



Narrative Writing Essay “15 Checks” Checklist

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Essay writing is hard.

But... with Exam Success’ “15 Checks” checklist for **narrative writing**, you’ll be able to learn how easy it is to fix up certain areas of your writing that are likely leading to loss of scores.

To use this checklist:

1. Read through your narrative writing essay
2. Go through each of the areas below under “your impression” to see if your impression of the essay matches - if it does, see the potential cause and then check out masterclass videos to learn how to fix up your writing weakness.

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The Checklist

Is your impression of the essay any of the following?	Check	Potential Cause	Easy “How-to Fix It” Masterclass Videos <small>Click on the link to get to the video</small>
1 Could not understand what the piece was about. It was unclear and confusing. The piece didn't make sense.	Yes → No. <i>Move to next row.</i>	Poor story organization Ineffective planning	1. How to Plan to Save Time 2. How to Plan a Main Event 3. How to Develop a Story 4. How to Select Good Ideas for your Piece 5. How to Plan Events
2 The piece seemed: • too short • too long	Yes → No. <i>Move to next row.</i>	Ineffective planning	1. How to Plan Effectively 2. Learn the Right Length for your Paragraphs and Story
3 The piece read like a newspaper report rather than a narrative/creative essay.	Yes → No. <i>Move to next row.</i>	Inappropriate tone Poor word choice	1. How to Create Tone in your Writing 2. How to Show, not Tell (sentences) 3. How to Show, not Tell (paragraphs) 4. How to Accurately Express your Intention

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4 The piece used too much description. It was hard to focus on the story.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Using too much detail Poor editing	1. How to Strike a Balance in your Expression 2. How to Remove Unnecessary Details
5 Struggled to come up with ideas for a story.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	No strategy Ineffective outlining	1. How to Come Up With a Story
6 Couldn't understand some sentences and what they tried to say. Had to read sentences several times to figure out their meaning.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Lack of clarity Poor editing	1. How to Fix Confusing Expression 2. How to Accurately Express your Intention
7 There were heaps of spelling and grammar mistakes. The piece was a bit rough and seemed like a draft rather than a polished final version.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Poor editing	1. How to Use Connecting Words 2. How to Start Editing 3. How to Fix up Mistakes
8 The writing seemed disrupted. The piece didn't flow well.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Incorrect use of punctuation Poor editing	1. How to Use Punctuation 2. How to Use Connecting Words 3. How to Start Editing
9 The piece read like a conversation.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Ineffective storyline planning Poor use of speech	1. How to Use Speech
10 The ending or/and beginning of the piece wasn't satisfactory.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	No strategy Poor story organisation	1. How to Write a Strong Ending 2. How to Write a Catchy First Paragraph

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11 The piece didn't seem to match up to the prompt.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Failure to interpret the question Ineffective planning	1. How to Answer the Prompt
12 It seemed like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there was too much information; some parts of the story were repetitive and said the same things 	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Poor storyline planning Including too many events in the story Using unnecessary sentences	1. How to Start Editing 2. How to Avoid Repetition 3. How to Remove Unnecessary Details 4. How to Plan Events 5. How to Plan to Save Time
13 At some points, it seemed like the essay was a different type of writing piece.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Ineffective planning Lack of genre knowledge	1. How to Structure your Story
14 The piece wasn't finished. OR Struggled with the time limit.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Ineffective planning	1. How to Plan to Save Time 2. Learn the Right Length For your Paragraphs And Story
15 The piece is okay, but it could use more impact – something seems missing.	Yes → No. Move to next row.	Lack of tone creation Poor word choice Poor editing	Specific videos (with sample sentences) on how to show the feeling of: 1. Courageousness , 2. Sensitivity 3. Anger , 4. Anticipation 5. Disgust , 6. Envy 7. Fear , 8. Joy , 9. Sadness 10. Shame , 11. Surprise 12. Suspicion 13. How to Accurately Express your Intention

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