Anchor Set

AZELLA Sample Test – Stage V
Writing Item Number 20

20 On page 3 of your answer document, write an expository paragraph that explains what it is like to live in Arizona.

Be sure to include:
• A topic sentence.
• Supporting details.
• A conclusion.

Check Your Writing: Expository Writing

☐ Present information about the topic.
☐ Use a topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion.
☐ Use words that explain the topic.
☐ Use a variety of complete sentences.
☐ Use correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.
Writing Rubric
Rubric ID: III-V.W.5
Stages III-V
0-5 points
Use for items #20 and #21

**Score 5:** Ideas are expressed and developed clearly; conventions of Standard English are successfully incorporated; sentences are varied with both simple and complex structures; writing is organized and clearly moves from one sentence to the next; writing is focused and descriptive. A score point 5 will include:

- An idea supported with relevant reasons, examples, and/or details; characters and setting as appropriate.
- Command of grammar (including syntax) and usage with few or no errors.
- Correct capitalization and end punctuation; infrequent errors in internal punctuation.
- Infrequent and/or minor spelling errors that do not impede the reader’s comprehension.
- Recognizable organization that allows the reader to follow the text from beginning to end.
- Consistent use of descriptive words and phrases that address the purpose, topic, and audience using academic language as appropriate.
- Prompt/question addressed either in a statement or with clear implication.

**Score 4:** Main idea is evident and development is present. Writing includes minimal errors in Standard English conventions that do not impede communication of the text. There is variation of sentence structures; simple sentences prevail. Vocabulary is appropriate. Student uses transitions although they are repetitive or missing at times. A score point 4 will include:

- An idea and details or characters and setting as appropriate.
- Minimal errors in grammar (including syntax) and usage that do not impede communication.
- Infrequent errors in capitalization and punctuation do not impede communication.
- Infrequent and/or minor spelling errors that do not impede the reader’s comprehension.
- An organization that incorporates transitional words to guide the reader through the text, from beginning to end.
- Words and phrases that address the topic and audience using academic language although inconsistencies are noted.
- Evidence of connection to the prompt/question, stated or implied.

**Score 3:** Main idea is present; few details are evident although some are general. Writing includes errors in Standard English conventions which impede communication. There is a hint of sentence variation, but attempts are often unsuccessful. Vocabulary is limited. A score point 3 will include:

- Main idea present; details randomly placed; simplistically stated character(s) and/or setting as appropriate.
- Errors in grammar (including syntax) and usage that begin to confuse the reader.
- Frequent errors in capitalization and punctuation that begin to impede communication.
• Frequent spelling errors that begin to impede reader’s comprehension.
• Organization difficult to follow; transitions often missing; beginning and/or ending that may be missing.
• Repetitive use of words and phrases.
• Some evidence of connection to the prompt/question stated or implied.

Score 2: Main idea is discernible; details are not always tied to an idea and are sometimes off topic. Errors in Standard English conventions impede communication. Sentences are often incomplete or are simplistic in structure. Vocabulary is limited and repetitive. A score point 2 will include:

• Ideas vague and/or simplistic; details sometimes unrelated; if appropriate, characters and/or setting not identified, although a name may be mentioned.
• Errors in grammar (including syntax) and usage that impede communication.
• Beginning capitalization and end punctuation are often incorrect. Internal punctuation not correct if used.
• Spelling errors that impede reader’s comprehension.
• Organization non-existent; no cohesiveness among the sentences; beginning and ending missing.
• Repetitive and/or incorrect words and phrases.

Score 1: No main idea is present; there is only a list of English words and phrases with no connection to one another. The use of Standard English conventions is not evident. Sentences are incomplete or are random words strung together. Vocabulary is the repetition of a few words that offer no cohesive meaning. A score point 1 will include:

• Absence of ideas; if appropriate, characters and/or setting not identified, although a name may be mentioned.
• Errors in grammar (including syntax) and usage that impede communication.
• No consistent evidence of capitalization and punctuation.
• Spelling errors that impede the reader’s comprehension.
• Organization non-existent; no cohesiveness among the words and phrases; beginning and ending missing.

