



In-depth Interactive Learning Tools
— Because You Want Results

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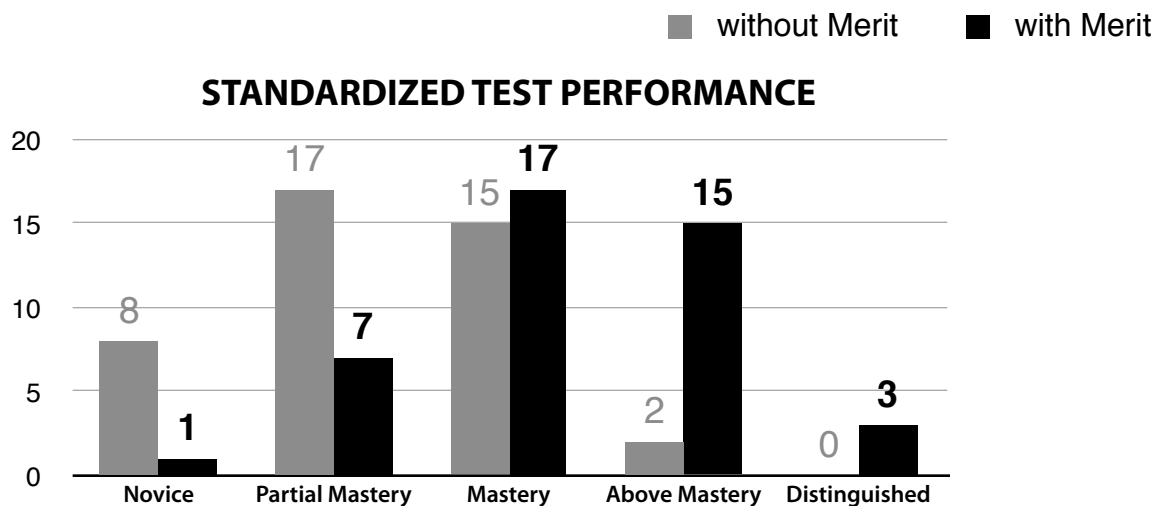
24 Week Evaluation of Merit Reading/Language Arts Software at Calhoun Middle School

OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY

The following is a summary of a research study performed at a middle school during the 2006-2007 school year. The study examined an extensive use of Merit reading and language arts software to supplement regular instruction.

ABOUT THE STUDY

- Research with 86 middle schoolers in a poor county in West Virginia
- Students were selected with random assignment
- 24-week treatment (only 2 other studies of similar length conducted in the past 10 years)
- Controls took part in regular school day Reading/Language Arts curriculum
- Effect size of .92 percent
- Results published in *imanager's Journal on School Educational Technology*, Vol. 6, No. 1, June - August 2010



RESULTS SUMMARY

- Without Merit, 40 percent of students passed the Westest (West Virginia state standardized test) for Reading/Language Arts
- 80 percent of those who used Merit passed the test

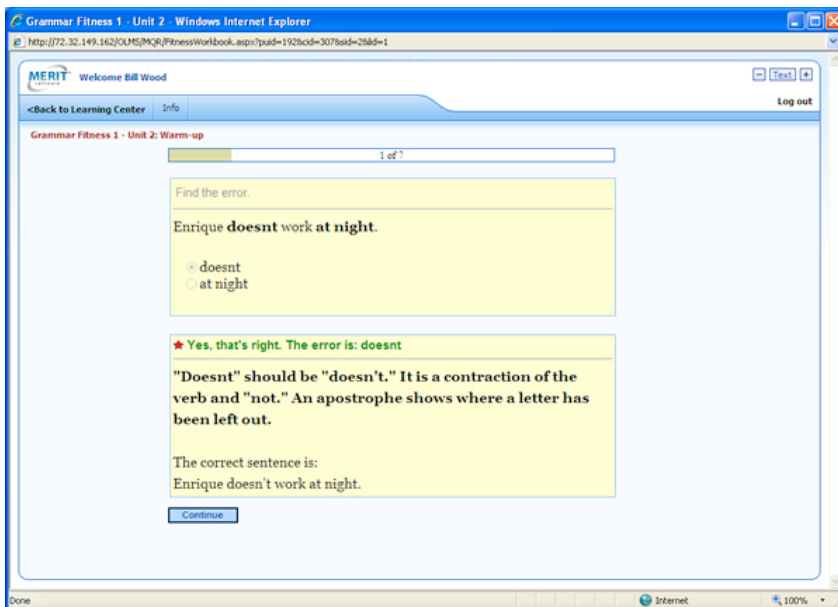
WHY MERIT WORKS

- Gives teachers and students the tools to attain positive, measurable results
- Covers the core competencies students require to succeed
- Helps students develop their critical reasoning abilities
- Breaks down difficult concepts into understandable parts
- Maximizes learning opportunities with personalized explanations, tips, examples and options to retry skills
- Allows students to take an active role in learning

TEACHER RESPONSE TO MERIT PROGRAMS

- Simple to use
- Easy to understand
- Requires little training
- Provides a clear and current measure of student achievement
- Helps teachers quickly discover a student's problem areas

Working with Merit Software



GRAMMAR FITNESS SCREEN SHOT:
In the Warm-up section, students select an individual skill to work on in one round.

Here is an example of a student's online portfolio showing the student's summary screen for the most recently played section in the unit. It includes overview information about all the sections in the unit.

