



## Writer's Workbench

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## What's new in Writer's Workbench Version 8.18?

Dear Writer's Workbench Enthusiast:

Just a quick note to alert you to the enhancements and the additions in this release of Writer's Workbench.

-  Now compatible with Microsoft Windows Vista and Microsoft Word 2007 in addition to Windows '95, Windows '98, Windows 2000, Windows XP and Word '97, Word 2000, Word XP, and Word 2003
-  New, sophisticated Writing Mechanics Assessment Statistics (WMAS) module
-  A new method to track writing improvement using the WMAS module
-  New mechanism to set thresholds and corresponding "threshold not achieved" messages for 18 quantifiable writing mechanics statistics (10 of 18 statistics shown here)

Writer's Workbench Assessment Statistics Configuration		
Statistic	Threshold	Suggestion if above or below acceptable threshold
Number of Sentences	30	Not enough sentences; keep working.
Average Sentence Length	18	Be more descriptive and perhaps combine sentences to increase your average sentence length.
Number of Words	500	Not enough words; keep working.
Average Word Length	4	Use longer words.
Average Content Word Length	6	Use longer content words.
Flesch Readability Score	9	Increase your average sentence length and average syllable length.
% "To Be" vs. total verbs (<)	25	Run analysis 3.1 and follow instructions from MoreInfo to minimize your "to be" verbs.
% Subject Beginnings (<)	75	Increase the number of transitions at the beginning of sentences to help tie your ideas together.
% Vague Words (<)	3	Run analysis 1.3 and follow instructions from MoreInfo to minimize vague words.
% Abstract Words (<)	2	Run analysis 1.3 and follow instructions from MoreInfo to minimize abstract words.

-  New, more descriptive message boxes that help guide users through navigation of the programs
-  New checks to help Word recover from problems that can leave the computer looking as if the application had "died"

As always, if you have any problems or questions or suggestions, please feel free to call our toll-free number (888) 366-8326 or send e-mail to [wwbsupport@emo.com](mailto:wwbsupport@emo.com) .

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