Score 0: This score point is applied in any of the following conditions:

• Blank page
• Language other than English
• Off-topic response
• Restatement or copying of the prompt
• Illegible or unintelligible response
• Evidence of teacher interference or student cheating
Anchor V-20-0-26

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Annotation

Anchor Paper 26
Score point 0

This response is a copy as well as multiple restatements of the prompt.
Anchor V-20-1-27

Annotation

Anchor Paper 27
Score point 1

This response is an attempt to write an English sentence with some connection to the prompt [I like Arizona because here is don't have many people]. There is initial capitalization and final punctuation. Spelling and grammar errors impede comprehension.
Anchor V-20-1-28

Annotation

Anchor Paper 28
Score point 1

This response contains several sentence fragments ([I] like school…). With the exception of the word “Arizona”, there is no evidence of capitalization or punctuation. Although there is an attempt to write a statement that addresses the prompt (I dont like Arizona because too hat), there is no subject in the second clause of the sentence and the spelling errors impede comprehension.
My favorite is Arizona because it's different in season. First, I live in Phoenix Arizona with my family. I like it here, I like it here because it's have many lot in the weekend. I went to the mountain with my friend playing and lesson to the music. I like it in Arizona because it's cheap in everything. I buy house or car anything. Secondly, I live in Arizona because it's seasonal. I like it here because it's winter season is nice in rain in winter. I play under the rain with my sisters and brother. It do that I am so happy. My brother like the summer in Arizona because he go to the pool. Swimming I do not like because it's hot. I can't go to the school in the last. I like in the beach in summer. I like the beach in summer because I go with my family walk on the beach and play tennis with my brother. I like it here because very day in the summer I running in the morning with my sister and lesson to the music. I enjoy with my family live in Phoenix Arizona because it's different in verything.
Anchor V-20-2-1
Annotation

Anchor Paper 1
Score point 2

[My favrite is Arizona because...]

The overall response is structured and transitions are logical. The paragraph has a topic sentence that is connected to the prompt and a conclusion. Internal punctuation is used (Secondly, ...). The ideas and details although simplistic, are appropriate. However, the abundance of grammar and usage errors impedes communication. (I like live in Arizona because is cheap in very thing in buy house or car any think.) (I like live here because it’s have montin a lot in the weekend.) Spelling errors impede reader’s comprehension. It is difficult to determine where sentences begin and end due to punctuation errors.
Anchor Paper 29
Score point 2

This response implicitly addresses the prompt in one run-on sentence that lacks final punctuation. There is initial punctuation and spelling errors, although frequent, do not impede communication (beaus, nise, workin).

Not a 1 because there are ideas present in this response.
Anchor V-20-2-3

First, life in Arizona is good taken for the people who doesn't have a job. If you want to leave your town, you should work that’s you can buy a house, working hard to try to give your child everything it’s good, that is the first reason to live in Arizona. Second, there is a lot of places that you can go with your family in summer. For example, a nice place called somewhere its a nice place when you are bored you can take your family and have some fun, and there is a lot of parks you can have fun too you can play and that there and you can do what ever you want. Last of all, the weather is cool and nice maybe you like it maybe you don't. I know in Arizona there is a hot weather and cold and sometimes warm, but cold, hot, or warm doesn't matter because if you want to live and give everything to your children Arizona is a nice place to live no matter what the weather is, there is a lot of fun in Arizona.
Anchor V-20-2-3

Annotation

Anchor Paper 3
Score point 2

[First, live in Arizona is a good idea for the people who ...]

This response includes some use of transition words, *(First, second, For example).* The paragraph includes a main idea and ends with a conclusion. In addition to spelling errors that impede reader’s comprehension, a few sentences are not sufficiently legible to be read. Run-on sentences are common and errors in punctuation confuse the reader. Subject-verb agreement errors are common.

