

RATINGS OVERVIEW FOR SAMPLE ENTRY

There are eight categories used to evaluate Challenge entries, using a rating scale of 0.0 to 5.0 (0 being the lowest, and 5 the highest). The categories are:

1. How well did this entry fit the topic?
2. How creative, unique, fresh and memorable was this entry?
3. How well crafted was this entry (overall crafting of the writing, including grammar and predictability)?
4. Did the entry start well?
5. Did the entry come to a satisfying conclusion?
6. Was this entry clearly written and communicated?
7. Did it flow smoothly?
8. How publishable is this entry for its target audience?

You can find more information about each of these categories in the forums:

<http://bit.ly/RatingsCategories>

To ensure consistency with judging, the rating scale is broken up in this way:

0.0 to 1.9:	Poor.
2.0 to 2.4:	Below Average.
2.5 to 2.9:	Averages
3.0 to 3.4:	Above Average
3.5 to 3.9:	Good
4.0 to 4.5:	Very Good
4.6 to 4.9:	Excellent
5.0:	Perfection (almost impossible to achieve, except for topic.).

Sample Entry received ratings that placed it in the following categories:

1. How well did this entry fit the topic?	(AVERAGE)
2. How creative, unique, fresh and memorable was this entry?	(AVERAGE)
3. How well crafted was this entry?	(GOOD)
4. Did the entry start well?	(VERY GOOD)
5. Did the entry come to a satisfying conclusion?	(AVERAGE)
6. Was this entry clearly written and communicated?	(EXCELLENT)
7. Did it flow smoothly?	(VERY GOOD)
8. How publishable is this entry for its target audience?	(ABOVE AVERAGE)

For Further Exploration:*

1. Make sure the full topic each week is the main focus of your entry.
2. Think outside the box when approaching a topic. The first idea is often not the one to work with.
3. Research point of view shifts
<http://www.faithwriters.com/Boards/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?f=67&t=39123>
4. Research finishing with strength
<http://www.faithwriters.com/Boards/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?f=67&t=37967>

*Please note: These suggestions may not be included with every report.