



"We have used MY Access! for several years now, and have witnessed first-hand, the overall positive impact on our students... from improved test scores to increased excitement about learning and motivation to write more often."

- Lila Bronson, Ed.D, Director of Special Projects and Technology
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MY Access!® Overview

The Challenge Improving Student Writing Proficiency

Many states require annual writing assessments at various points in a student's career, and in addition, passing a writing test is often a requirement for graduation, grade-level advancement, or admission into college. How can teachers provide writing instruction and practice that prepares students to succeed at this fundamental, yet crucial, skill?

Leading educational experts believe that providing students with more opportunities to write is one of the best ways to help them become better writers and increase academic achievement. But more writing assignments usually means more papers for teachers to grade - and longer for students to receive feedback on their writing. In fact, spending even only 5 minutes grading one student's essay could take a teacher who has an average of 120 students 12 hours to score and provide feedback on just one writing assignment! This means that these papers may not be returned to students for days - and by that time, students have lost interest. No wonder teachers are hesitant to give such assignments!

The Solution

MY Access!® Writing Instructional Tool

MY Access!® is a web-delivered assessment and instructional tool that is proven to dramatically improve students' basic writing skills in as few as six weeks. Students who use MY Access! also attain higher scores on high-stakes writing events such as state-mandated assessments, high school exit exams, and college admissions tests.

This award-winning program diagnoses and assesses the writing ability of students in grades 4-12 and at the college level and provides:

- A fun, interactive writing environment;
- More opportunities for students to practice their writing skills;
- Immediate grading of writing assignments;
- Prescriptive feedback that motivates students to write, edit and learn.

Using MY Access!, educators have seen their students edit and revise the same essay as many as 12 times in order to improve their score! Since MY Access! is a web-based program and work is stored in an online portfolio, students can work on their assignments anywhere, anytime

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they have access to a computer and the Internet, thereby gaining unlimited opportunities to practice writing. The program's powerful scoring engine grades students' essays instantly, so students can



immediately see their progress via a holistic (overall) score, analytical scores and targeted feedback in the areas of:

- Focus & Meaning - Cohesiveness and consistency in perspective and main idea
- Content & Development - Content breadth, support of theme, elaboration
- Organization - Logical sequence of ideas and discourse
- Language, Use & Style - Word/sentence complexity and

variety, tone/voice

- Mechanics & Conventions - Adherence to rules of edited American English

For students who are native Spanish or Chinese speakers, this feedback can be provided in the native language at the teacher's discretion.

More than 500 writing topics (prompts) are currently available in a variety of genres, including narrative, informative, persuasive, literary (text-based) and expository. These prompts are aligned to state standards as well as popular textbook series typically used in Language Arts classrooms and provide cross-curricular writing opportunities in areas such as science, math, and social studies. Teachers can also create their own prompts based on their instructional needs.

Using MY Access!, teachers gain additional time for differentiated instruction in the classroom. Instead of spending their time grading papers, teachers can conduct curriculum planning and focus on teaching specific skills in areas that need improvement and helping students polish their skills in the areas where they are already doing well. The comprehensive reporting function keeps educators and administrators up-to-date on student progress and pinpoints areas in need of remediation, so teachers can conduct timely intervention and help students achieve their full academic potential.

The Results Dramatically Improved Writing Skills and Increased Student Achievement

It's simple - the more students write, the better writers they become. The more proficient students become at writing, the better they do academically across the curriculum.

Getting Started

- Call 800-230-2213 to schedule a live product demonstration
- Attend a regularly scheduled webinar about MY Access!
- Visit www.vantagelearning.com/myaccess/ for more information

About Vantage Learning

Delivering more than 193 million online test transactions last year, Vantage Learning is recognized as the leader in cost-effective, high volume, secure, scalable online assessment and instructional programs for K-12 and higher education. Leveraging technology such as artificial intelligence, natural language understanding, and web-based learning objects, Vantage provides educators with high-quality tools and resources that motivate students to learn and that create meaningful interactions between students, parents and teachers. Acknowledged by industry leaders as the gold standard for scoring quality, consistency, reliability, and scalability of automated essay scoring using the patented IntelliMetric™ engine, Vantage Learning has received accolades ranging from the prestigious CODIE Award for best instructional technology to recognition by Eduventures as one of the eight most innovative educational technology companies.