

Types of Flagged Essays in the Portfolio

Nonscorable Flags/Reasons	Samples/Explanation	Solutions: Revise and resubmit for scores
<u>Too Short</u> Essays will be flagged as "Too Short" if they do not contain periods, they contain fewer than 50 words, or if they contain fewer than three sentences. In order to receive scores, essays must have at least 50 words and at least three punctuated sentences.	Sample 1 – Essay has fewer than three punctuated sentences. I don't disagree or agree because I think homework is good and bad for you at the same time like for example, a student can not get sleep for doing their homework and get an A but the student didn't get enough rest so now they dont wanna do anything else like participating in P.E or sleeping in class. One pro is that the kid has a higher chance of going to college and they mostly only spend 30- 40 minutes and they score 40 points higher but the essay says that high achieving students say that they get to much homework and they also say that they get health issues.	Solution – Collaborate with a partner. Read the essay aloud to determine where natural starts and stops occur. • Look for “and” and “so” as possible locations to add periods. Then remove “and” and “so” to begin the next sentence. • Substitute other transitions for “and” and “so.” For example, use “In addition” or “Also,” at the beginning of sentences. • Look for places to change “but” to “however.” Capitalize and add a comma – However,. • Add more relevant examples, explanation, and/or commentary. • Use the Word Bank in the Writer’s Toolbox.
<u>Off Topic</u> Essays will be flagged as "Off Topic" if AI detects that they do not contain enough relevant keywords related to the prompt task. This may occur if the writer does not understand the prompt or writes a response to a different prompt or topic.	Sample 1 – Topic “Animal for a Day” Student pasted the essay in the wrong prompt. Students may not know how to effectively manage their time and as a result. may not be able to balance work, school, and leisure. For instance, students may not have time to hang out with friends and family, their grades may slip if they don't have time to complete homework, they may drop extracurricular activities that could be beneficial to them, etc.	Solution Reread the prompt at the top of the screen so you clearly understand what the prompt is asking you to do. Make sure that your writing is on the same topic as the prompt.
<u>Repetitious</u> Essays will be flagged as "Repetitious" if they contain repeated paragraphs, sentences, or phrases. Sometimes, the writer copies and pastes existing section to add length to the submission. Furthermore, if the writer restates the same facts over and over	Sample 1 – Student repeats “homework” and “homework is bad” in a single paragraph. I think that homework is bad for you because it can get you stress for the next day or even worry. I believe that homework will be bad for you because it will make you stress for a test you have to do or maybe you don't know what to do. I think that homework is something that student don't want to do after a long day in school of	Solution - Collaborate with a partner. Read the essay aloud or use the Text to Speech feature to read it to you. Notice any words/phrases that are repeated more than three times in a single paragraph and use synonyms or rephrase what you have written to avoid repeated words and phrases.

again, this flag may appear.	studying and after they think they are done doing work, then they have to find out they have to work at home to and completed. I think that homework is bad for your education because it just put more work on your hands and some student just want to relax after the are done doing work at school and they do not want to do more work at home. I think that homework is bad for your education because it will make you stress and worry about what will happen if they don't finish it and they will all so have thing to do at home so homework will just stack up with the other work you will have to do. I think that homework is bad for your education because homework will make you struggle at home if you have to take care of your siblings and home will just make it worst and homework will just make your grade go down.	
<u>Major Syntax Errors</u> Essays will be flagged for "Major Syntax Errors" when words appear in a non-standard order according to their parts of speech, or when there are too many grammar errors, or when sentences are too long and do not use adequate punctuation. Additionally, if the writer frequently misuses commas, periods, capitalization, or other forms of mechanics and conventions, the essay will be flagged. Lengthy essays that use few or no periods will receive this flag as well.	Sample 1 Student does not provide a space after each period. Although vaping has become a popular choice amongst some,experts warm about the potential risks.I believe that people shouldn't vape because many deaths and illnesses have been caused by vaping,it can cause fires and explosions,and it has made many people addicted to nicotine. Sample 2 – Student copied and pasted text, leaving 3 or more spaces between each line. In today's society, victims of dog attacks believe that laws that ban "Pit bulls" should be enforced because they are vicious, scary, and violent dogs; however, cynophilist believe that laws that ban "Pit bulls" should not be enforced because they are playful, protective, and energetic dogs. Dogs are wonderful companions to have around, particularly pit bulls given the	Solution – Collaborate with a partner. • Reread the essay slowly. Add one space after each period. • Reread the essay, if there is more than space between each paragraph, delete the space. • Paragraphs should have between 4-8 sentences. Read through each paragraph to find where each thought starts and stops. Think, what is your subject and what is the verb/action? Where should you put a period and then capitalize the beginning of the next sentence? • Look for "and" and "so" as possible locations to add periods. Then remove "and" and "so" and capitalize the beginning of the next sentence. • Substitute other transitions for "and" and "so." For example, use "In addition" or "Also," as the beginning of sentences. • Look for places to change "but" to "however."

	fact that they protect their owners from attacks of humans, coyotes, foxes, etc. Sample 3 Student omits most capitals and periods. First off all Walter would not be a good ideal dinner companion because anything can cause him a distraction and cause him to put people at risk or himself like in This part of the story Walter speeds not a normal limit because he is daydreaming about being in some type of war that the commander in his daydream told him to go "Full strength in No.3 turret" as in making him go faster than the usual speed he goes, he speed the car more than 40 mph and if he kept speeding he could of made things go bad but they didn't because his wife had to tell him he was speeding at a non normal speed limit.	Capitalize and add a comma – However, Use the Word Bank
<u>Too Many Unknown Words</u> Essays will be flagged for "Too Many Unknown Words" when they contain too many uncommon or misspelled words. Essays will also receive this flag if they are written in another language or if there are random characters included in the essay.	Sample 1 – Student wrote in Spanish no pue den tar va gar por ce nos me noer de edan	Solution • Write to the prompt in English. • Make sure that if you copy/paste from another source, you first paste in “plain text” in a word document before pasting into MY Access!. • Use MY Editor to correct spelling errors.
<u>Copied Prompt (Intellimetric only)</u> Essays will be flagged as "Copied Prompt" when the writer uses copy and paste to add portions of or the entire prompt text and any associated passages within his/her essay.	Sample 1 – Student copied the text directly from the prompt, “Using Characters to Reveal Theme in a Story,” and changes only a few words. In my essay, I will show characters in a short story who reveal the story's message or theme. I will explain how the development of the characters are important to the message or theme of the story. I will also explain how my characters changed throughout the story.	Solution Paraphrase, summarize or delete prompt text. • Use MY Tutor, Focus and Purpose, to guide the planning of your essay. • Use the Loadable Outline to begin writing the introduction, thesis, main ideas and a conclusion.