

Directions:

We make many choices in life. Important choices can change our lives. One important choice might be choosing the right people to be our friends. Another might be choosing to do or not to do something that has been forbidden or that might be dangerous to our health or safety. Think about important choices that you or someone you know has made.

Write about the theme: making an important choice

Do **one** of the following:

- Think about an important choice that you or someone you know has made. Tell how it turned out well **or** how it turned out badly.

OR

- Tell how you can learn something from a bad choice.

OR

- Give reasons (persuade) why a choice you have made was a good one.

OR

- Write about the theme in your own way.

You may use examples from real life, from what you read or watch, or from your imagination. Your writing will be read by interested adults.

Use the paper provided for notes, freewriting, outlining, clustering, or writing your rough draft, but only your “final copy” will be scored. If you need to make a correction, cross out the error and write the correction above or next to it.

You should give careful thought to revision (rethinking ideas) and proofreading (correcting spelling, capitalization, and punctuation). Use the rubric and checklist provided to help improve your writing.

(Optional: You may use a dictionary, thesaurus, spelling book and/or grammar book.)

Appendix #1