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WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS SECONDARY RESEARCH?

What AWE is and what its benefits and drawbacks are

KEY TERM

Automated writing evaluation (AWE)

Feedback that is automatically generated by software after or while learners complete their writing tasks

WHAT EVIDENCE IS SUMMARISED?

48 studies

WHAT DOES IT FIND?

- AWE feedback includes detailed information e.g., verification, error flagging, and strategic guides that can direct learners to reflect on their errors.
- Frequent use of AWE can help learners understand differences between correct and incorrect forms of language use.
- The accuracy of text analysis of AWE varies depending on the range of samples or corpora available.
- Learners are often reluctant to take on suggestions from AWE because AWE is considered to be unreliable when analysing long and complex sentences.

HOW CAN I USE THE FINDINGS IN MY TEACHING?

- Teachers can assign tasks to learners to review AWE feedback critically and reflectively.
- Teachers can encourage learners to discuss suggestions from AWE with their peers.

