

# Math Open Response Writing Information

TIPS FOR 3rd - 5th Graders - SUBJECT: MCAS Math Open Response

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**Read all directions and information until you understand.**

Look for words in boldface type, CAPITAL LETTERS, and/or italics.

Determine how many parts you need to answer. Usually the parts will be labeled a. b. c. d. and so on.

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**Highlight the V.I.Ps (the Very Important Parts)**

Look for key words and verbs.

Ask yourself, "What am I being asked to do?"

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**Examine charts, tables, diagrams, pictures, and number sentences.**

Read all information such as titles, labels, keys, and hints.

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**Create a diagram and number sentence that will help you solve the problem.**

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**Solve the problem by showing all your work.**

Label all your work!

Be specific/explicit. Show and explain the answer.

Make your answer easy for your reader to follow and understand.

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**Check all your work.**

Make sure that you solved each part.

Check your math by redoing it.

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**Write your answer in a complete sentence(s).**

Echo the question- use the same words from the question in your answer

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**Re-read the question.**

Ask yourself, "Is this my best work?" "Did I do my best on this question?"

If your answers are yes, give yourself a pat on the back! YOU DID IT

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