Not a 3 because of the abundance of syntax and usage errors that make the response difficult to read and comprehend.
The live in Arizona, it is hard, we saw it in the first time when we come, because we saw everything different like home, school, and the most important thing is language. We hope every thing will be better, and every thing will be fix. My mom was always saying that to us, and she also said to me don't worry you will go to school, and learn English. Then after short time every thing were going okay, and we glori, because I went to school and start to learn, else my brother found job that made us so happy. I think all new people see the live in Arizona hard, because they can't do all their hobbies, and all what they want. All hobbies become over. That what I heard from some people in the first time. All thing in the first time were so boring, because I can't do every thing I was doing, because it is different live, country, and different law. Truly the live in Arizona it is not too much easy, but I want to make sure the live here in Arizona better than everywhere.
Anchor V-20-2-4

Annotation

Anchor Paper 4
Score point 2

[The live in Arizona it is hard.]

A main idea is discernable (The live in Arizona it is hard.) Ideas are present and details are included but randomly placed. Frequent errors in sentence structure (syntax) impede comprehension. These include incorrect use of verb tense (we hoped every thing will be better and everything will be fix. Then after short time every thing were going okay, and we glad. All hobbies become over.). Preposition errors (That what I heared from some people in the first time.) Although not successful, an attempt was made to write opening and closing sentences. Punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors impede reader’s comprehension.
This is my idea for why I like to live in Arizona. I like to go to school because the teachers are very nice with the students. I have three friends in the school they name are Ben, John and Erik. I like to speak English because it is a beautiful language. I like to go to the state fair because the people are happy in the state fair. My family and I are going to the state fair and my family are happy. My brother and my cause like to play in the state fair because they like to enter in the scared house. My girlfriend and I like to go to the Cortez Park because it is beautiful and Arizona have a beautiful park. I like to practice soccer in the park because it is good for my body. My best friend and I are going to the Cortez Parks to walk and to run. For this I love to live in Arizona with my family and my best friends and my girlfriend.
Anchor Paper 5
Score point 3

[This is my idea for why, I like...]

A main idea is present (For this I love to live in Arizona with my family and my best friends and my girlfriend) and there are a number of details provided. There is a hint of sentence variation (My girlfriend and I like to go in The Cortez Park because it is beautiful and Arizona have a beautiful park). However, there are errors in syntax, spelling and usage that begin to impede communication.

Not a 2 as the student does not lack a coherent message and there is clear evidence of organization with a beginning and ending. There is also evidence of connection to the prompt.

Not a 4 as the response contains frequent errors in standard English conventions – including syntax - which impede communication.
The best state of the United States

The biggest state and the hotter state
in Arizona, Arizona is the biggest state of
the United States, the United States bought
Arizona in 1912 from Mexico. Now Arizona
is part of the United States and is really
beautiful. It has a zoo called Phoenix Zoo.
Phoenix is the principal city of Arizona and
the Grand Canyon, the popular city in Arizona.
Arizona is really hot because it is a desert
but the people like to live in Arizona.
The popular plant in Arizona is the
cactus and some people like to decorate
their houses with the cactus plant. In
the winter the north of Arizona is cold
and sometimes there is snow there. Flagstaff
gets with snow when it is cold in winter.
And Prescott is a little cold in the winter
but Prescott has snow too when it's
cold. That is the biggest and hotter
state in the United States most
likely too live.
Anchor V-20-3-6

Annotation

Anchor Paper 6
Score point 3

[The best state of the United States... ]

Main idea, although incorrect (Arizona is the biggest and hottest state), and details (The popular plant in Arizona is the cactus and some people like to decorate their houses with the cactus plant.) are present but randomly placed. Errors in grammar begin to confuse reader (That is the biggest and hotter state in the United States must likely too live.) Paragraph begins with capitalization and punctuation errors that do not persist. Spelling errors do not impede communication (bough [bought], beatiful, Presscott.). Organization is difficult to follow. (Now Arizona is part of the United States and is really beatiful it has a zoo call Phoenix Zoo.) There is little use of academic language.

