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Skills in the mechanics of good writing (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and the like) vary widely from student to student. Some students can regularly write with so few errors that taking them away from writing to study such details represents a waste of time. Such people write regularly and with so few errors, that proper proofreading is all they need to correct their work, in terms of mechanics. Other students need help with the basic skills of communication to be able to write sentences free of errors. They may need help with a basic understanding of the mechanics of English writing and must plan to engage in a great deal of study to complete this course satisfactorily.

In a single paragraph, summarize your own writing abilities and the level of standards for writing that you control in English. Spend no more than 15 minutes writing this and no more than 15 more minutes editing your work. Submit the document to your instructor for consideration. Grading of this work will not apply to your final grade in the course, but it will be essential in determining the amount of course resources to be devoted to a study of grammar and other mechanics of English writing.