

“At the beginning of the school year, a lot of students couldn’t complete a sentence. The practice they get with WriteToLearn has given them the confidence they need to write well-organized, thought-out summaries that really do reflect what they’ve read.”

— Mae Guerra, 4th Grade Teacher  
Valverde Elementary School, Colorado

## Flexible, Easy & Effective for Diverse Classrooms

Our Educational Consultants offer remote and on-location professional development for schools using WriteToLearn; helping your English learners overcome the unique challenges they encounter and improve their English proficiency more rapidly.

With WriteToLearn, reading, writing, and vocabulary exercises come together in one online tool that supports the Common Core State Standards for Language and follows Pearson’s SIOP® Model, an instructional framework for helping English learners and struggling students meet grade-level curriculum demands by teaching content and language at the same time.



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**Grades:** 4-12

**Requirements:** A computer or tablet device with an Internet connection, current web browser and updated plug-ins.

**Funding Sources:** Qualifies for state and federal funding, including Title I and Title III

**Visit:** [WriteToLearn.net](http://WriteToLearn.net)



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*Learning Through  
Written Expression*

# English Learners



## WriteToLearn For English Learners

The Common Core Standards set high expectations for all students to write across the curriculum and graduate from high school prepared for college and career. Today’s students must have strong reading comprehension and writing skills. For English learners, meeting these critical goals presents twice the challenge because they are faced with also learning to read and write a new language.

WriteToLearn™ provides English learners with the opportunity to focus on fundamental writing skills, including language usage and sentence correctness, while improving reading comprehension and expanding their academic vocabulary—key components that align to the Common Core Standards.



Online Writing Instruction Tool

## What is WriteToLearn?

WriteToLearn is a fully automated online literacy tool that accurately assesses writing and returns targeted instruction and grammar feedback within seconds, providing students with more opportunities to practice writing across subject areas.

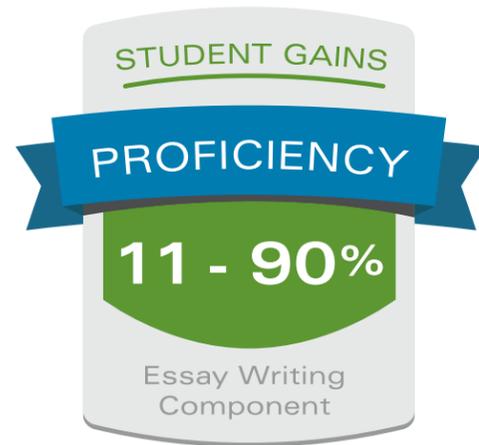
WriteToLearn offers three activities for improving literacy skills:

- Essay Writing – to build writing skills
- Summary Writing – to develop reading comprehension
- Vocabulary Exercises – to expand word knowledge

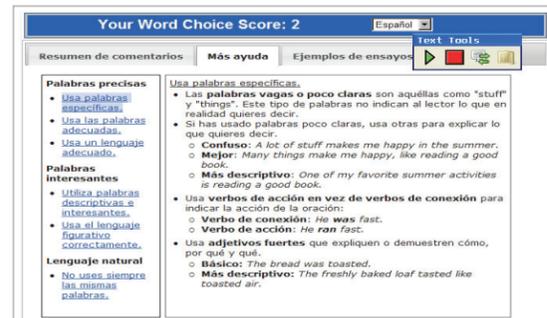
These components reinforce the required interplay between reading, writing and vocabulary—the bedrock of literacy. Plus, teachers spend less time on grading, enabling them to focus more on individualized instruction.

## WriteToLearn's language support tools help to promote language proficiency:

- Instructions and feedback available in both Spanish and simplified Chinese
- Text-to-speech in English and Spanish
- Embedded picture/text dictionary
- Spot word translation
- Highlighting tools to mark main and supporting ideas
- Word prediction tool allows students to select correct word choices with fewer keystrokes



Resource: WriteToLearn Efficacy Report



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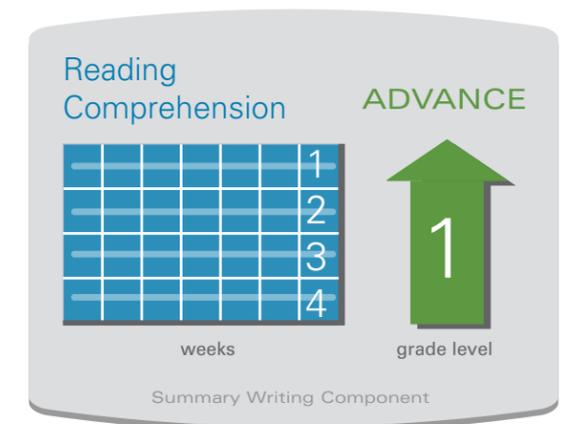
Attention Pearson Longman Cornerstone and Pearson Longman Keystone adopters, WriteToLearn now includes a variety of essay and reading passages for more online writing practice!

## Effective Literacy Instruction

WriteToLearn's scoring parameters and support tools can be adjusted, allowing teachers to modify passing thresholds and tailor the level of assistance to the needs of every student with instructional features and content:

- Essay writing advice, offered in digestible portions, helps students focus on the fundamentals of writing, including language usage, sentence correctness, mechanics, and ordering of ideas.
- Summary writing activities promote close reading and understanding of informational texts, aiding students in identifying main and supporting ideas.
- Intelligent hints emphasize important ideas students may have missed while reading.
- Personalized vocabulary exercises teach academic and domain-specific vocabulary to support reading development and content-area learning.
- Guided essay tips and summary hints help scaffold the writing process.
- Select essay prompts from across subject areas are designed specifically for English learners.

## Success Using WriteToLearn



Resource: WriteToLearn Efficacy Report