Not a 2 because the ideas in the response are clear.
Living in Arizona is a wonderful place to live in. In Arizona there is a lot of different things and places that you haven't seen before, there is a really cheap stuff to buy and have fun with it. In summer, people would go out have lunch at any part or people would go to the lake or pools to swim. Arizona is very hot place but living in has better than living in cold where you could freeze you self and get sick. Living with people in Arizona or even get to know them more you would realize that they're so nice and helpful that they can help you with anything you want without saying no! In Arizona every street or apartment have there a name and the street number and the apartment name that when someone gives you their address you can get to it without losing the way. Living in Arizona is great that people will stay living here they won't complain about some in Arizona.
Anchor Paper 8
Score point 3

[Living in Arizona is a wonderful place to live in.]

Main idea is present and supported by details. Grammar errors are frequent *(In Arizona there is a lot of different things... Every street or apartment have there a name ...).* Run-on sentences are frequently used. Although spelling is overall accurate, numerous grammar usage errors begin to impede reader’s comprehension *(Living in Arizona is great that people will stay living here they won’t combline about some in Arizona.)* Transitions are not used to guide the reader. Punctuation and capitalization errors are infrequent. There is a hint of sentence variation, but most sentences begin with a version of “Living in Arizona...”
Arizona is a great state. It is so nice to live in Arizona. The weather in Arizona is good. Arizona is a sunny state about people like sunny days. People in Arizona like to go to some parks there is a lot of good parks in Arizona. Sun also keeps you healthy unlike other snowy states when you can’t do some activities like biking or skateboarding or play any sport in school. Arizona is also big there is a lot of many places to visit. You can go to malls with your friends. There is also good places for a trip like the Grand Canyon or you can go to new Mexico. Schools in Arizona are good like Moon Valley High School or Greenway High School. The schools in Arizona is like an open community. Sports in school gives you the chance to stay healthy. You can also get involved with the clubs and make a lot of friends. Therefore, you might want to live in Arizona after all it is a nice place to live in.
Anchor Paper 9
Score point 3

[Arizona is a great state.]

Main idea is supported by details. Topic and concluding sentences are used. Grammar errors (syntax, usage) although evident (The schools in Arizona is like an open community.) do not impede communication. Run-on sentences are evident (Arizona is a suny state a lot of peopl like suny days. Peopl in Arizona like to go to some parks there is a lot of good parks in Arizona.) Spelling errors do not confuse the reader, but are frequent (sunny, peopl, unlik, activitys, Kanyen, Maxeco, cuminity, Therefor).

Not a 4 because even though organization is logical, transition words are not used to guide the reader from beginning to end.
Arizona is a wonderful state with many interesting places and things. To begin, the Grand Canyon is in here. When I first came here, my family and I went to the Grand Canyon with each other. The weather in Arizona is hot almost all year long, and in the Winter Arizona doesn’t have snow. So that people can hang out and play sports with a perfect temperature. With a hot temperature, there are many communities that sales cold things like ice cream or cold drinks in the summer. There is no often raining in Arizona, and people would like to go to swim in their own pools. People love to live in Arizona because there are many interesting restaurants with huge kind of food. There are people come from another country so they have other different type of food. Arizona is a great state with interesting things and here is a wonderful state.
Anchor V-20-3-10

Annotation

Anchor Paper 10
Score point 3

[Arizona is a wonderful state with many interesting places ... ]

A main idea is present (Arizona is wonderful state with many interesting places and things.) and there are a number of details provided. There is a hint of sentence variation (With a hot temperature, there are many communities that sales cold things like ice cream or cold drinks in the summer). However, there are errors in syntax, sentence formation, and usage that begin to impede communication. Vocabulary usage errors begin to confuse reader (huge kind of food, communities that sales)

Not a 2 as the student does not lack a coherent message and there is clear evidence of organization with a beginning and ending.

