

COMMON TEACHER COMMENTS	DESCRIBE-EVALUATE-SUCCESS VERSION
"Your topic sentences don't work. Make sure they set up the topics of the paragraphs and the paragraphs stay focused on those topics the entire time."	"I notice that this topic sentence talks about how homework can contribute to student stress, but most of the paragraph talks about how students don't get enough sleep. This drifting of topics throughout a paragraph is something I've also seen in other paragraphs. Readers generally look to the first line of a paragraph for the topic, so I would like you to go through and make sure the topic at the start and end of each paragraph are the same."
"Your wording in this could be stronger. Try to incorporate more vivid and interesting words."	"In this climactic scene you refer to yourself as scared, happy, and excited. These words are a bit broad and really common, meaning that we don't get a full sense of how you feel in that key moment. Try replacing these with words that are more specific and unique that can better express how you felt."
"Your flow in this paper is choppy than I'd like. Work on improving your sentence structure to make it flow better."	"The vast majority of your sentences are shorter than ten words. This gives your writing a choppy feel at times. A way to improve your flow would be to have more sentence length variation. I suggest getting this by combining some sentences and adding more details to others."

**FIGURE 2.4** • Describe-Evaluate-Success Model