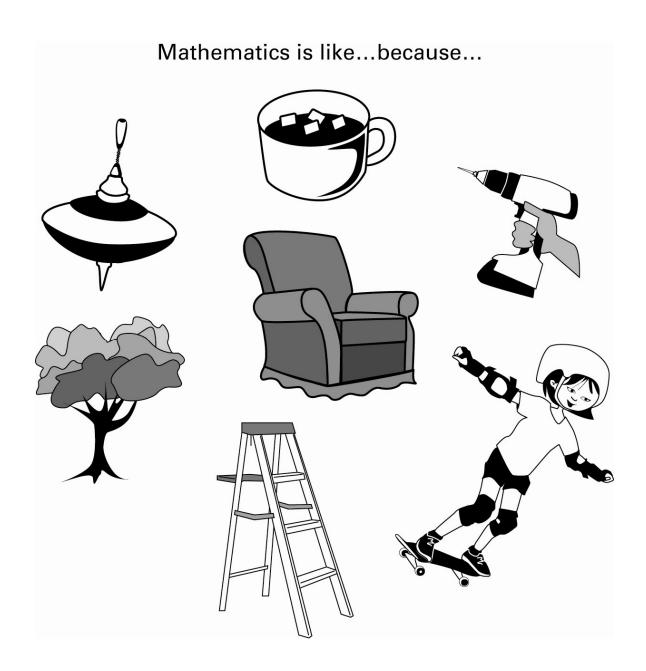
	Are my pictures clear and easy to read?
	Do I use titles and numbers effectively to communicate the message of the picture?
	Do I use arrows and labels appropriately to highlight different features of the picture?
	Does the picture effectively support what I want to say?
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	Does the picture effectively support what I want to say?

Mind Map Visual Overview



Concept Map Visual Overview





My Math Mind Map ☐ I place the main idea in the middle of my map. ☐ I use pictures and key math words to describe the main idea. ☐ The math information I share in my map makes sense. ☐ I use colour and different branches to organize my map. ☐ I include cross-links. ☐ My math mind map is easy to read. Math Expressions: Developing Student Thinking and Problem Solving Through Communication Copyright © 2013 Pearson Canada Inc. This page may have been modified from its original. **My Math Mind Map** ☐ I place the main idea in the middle of my map. ☐ I use pictures and key math words to describe the main idea. ☐ The math information I share in my map makes sense. ☐ I use colour and different branches to organize my map.

☐ My math mind map is easy to read.

☐ I include cross-links.

In	dicators of Success for an Effective Mind Map
	All key math concepts/ideas I include are related to the main topic and radiate from a clear central image.
	Connections and information that I include in my mind map make sense.
	I use colour and branches to organize my ideas.
	I use key math words correctly to communicate my ideas.
	I include cross-links to correctly connect different math ideas.
	My math mind map is well organized and easy to read.
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M	y Math Concept Map
	I place my main topic at the top. I place more specific concepts below.
	I use different linking words and concepts.
	My linking words show how the different math concepts go together.
	I use cross-links to connect different concepts in my map.
	The concepts I include describe the main topic.
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☐ The concepts I include describe the main topic.

Indicators of Success for an Effective Math Concept Map

	I place my main topic at the top, leading to more specific concepts at the bottom.
	I use a variety of linking words and math concepts.
	My linking words correctly describe how the concepts connect to each other.
	I use cross-links that correctly connect concepts from different sections in my map.
	I include additional concepts that support the main topic.
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