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# Summary: Paragraph Punch® More Effective Than Traditional Ways of Teaching Writing

Paragraph Punch is an easy-to-use online teaching tool. It guides students step-by-step through the process of writing a clear, concise paragraph in English.

Freshman English students (N=80) at Al-Balqa University were selected and divided into two groups. The study used a pre-test and post-test control group design. Forty students were taught by using the classical way in the control group and forty students were taught by using Paragraph Punch in the treatment group.

In summary, the authors wrote: "It was crystal clear that utilizing Paragraph Punch by the subjects had endorsed their writing skills."

Table 1. T-test results of treatment and control group students based on the pre-test scores

	Groups	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	t	df	Sig (2-tailed)
PRETEST	Treatment	40	18.45	6.013	-.244	78	.808
	Control	40	18.77	5.903			

Table 2. T-test results of treatment and control group students based on the post-test scores

	Groups	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	t	df	Sig (2-tailed)
POSTTEST	Treatment	40	23.75	4.629	4.232	78	.000
	Control	40	19.18	5.033			

According to Table 2, the mean score of the experimental group (23.75) is higher than the scoring average of the control group (19.18). As seen in the table, the T value (4.232) is statistically significant ( $\alpha < 0.05$ ). Improvements were shown in aspects of content, organization, vocabulary, language, and mechanics usage.

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