

## Weather

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Weather is hot,  
Weather is cold,  
Weather is changing  
As the weeks unfold.



Skies are cloudy,  
Skies are fair,  
Skies are changing  
In the air.



It is raining,  
It is snowing,  
It is windy  
With breezes blowing.



Days are foggy,  
Days are clear,  
Weather is changing  
Throughout the year!

We experience different kinds of weather at different times of the year. Think about your favorite time of year. Write an essay that explains why this time of year is your favorite. Use details from the poem to explain your answer.

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## Holistic Score: 4

As I wait for summer's heat to come to an end , fall sets in. Fall is the most sensational season there is to come. In fall it is perfect weather, it has rainy days, and finally it is football season.

Fall has just the right amount of weather because it is not too cold or hot, and it has a gentle breeze some days. Also it has just the right amount of sunshine. The rain fall is not the heaviest, and I just love the sound it makes when it hits the ground. Sometimes when the rain is light I like to wonder out in it. Lastly comes football season, one of my most favorite sports. When I watch football it brightens my day, and it brings my family together when we watch it.

So, summer time is almost over and fall is on its way. I cannot wait for wonderful weather, rainy days, and football season. Sometimes I just wish that fall was every day of the year! It is almost like fall is every day of the year to me because fall is and always will be with me forever. Sometimes I wonder how there can be such a beautiful season made. Time for me to go, I have to go listen to the fabulous rain.

This paper exceeds grade-level standards. The topic is developed and the essay has an inviting introduction and a satisfying conclusion. The writer uses details from the poem and expressive language for stylistic effect to shape ideas.

### **Holistic Score: 3**

My favorite time of the year is summer because the days are bright, the weather is hot, the skies are fair, and the day is clear. Summer is the best time to go to the beach or play outside in the sun with your friends. When it's summer you don't have to wear a jacket and you don't have to worry about getting a cold. In the summer the flowers bloom, the leaves are not dead, and mostly every morning the birds sing. It might not snow, but sometimes there is a slight breeze.

When it's summer I feel energetic because you could do a lot of things in the summer. Most animals are outside in the summer and their not hibernating. I think summer is really the best time of the year.

This paper is adequate and meets grade-level standards. The writer develops the topic and uses details from the poem. There is a clear introduction and, although the paper digresses before the conclusion, it does not inhibit the flow of the essay. The writer uses appropriate sensory details and a consistent tone. Mechanics flow smoothly and sentence structure is varied.

### **Holistic Score: 2**

I think spring is beautiful it is my favorite time of year. I'm going to tell you why I love spring. One reason rivers, second reason butterflys, third watching day appear.

The rivers in Utah were beautiful in the spring. I would run with the fast streamy river until I got to a lake it was so beautiful. Me and my papa would sit near the river and fish we would usually catch about two fish a day. I would sit there and watch him throw them back in the water as they swam away fast.

I would chase butterflys with my grandpa and grandma then open my hand and let them fly away. One time I caught a butterfly I loved it, and then the time came to open the lid to the jar and let it go I did not want to but I felt better when I did.

I loved to wake up real early and climb a tree. I would sit up there and watch the day come alive, I watched the sun come up and the flowers bloom. I stayed up there for a long time and when the forest was awake I would get down and play with the dog named Halo, she loved to chase squirrels.

That's why I love Spring. It's beautiful and fun and just radiant! I think spring is the best season of all! I think a lot of people should love spring!

This paper is inadequate. The writer mentions the topic but there seems to be some missing information that leaves the reader with a lot of questions. The essay has some organization and an introduction and conclusion are present, although the introduction is awkward. Inconsistent details and sentence structure are present. This essay is an example of a high '2'.

## **Holistic Score: 1**

My favorit time of the year is summer becuas I get to go swimming and becuas it cools you doun  
And summer brake and I get to see my cusins thay live in woshington it's far.And I get to see my  
frends.And sume times we get to go to the avecher dome it's so fun!And we go on vacason we go to  
Idahow! In the summer I get to play football .And I get to play my x box360 becuas I have more free time  
at home .I have a lot of games I have halo reach,nead for speed

This paper is inadequate. The writer mentions the topic but includes irrelevant details that read more like a list of random thoughts. There is no connection to the audience and no conclusion. The writer demonstrates a consistent misuse of grammar and mechanics that impede the flow of the paper.