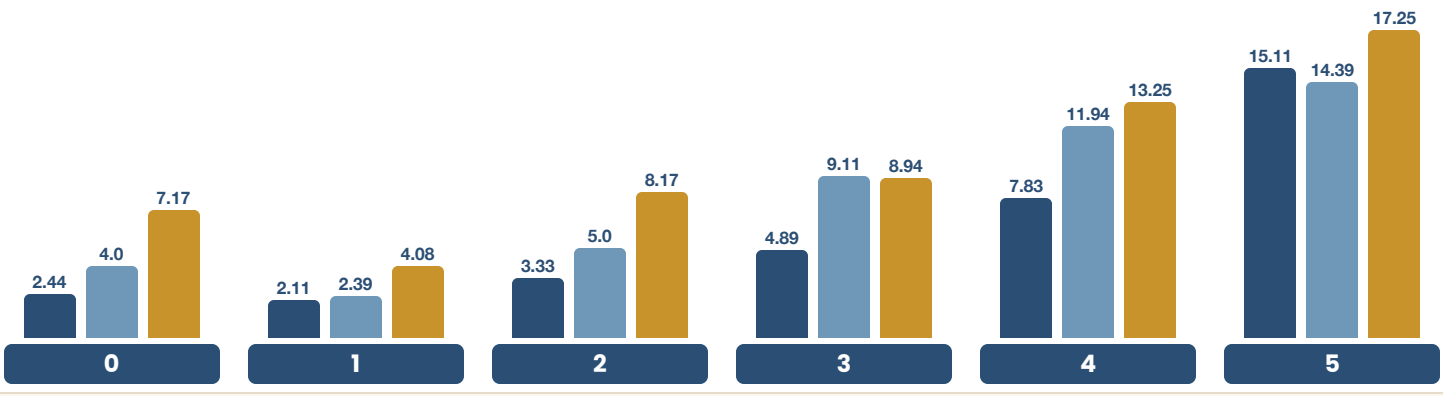
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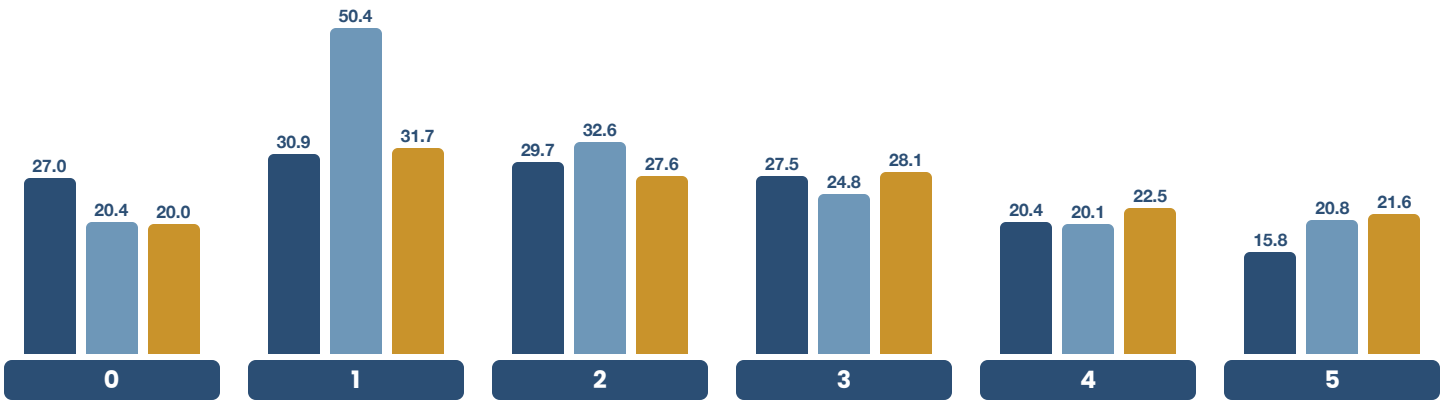
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A – AVERAGE NUMBER OF SENTENCES PER PAPER



Elementary Middle High *Average number of sentences per paper. From score 1 to score 5, papers hold more sentences in every band.*

B – AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORDS PER SENTENCE



Elementary Middle High *Average number of words per sentence. Score 1 papers run longest in every band.*

What the bars show. From score 1 to score 5, papers have more sentences in every band, while score 1 papers run the longest sentences. 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 not mean much.

