The following lists the reasons why an essay may be nonscoreable.

Too Short

Essays will be flagged as "Too Short" if they do not contain periods, they contain fewer than 50 words, or if they contain fewer than three sentences. In order to receive scores, essays must have at least 50 words and at least three punctuated sentences.

Off Topic

Essays will be flagged as "Off Topic" if IntelliMetric detects that they do not contain enough relevant keywords related to the prompt task. This may occur if the writer does not understand the prompt or writes a response to a different prompt or topic. If the essay is only tangentially related to the topic and the prompt task is not addressed, the Off Topic flag will be confirmed after being reviewed by Vantage Learning's Writing Support and Scoring Services team.

Repetitious

Essays will be flagged as "Repetitious" if they contain repeated paragraphs, sentences, or phrases. Usually an essay will be flagged Repetitious when the writer copies and pastes existing sections of the essay or the entire essay to add length to the submission. Furthermore, if the writer restates the same facts over and over again, this flag may appear.

Insufficient

Essays will be flagged as "Insufficient" if they contain a large variety of words with no focus, as indicated by a single appearance of words. This may happen when the writer submits an essay that does not sufficiently address the prompt task. It does not mean that the essay is Too Short or Off Topic; it just means the essay does not sufficiently address the prompt task.

Too Many Unknown Words Essays will be flagged for "Too Many Unknown Words" when they contain too many uncommon or misspelled words. Essays that receive this flag are usually difficult to understand because of numerous misspellings. Essays will also receive this flag if they are written in another language or if there are random characters included in the essay.

Major Syntax Problems   Essays will be flagged for "Major Syntax Problems" when words appear in a non-standard order according to their parts of speech, when there are too many grammar errors, or when sentences are too long and do not use adequate punctuation. Additionally, if the writer frequently misuses commas, periods, capitalization, or other forms of mechanics and conventions, the essay will be flagged. Lengthy essays that use few or no periods will receive this flag as well.

Unknown

Essays that contain inauthentic student writing, plagiarism, or too much information from sources (quotes, etc.) and not enough original student writing will be flagged as "Unknown" during human scoring. Essays that reflect inconsistency or a shift in the writer's style or voice will also receive this flag.

Copied Prompt

Essays will be flagged as "Copied Prompt" when the writer uses copy and paste to add portions of or the entire prompt text and any associated passages within his/her essay.

Early Submission

If a writer submits the same essay multiple times before human review, MY Access! will only provide a score or flag for the final submission, and each previous submission will be flagged as "Early Submission."