

Quill

Efficacy Summary

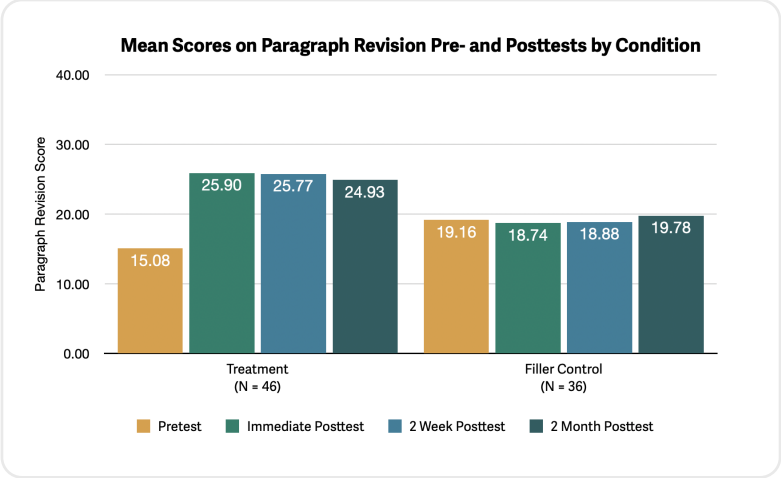
Quill.org is a non-profit organization committed to helping low-income students become strong readers, writers, and critical thinkers. Quill provides standards-aligned and research-based writing diagnostics and instructional activities shown to improve student outcomes.

Gold Standard Randomized Controlled Trial

"Effects of a Quill.org Intervention on Paragraph Revision"
Briana Chang, PhD, & Rory Lazowski, PhD
College Board, 2023

Results

Students who used Quill gained a **71% improvement in their sentence construction skills** after just four weeks of practice, compared to no growth in the control group. Students in the treatment group also retained these skills at both two weeks and two months post-intervention.



Summary

The College Board conducted this randomized controlled trial in an independent review of the impact of the **Quill Connect** sentence-combining tool. Students in the treatment group were assigned Quill practice, while the control group was assigned filler activities. The treatment group started with an average writing score of 15.08 on a standard measure, and their scores increased to 25.9 points in the post-intervention assessment, demonstrating a 71% increase in their writing skills. During this same time period, the control group saw no growth in their writing skills.

Curriculum Standards Alignments

Quill's instructional activities are aligned with robust academic standards to meet the needs of students across the country. From Common Core to TEKS and LAFS, educators can rest assured that practice with Quill will fit seamlessly into their existing curriculum.

State & National Standards

- Common Core (CCSS)
- Texas (TEKS)
- California
- New York
- Oklahoma (OAS)
- Florida (LAFS)
- Louisiana (LSS)
- Georgia (GSE)
- ...and more

Admissions Tests

- ACT English Standards
- ACT College & Career Readiness Standards
- PSAT/SAT

Frameworks for English Language Learners (ELL)

- WIDA (national)
- ELD (California)
- ELPS (Texas)
- CEFR (international)

Quill and the Science of Reading

With "Science of Reading" legislation sweeping the nation, districts and schools are looking for research-backed programs with demonstrated results to improve reading and writing skills.

Quill.org aligns with key Science of Reading principles, including:

- **Systematic and Explicit Instruction:** Quill Lessons teach students the concrete steps to learn particular skills before providing practice and feedback.
- **Background Knowledge:** Quill's cross-curricular activities span STEM, ELA, and social studies topics to expand content knowledge.
- **Differentiated Instruction:** Students follow a customized learning path to match their unique abilities and receive appropriate scaffolds.
- **Evidence-Based Practices:** Students build writing skills with evidence-based practices like sentence combining and the "because, but, so" strategy.

Contact us today to learn how Quill can help improve student outcomes at your school or district.