

PARAGRAPH WRITING PROGRESS MONITORING

One skill, start to finish: the IEP goal, six probe forms, the graph. Untimed. Fillable PDF.

PARAGRAPH WRITING Paragraph Writing: Narrative, Opinion and Informative – Goal and Directions

Goal, baseline, directions and benchmarks for one skill. Unlimited score is rubric criteria met out of 10.

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Paragraph Writing - Form A

My name: _____ Date: _____

Read the prompt. Write your paragraph.

NARRATIVE PROMPT
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PARAGRAPH WRITING Paragraph Writing: Narrative, Opinion and Informative – Data Log and Graph

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STUDENT CRITERION / AIM GOAL DATE

CORRECT OUT OF 10 - DRAW THE AIM LINE FROM THE BASELINE TO THE CRITERION FIRST, THEN PLOT EACH WEEK

WEEK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10												
9												
8												
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6												
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4												
3												
2												
1												

Probe (week)

X	DATE	FORM	CORRECT	ERRORS	SCORE USED ON GRAPH	NOTES (CONDITIONS, WHAT WAS RETEACHED)

PARAGRAPH WRITING Paragraph Writing: Narrative, Opinion and Informative – Caseload Summary

Every student on this goal, on one grid. Twelve rows, eight probes, one decision column.

TEACHER / CASE MANAGER SKILL (AS THE GOAL WORDS IT) MARKING PERIOD

STUDENT	BASILINE	CRITERION	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	TREND	DECISION THIS MONTH

How to fill it

- ☐ One row per student who has a goal on this skill.
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- Trend: up, flat or down over the last four probes. Take this page to the data meeting instead of ten folders.

What it is for

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How to read the log

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- ☐ Criterion met on probes 11 and 12; one more consecutive probe at 8 or better and the goal is met.

PROGRESS MONITORING How This Pack Works

Goal, baseline, weekly probe, graph, decision. Six steps, one skill.

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Print and prep

- ☐ Print one copy per student per week: the student writes on the form and that same sheet is the one you score.
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- ☐ The caseload page is one grid for every student on this goal; print it once a month.

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Scoring rules for this student (accepted answers, reversals, supports allowed)

What the errors say to reteach (carry over from the log)

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[illegible]

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OPINION PROMPT

**Should students be allowed to choose their own classroom seats?
Give your opinion and support it with reasons.**

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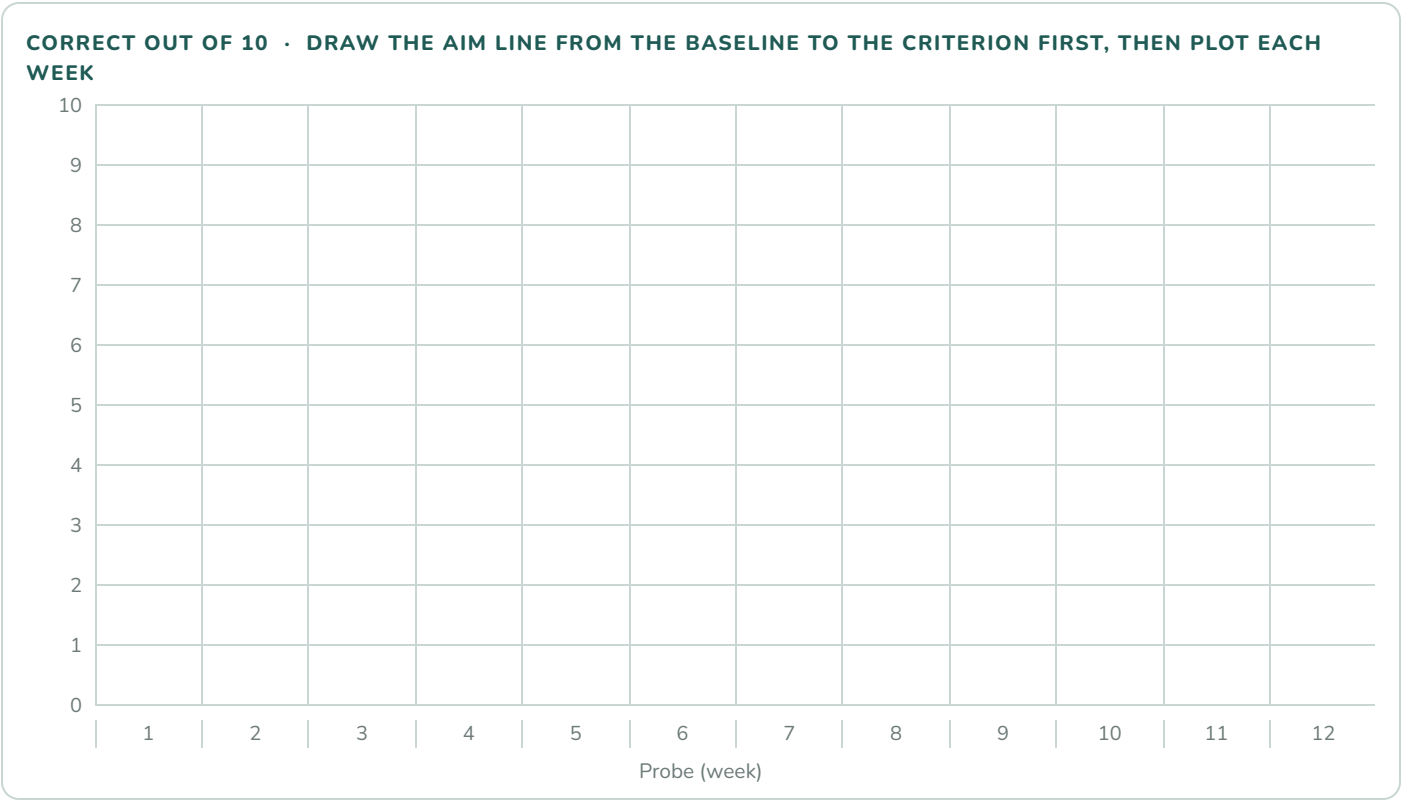
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The progress report sentence this log produces

“On weekly paragraph writing probes (one paragraph, scored on a ten-point rubric, untimed), Harper scored 3 of 10 at baseline in September and 8 of 10 on each of the two most recent probes in November. Progress is sufficient to meet the goal of 8 of 10 on three consecutive probes by May.” Every number in it is on the log above; nothing is from memory.