

Grade 3 Level 4 Writing Sample

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Student writing sample:

the fish **is swimming** **slowly** in his **clear** fish bowl. He's a pretty fish **with** long fins. There was also a **sign** that says "no fishing". The fish **really** liked that **sign**!

one day a cat **crawled** into the house **because** he **saw** the **bowl** in the **window**. He lived **down** the street. **When the mom left the house, he sneaked in.** He **creeped** up to the bowl. **The cat outside the fish bowl wants to take the fish out so he can eat it.** **Cats** love fish!

Now the fish from the fish bowl **is gone** because **the cat has gotten** it **and ate** it. **After,** the cat **crawled** back out of the house. His **tummy** **was** fat with the fish in it!

Uses a range of words including synonyms (**crawled/creeped**) and words with multiple meanings (**clear, sign [sign], down, bowl**) related to curricular concepts.

Writes a range of grammatical structures demonstrating some control of word order (**The cat outside the fish bowl wants to take the fish out so he can eat it.**), plurals (**cats**), tense (**is swimming, saw, is gone, ate, was**) and subject-verb agreement (**the cat has**).

Writes complex sentences (**When the mom left the house, he sneaked in.**) and simple paragraphs.

Spells words according to pronunciation (**sign [sign], gotten [gotten]**) and knowledge of common spelling patterns (**really, tummy, crawled**).

Creates texts on specific topics using templates as a guide. (**Writes narrative story in response to prompt.**)

Uses conjunctions (**because, and, with**), time markers (**one day**) and sequence markers (**now, after**).

Edits for common punctuation (**'**), (**" "**), (**!**), (**.**), simple tenses and regular spelling (**slowly, because, window**).

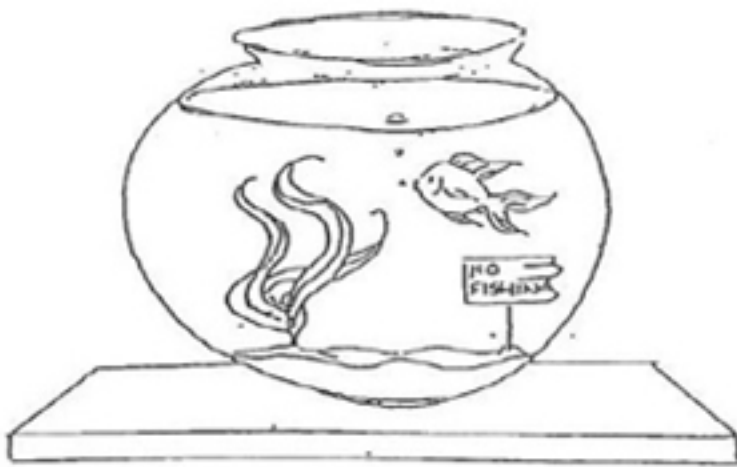
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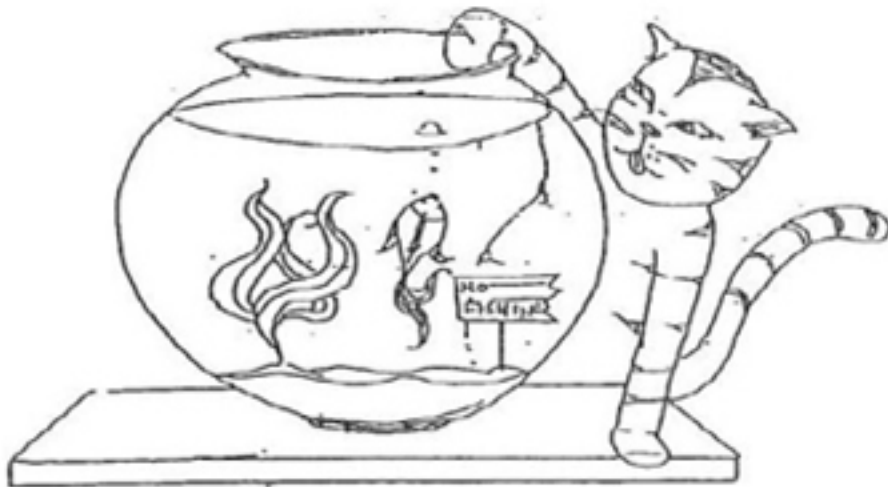
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the fish is swimming slowly in his clear fish bowl. He's a pretty fish with long fins. There was also a sign that says "no fishing". The fish really liked that sign!



one day a cat crawled into the house because he saw the bowl in the window. He lived down the street. When the mom left the house, he sneaked in. He crept up to the bowl. The cat outside the fish bowl wants to take the fish out so he can eat it. Cats love fish!



Now the fish from the fish bowl is gone because the cat has gotten it and ate it. After, the cat crawled back out of the house. His tummy was fat with the fish in it!