

Science writing checklist

- Making an honest effort gives consistent results.
- Restating each question ensures all parts of the question are answered
- Responding to all parts of the questions allows a reader to clearly understand the situation and to know what the writer thinks.
- Using Facts, Reasons, Evidence and Details gives the reader the important information needed to understand what actually happened.
- Good science requires DATA.
- Use of proper nouns makes your writing clear, pronouns confuse.
- Shorter, complete sentences improve understanding
- Proofreading and spell checking prevents careless errors
- Use of a pen allows readers to clearly see what it is that the writer is saying

Systems diagram Key

Green = Matter input

Blue = Matter output

Purple = Matter cycling

Red = Energy input

Orange = Energy output

Yellow dashed = Open system

Yellow solid = Closed system

Black wavy = Energy flow within

Black straight = Matter Flow within