

# Grades 7–9 Level 3 Writing Assessment Exemplar

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Do you think it is important for people to continue to travel into space? Why or why not? You may want to think about issues, such as

- costs
- dangers
- rewards



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## Student writing assessment exemplar:

Yes, there are reasons people travel into space. Space travel helps us make new scientific discoveries. When we travel into space, we can learn how to build a city on the moon. The moon has no air and it has no people. We would need to create air to live there. Space travel is about finding new things. We can gain knowledge and we may learn new facts. But there are dangers in traveling into space and it takes billions of dollars. What if the fuel runs out on the rocket ship and no one can help the astronauts. And astronauts need special clothes because of hot and cold temperatures. We get to learn from space, but we also need to know more about Earth. People Scientists who travel into space make important discoveries. But is it necessary to send a person into space? In conclusion I think we need to learn more about keeping the earth healthy though before we need to do space travel.

**Level 3:** Uses some low-frequency subject-specific words (**moon, fuel, rocket, astronauts, Earth, scientists**), descriptive words (**new, billions, special, important, necessary**), instructional words (**learn, build, create**), and words with multiple meanings (**space, runs**)

**Level 3:** Uses a variety of simple (**We would need to create air to live there.**) and familiar compound sentence types (**We get to learn from space, but we also need to know more about Earth.**) Attempts complex sentences (When we travel into space, we can learn how to build a city on the moon.)

**Level 3:** Uses some low-frequency connector and transition words and phrases (**because, in conclusion**) to compare (**and**) and contrast (**but**)

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