SENTENCES BY SCORE

EXACT NUMBERS BY GRADE • STAAR ECR

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EACH CELL: AVERAGE NUMBER OF SENTENCES, AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORDS PER SENTENCE, SHORTEST TO LONGEST SENTENCE

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	**2.83** sents 12.4 words shortest 5, longest 27 words	**1.33** sents 39.6 words shortest 5, longest 102 words	**4.83** sents 20.5 words shortest 1, longest 71 words	**4.67** sents 24.9 words shortest 4, longest 248 words	**6.83** sents 20.6 words shortest 3, longest 150 words	**11.83** sents 15.5 words shortest 2, longest 98 words
Grade 4	**2.83** sents 25.1 words shortest 2, longest 85 words	**1.67** sents 33.5 words shortest 17, longest 89 words	**2.67** sents 38.8 words shortest 9, longest 148 words	**3.89** sents 34.0 words shortest 5, longest 208 words	**5.17** sents 25.8 words shortest 8, longest 136 words	**15.67** sents 15.6 words shortest 2, longest 36 words
Grade 5	**1.67** sents 55.3 words shortest 10, longest 191 words	**3.33** sents 26.1 words shortest 7, longest 101 words	**2.50** sents 37.7 words shortest 6, longest 145 words	**6.11** sents 25.4 words shortest 5, longest 136 words	**11.50** sents 17.9 words shortest 4, longest 79 words	**17.83** sents 16.1 words shortest 4, longest 40 words
Grade 6	**3.33** sents 22.1 words shortest 5, longest 85 words	**1.67** sents 47.1 words shortest 9, longest 120 words	**3.33** sents 40.8 words shortest 11, longest 97 words	**6.22** sents 28.4 words shortest 1, longest 130 words	**10.33** sents 23.6 words shortest 3, longest 66 words	**11.50** sents 19.6 words shortest 1, longest 48 words
Grade 7	**1.67** sents 32.2 words shortest 10, longest 122 words	**2.83** sents 59.0 words shortest 1, longest 120 words	**5.50** sents 27.6 words shortest 3, longest 75 words	**10.00** sents 24.4 words shortest 2, longest 164 words	**13.67** sents 19.0 words shortest 1, longest 52 words	**15.33** sents 22.5 words shortest 2, longest 90 words
Grade 8	**7.00** sents 16.8 words shortest 6, longest 45 words	**2.67** sents 43.2 words shortest 7, longest 142 words	**6.17** sents 32.7 words shortest 4, longest 233 words	**11.11** sents 23.2 words shortest 1, longest 86 words	**11.83** sents 18.4 words shortest 4, longest 42 words	**16.33** sents 20.1 words shortest 6, longest 103 words
English I	**6.83** sents 21.0 words shortest 3, longest 62 words	**2.83** sents 45.2 words shortest 10, longest 189 words	**7.50** sents 32.1 words shortest 3, longest 290 words	**8.11** sents 30.7 words shortest 1, longest 204 words	**12.83** sents 22.1 words shortest 1, longest 60 words	**16.50** sents 22.1 words shortest 1, longest 59 words
English II	**7.50** sents 19.2 words shortest 4, longest 68 words	**5.33** sents 24.6 words shortest 6, longest 107 words	**8.83** sents 23.8 words shortest 5, longest 65 words	**9.78** sents 26.0 words shortest 8, longest 103 words	**13.67** sents 23.0 words shortest 2, longest 72 words	**18.00** sents 21.2 words shortest 5, longest 46 words

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. Method: every span ending in a period, question mark, or exclamation point counts as one sentence when it holds at least one word, with common abbreviations, decimals, and ellipses protected and a closing quote followed by a lowercase continuation kept in the same sentence, and a paper with no end punctuation counts as a single run on sentence.