

**Correlation Between
the Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress (ISTEP),
Graduation Qualifying Exam in English/Language Arts
and *Written Communication for Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text***

Overview: The Graduation Qualifying Exam requires students to complete writing activities based on a writing prompt, as well as extended written responses based on a reading. The exam gives students an editing checklist for checking their writing. Instructors grade the writing samples according to the Language Conventions Rubric for Grades 6 through 12.

Item on Editing Checklist	Reference in <i>Written Communication for Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text</i>
Check your capitalization and punctuation.	Units 8 and 9
Spell all words correctly.	Unit 4
Check for sentence fragments or run-on sentences.	Units 1, 2, and 3
Keep verb tense consistent.	Unit 5
Make sure subject and verb agree.	Unit 4
Use words according to the rules of Standard English.	Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
Remember to paragraph correctly.	No reference*

* = reference in the follow-on book

Item on Language Conventions Rubric for Grades 6 through 12	Reference in <i>Written Communication for Sergeants: A Self-Paced Text</i>
Do words have very few or no capitalization errors?	Unit 9
Do sentences have very few or no punctuation errors?	Unit 8
Do words have very few or no spelling errors?	Unit 4
Do sentences have very few or no grammar or word usage errors?	Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
Writing has very few or no paragraphing errors.	No reference*
Writing has very few or no run-on sentences or sentence fragments?	Units 1, 2, and 3

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