Not a 4 as the response contains a number errors in standard English conventions – including syntax and sentence formation - which impede communication.
A lot of people like to live in Arizona. There are some perfect places. For example, each year, so many people visit Grand Canyon for their vacation. Some say “they would like to move to there because it's a nicest place they have been.” Arizona doesn't have any beach, but it has a lot of beautiful mountains. It's a good choice for people who want to hike everyday because they can even see the mountain near by them if they live here. Even though, there are many good things, but it isn't a perfectly place in the summer because of the weather. For instance, some old people confirm Arizona has warm winter because it doesn't have snow or ice rain like Boston, Alaska, or New York. But somehow, it's too hot in the summer. The temperature can crease like 125°F. The hottest time in a year is March, June, July, and August. Many people so excited when those months pass. As you can see, it's good place to live on but it isn't a good choice in summer anyway.
Anchor Paper 11
Score point 4

[A lot of people like to live in Arizona.]

A main idea is evident and development is present. There is an attempt to use variations in sentence structures (Arizona doesn't have any beach, but it has a lot of beautiful mountains.) Organization is logical and an attempt is made to use transition words (For example, Even though, For instance, But somehow, As you can see) but not always appropriately. Spelling and vocabulary errors do not impede comprehension (It’s a good choose [choice] for people...; ...it isn’t a perfectly [perfect] place), but are common. There are punctuation errors. An attempt is made to use quotation marks. Some grammar errors (many good thing; it’s good place to live; Many people so excited when these months pass.)
Arizona and its weather. Everything is nice when the fall season comes. The temperatures start going down, allowing you to enjoy the days and nights by going out with your family or friends. Also, it allows you to wear those short pants. Winter could be the best season of the year, with it come the snow, warm pajamas, Christmas and even the lowest temperatures of the state. Many people go to the highest places in Arizona to see the beautiful snow holding in their hands a hot cup of chocolate or a sweet cup of coffee. This is the part of the year that people enjoy the most even when you have to protect yourself from the cold winter. The cold temperatures. The spring is a good season because it time for “Baseball” and the weather is perfect to play it. At the beginning of February, you will find in Arizona the best temperature to play a sport. The weather is not as cold as the winter but it’s not really hot either. You can practice your favorite sport and have a good time at anywhare at the same time. The beach, fun and sand are what people like to visit during summers, but not all people like it.
Anchor V-20-4-12

Annotation

Anchor Paper 12
Score point 4

[Arizona and Its weather.]

In this response, the main idea is not evident though it is implied (Arizona and Its weather) and development is present (Many people go to the highest places in Arizona to see the beautiful snow holding in their hands a hot cup of chocolate or a sweet cup of coffee.) The organization, though lacking a clear beginning and ending, incorporates transitional words and phrases (Also, with it comes, even when, At the beginning) within the text. Academic language structures are used (The temperature starts going down, allowing you to enjoy the days and nights by going out with your family or friends.) Convention errors are infrequent. Vocabulary is appropriate.

Not a 3 as the response incorporates transitional words and is developed. Errors in conventions are infrequent.

Not a 5 as the response lacks a clear beginning and ending and the use of academic language is inconsistent.
In Arizona there isn't a lot of things to visit like beaches or monuments but there is a lot of stuff that make up for it. As an Arizonian, I can say there is Sedona and Flagstaff were there is hiking and running that take place. Arizona is also known for the Grand Canyon, which is one of the top places to visit. Also, Arizona is known for our football team, the Cardinals which have a really good offense and defense. Many people also go downtown to visit the little boutiques that they have as well as a variety of restaurants. Overall, Arizona has many attractions to visit as well as its extreme temperatures but Arizona has always been my home and will always continue to be.
Anchor V-20-4-25

Annotation

Anchor Paper 25
Score point 4

[In Arizona there isn't a lot of things to visit...]

This response includes well organized ideas and details as well as a beginning and an ending. There is also some sentence variation in this response (*Arizona is also known for...; Arizona has always been... and will always be...*) and use of academic vocabulary (*monuments, take place, variety, attractions, extreme*).

