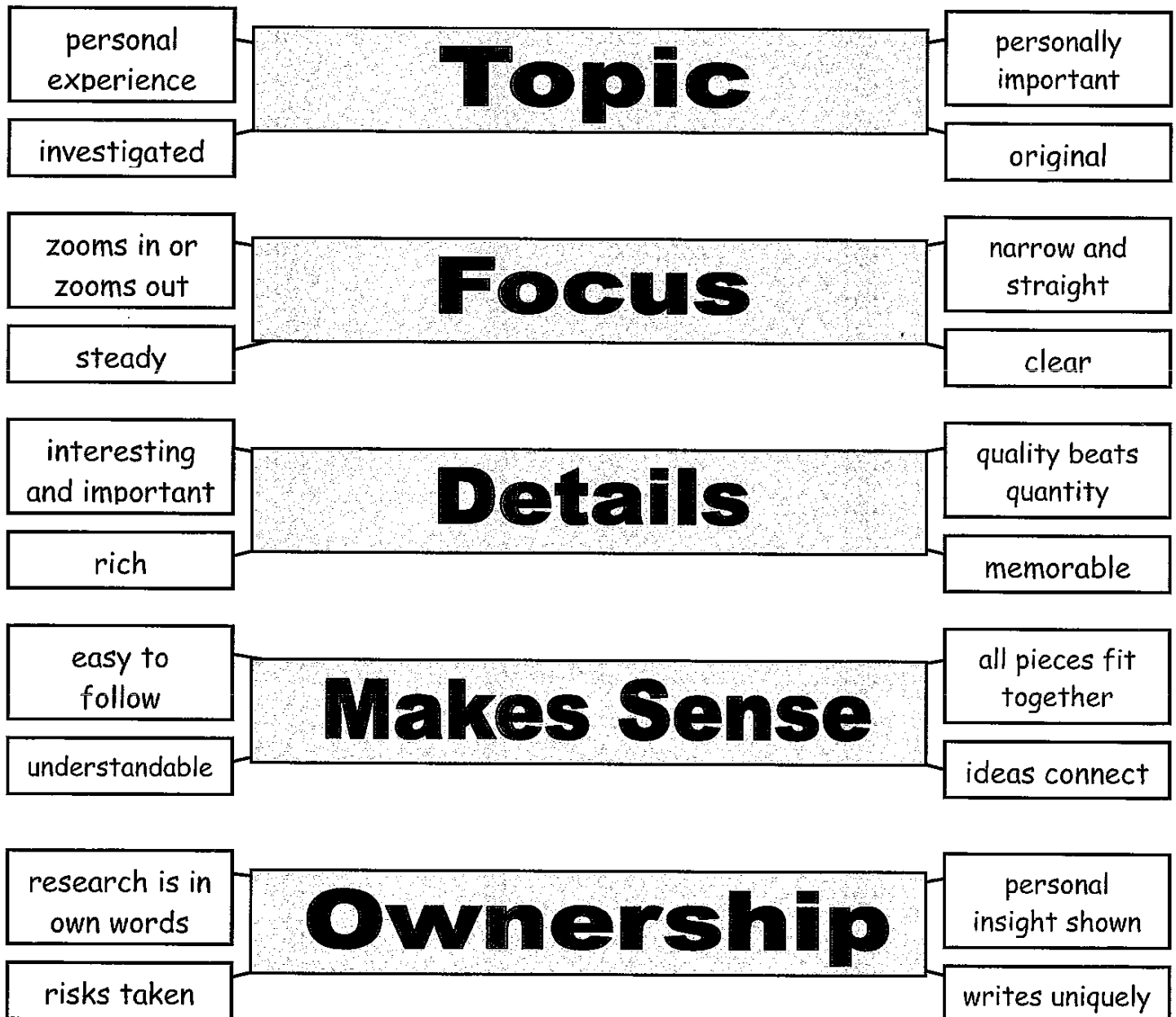


Idea Development

Like the foundation of a house, IDEA DEVELOPMENT serves as the solid base on which a good piece of writing rests. If you start with a solid idea, your writing can grow as big as you want.



Six Trait Rubric

Ideas and Content

Purpose: knowing the topic; focusing on and supporting the main point; getting rid of filler

Novice

1. Well, I made some notes. I don't know what I want to say yet. I'm not sure what my topic should be. Help, I'm not ready to write!
2. This is confusing! I'm still figuring out what I want to say. I only have a few details. I need to say more.
3. I think you can figure out what I'm trying to say. I need more information to make this really good. Mostly, I told things people already know.
4. You can tell what my main idea or story is. I know *SOME* things about my topic. I could use some more information. You will learn one or two new things by reading this.

Proficient

5. My paper is clear. It makes sense all the way through. I know a lot about my topic. I share some important information. I use details.

Extra Credit

6. You can tell exactly what I mean! I am an *EXPERT* on my topic, giving you new information that is interesting to read!