

Software Review

Easy Writer*

Interactive Writing & Grammar Practice

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Easy Writer is a new interactive writing and grammar program for mid to high level learners. It covers many grammar elements, including: possessives, prepositions, nouns/pronouns, punctuation, spelling and vocabulary practice. While the program was originally written for ESL learners, it has been used successfully with literacy students who are working on developing their reading and writing skills. It is based on a series of authentic stories written by students from around the world, and each story contains the original student errors. The program has different levels, based on the student level. At the first level, the students only need to identify the mistakes in the passage. At higher levels, they must identify and correct the errors in the stories. The students receive hints and ‘comments’ as they are working, based on the corrections or text they have entered. The students or instructor can also choose a specific grammar element to work with, such as verb tenses, or they can work with the “Mixed Bag” option which provides a variety of exercises. The program also contains a “Grammar Help” feature, which gives information and grammar rules as the student works through the passage.

The program is very easy to use, even for novice students. It follows the same format for each level of the program, so once students have used it a few times, they find it very easy to

FEATURES & SPECIFICATIONS

Easy Writer

USER LEVEL

High Beginner to
High School Preparation

CONTENT

General Content:
Very Good

ORDERING INFORMATION

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SPECIFICATIONS

Windows/Mac

FEATURES

Multi-level
Grammar Help

PRODUCT TYPE

Software

COST

\$95.00 each or lab
licenses, cost based on #
of users

* This review was written in January 2000. Please contact the company for information about the most recent version of the software.