

# MECHANICS

**6...**

- A. Readers have to be really picky to find any errors in my paper!
- B. I used conventions to make my message clear and to bring out the voice.
- C. I edited this paper thoroughly and am confident that I found and corrected all errors.
- D. I looked and listened for mistakes more than once. This paper is ready to publish.

**5...**

- A. Readers might find a few errors but will have to really hunt for them!
- B. I think my conventions help make my message clear.
- C. I checked my paper over quite well, and I am sure I corrected the major errors.
- D. I looked and listened for mistakes. I might have missed some small things. It's almost ready to publish, though.

**4...**

- A. Readers will probably notice some errors. I need to edit more carefully.
- B. My message is still clear, I think.
- C. Though I did check it over quickly, I should probably take one more look.
- D. This paper still needs careful editing before it's ready to publish.

**3...**

- A. I have too many errors. This draft is still pretty rough!
- B. I did *some* things correctly. Still, I'm not sure my message is always clear.
- C. Just looking the paper over, I see enough errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar to slow a reader down.
- D. This could use *a lot* of editing. It is not ready to publish.

**2...**

- A. I have a lot of errors! This is hard to read.
- B. I did a few things correctly, but mistakes get in the way of my message.
- C. The errors in spelling, punctuation, and grammar will definitely slow a reader down.
- D. I need to read this aloud and edit line by line before I publish it.

**1...**

- A. I made so many mistakes I can hardly read this myself.
- B. It is hard to find things done correctly or even to tell what my message is.
- C. I see many errors here.
- D. I need to read this aloud, work with a partner, and edit my paper word by word before I publish it.