Not a 5 because the writing does not demonstrate mastery of standard English conventions. There are capitalization errors (*sedona, cardinals, overall*), use of everyday language and colloquialisms (*things. Stuff*), spelling errors (*their instead of there, were in place of where, it’s instead of its*).
Arizona is a good place to live. Arizona is a famous place where everything can happen. Many important events happen right here, such as concerts, sports events, etc. For those people that would like to have an experience to meet or see someone famous, Arizona is perfect. Also, Arizona have a lot of beautiful places. If people want to have a good time, Arizona gives many options of places, for example, the Grand Canyon or Sedona. In Arizona, people can find many good, beautiful, and fun places where people can stay to live, relax, or just for vacations. Good weather is something that Arizona have. There are many options of weather in Arizona like cold, warm or hot. Depends on people likes, the weather they want to support during their vacations or life. In conclusion, to have a good time, Arizona can be perfect to those people who look for a good weather, beautiful places, or just for important events.
Anchor V-20-5-13

Annotation

Anchor Paper 14
Score point 5

[Arizona is a good place to live. Arizona is a famous place...]

In this response, the writer clearly states the main idea (Arizona is a famous place where everything can happen) and supports it with relevant examples and details (Also, Arizona have a lot of beautiful places. If people want to have a good time, Arizona gives many options of places, for example the Gran Canyon or Sedona. In Arizona, people can find many good, beautiful and fun places). The writing is organized and focused and incorporates effective transitions (For those people, Also, If people want, In Arizona, In conclusion) that allow the reader to follow the text from the beginning to the effective closing (In conclusion, to have a good time, Arizona can be perfect to those people who look for a good weather, beautiful places, or just for important events). Sentences are varied. Though there are a few grammar errors, these errors do not impede communication.

Not a 4 as the main idea is supported with relevant reasons and details. There is a recognizable organization that guides the reader from beginning to end.
Arizona is known for its diverse climate and landscapes. Arizona has about 5 different climate zones. In Arizona you could go from being in a scorching hot desert to a snowing forest and that is why so many people move to Arizona because where they are from they probably only have one climate for where they’re living. Arizona also has many attractions people could go visit, one of the attractions is one of seven wonders of the world which is the Grand Canyon and it is such a beautiful spectacular you called also visit one of our many lakes & rivers, such as Fossil Creek and Lake Pleasant. Arizona just has something to offer for everyone.
Anchor V-20-5-14

Annotation

Anchor Paper 14
Score point 5

[Arizona is known for its diverse climate...]

This response has a main idea (Arizona is known for its diverse climate and landscapes,) that is developed and illustrated with relevant examples. There are a few spelling mistakes (phonetic spelling) that do not interfere with communication (beutiful, spectical, called [could]). Capitalization errors are few (seven wonders of the world, Fossil creek) and punctuation is correct. There is evidence of academic vocabulary (diverse climate, landscapes, zones, scorching, attractions, offer) as well of the use of descriptive words.

Not a 4 because even though there are a few errors, response exhibits the sophistication and enhanced communication necessary for a score point 5.
Arizona, also known as the Grand Canyon State, is truly one of the best places to live. Most people might argue that and say Arizona is a boring state, but there is so much to see and do, if you like the outdoors. For example Arizona has lots of lakes and hiking trails. It's a great way to spend time with friends or family in an adventurous way. Another reason why Arizona is such a great place to live is because you have options for weather. For instance if you like the cold weather you can choose to live somewhere like Flagstaff, but if you're someone who likes more of a warmer climate you can choose to live somewhere like Phoenix or Tucson. Arizona is also a very safe place to live. For example Arizona doesn't get natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes or tornados. One can live in Arizona and not have to worry about being in those. Living in Arizona is just a very safe, adventurous, and relaxing place.
Anchor V-20-5-15

Annotation

Anchor Paper 15
Score point 5

[Arizona, also known as the Grand Canyon state, ...]

This response uses descriptive words and phrases consistently (truthfully, adventurous, warmer, safe, relaxing, etc.) to address the topic and uses academic language (argue, outdoors, options, natural disasters, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornados). There is a variety of sentence structures in the writing (...known as...; ...people might argue...; One can live...and not have to worry...). This response exhibits stage appropriate mastery of standard English conventions.