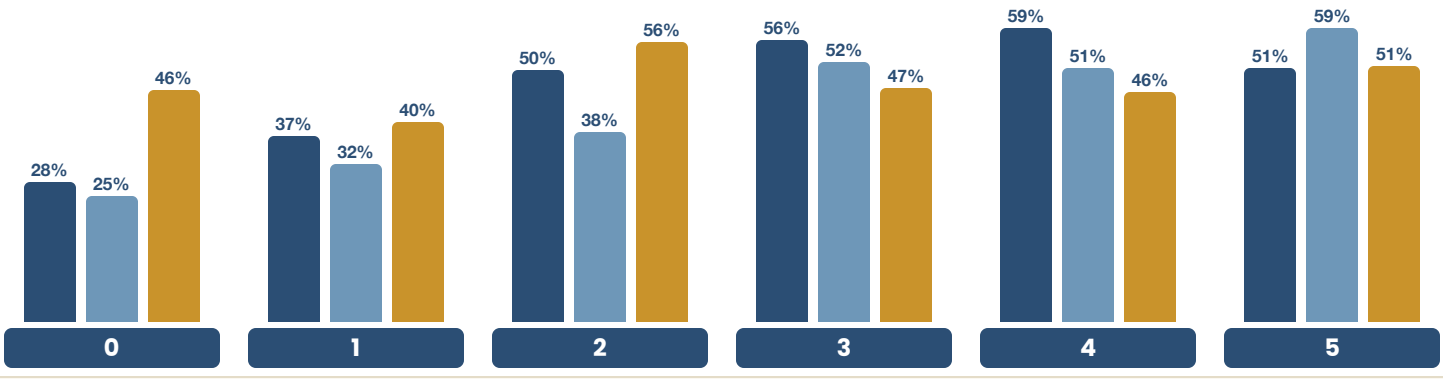
ANSWERING THE PROMPT

PROMPT WORD USE BY SCORE • STAAR ECR

TEA RELEASED ECR SCORING GUIDE SAMPLE PAPERS • 2024 TO 2026 • GRADES 3 TO 8 PLUS ENGLISH I AND II

SCORES 0 TO 5 • 312 PAPERS • ORIGINAL STUDENT WORDING RETAINED

A – AVERAGE PERCENT OF PROMPT KEY WORDS IN FIRST FIVE SENTENCES



Percent of the prompt's key words. Middle school score 5 reuses the most prompt wording in its band.

What the bars show. In elementary school, score 5 papers reuse fewer prompt words than score 3 and score 4 papers do. In high school, score 2 reuses the most prompt wording and score 1 the least. Each bar pools every TEA released paper at that score for the band's grades, 6 per grade (9 at score 3), so small differences may just be noise.

Method. For each paper, the percent of the prompt's distinct key words (common stopwords removed) found whole word, case does not matter, in the paper's first five sentences. Papers with fewer than five sentences use what they have. Blank papers count as zero. Sentences are split the same way as in the approved Sentences by Score chart.

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EXACT NUMBERS BY GRADE • STAAR ECR

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EACH CELL: AVERAGE PERCENT OF PROMPT KEY WORDS IN FIRST FIVE SENTENCES

GRADE	SCORE 0 n=6	SCORE 1 n=6	SCORE 2 n=6	SCORE 3 n=9	SCORE 4 n=6	SCORE 5 n=6
Grade 3	14%	23%	42%	53%	54%	55%
Grade 4	23%	30%	53%	53%	55%	49%
Grade 5	47%	58%	55%	63%	67%	49%
Grade 6	20%	30%	48%	48%	59%	51%
Grade 7	33%	39%	33%	55%	56%	75%
Grade 8	23%	27%	32%	53%	37%	50%
English I	46%	40%	49%	44%	44%	35%
English II	47%	39%	62%	49%	48%	68%

Reading the table. Each cell pools that grade and score point across 2024, 2025, and 2026. Score point 0 papers include blank and very short papers and are counted as they stand, so a short paper that echoes the prompt can show a high percent. Method: for each paper, the percent of the prompt's distinct key words (common stopwords removed) found whole word, case does not matter, in the paper's first five sentences. Papers with fewer than five sentences use what they have. Blank papers count as zero.