**Preliminary Research into Student Evaluations of Teacher Effectiveness**

Focus on Writing/Grammar

Research on student evaluations of teacher performance (Perry and Smart, 2007) shows these sources of student bias:

* Student evaluations of teachers tend to be stable, and have been found to reveal information about the teacher's effectiveness, not the course
* Students tend to rate more difficult classes higher than easier classes
* Students rate courses/teachers higher when they find the material interesting
* If the teacher is in the room, the students tend to give the teacher higher evaluations
* Students give teachers lower evaluations if they do not provide timely feedback

Results of the EPI Student Course Survey show:

* Students in levels BW-3 consider RV to be the most difficult course
* Least favorite course for levels BW-3 is relatively equal
* Students in levels 4-6 consider WG to be the most difficult course
* 54% of students in levels 4-6 rate WG as their least favorite course
* Students in levels 4-6 rate SL as the easiest course
* The data shows that those who rated WG as their most difficult course also rated it as their least favorite (70%)

Perry, R. P. and Smart, J. C. (Eds.). (2007*). The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: An Evidence-Based Perspective*. Oxford, UK: Springer. p319-383.

**Favorite Course Summary Report: Levels BW-3**



**Favorite Course Summary Report: Levels 4-6**

**Easy/Difficult Course Summary Report: Levels BW-3**

**Easy/Difficult Course Summary Report: Levels 4-6**

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**WG is difficult… and it’s my least favorite class.**

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| * It is difficult because of the abilities that the student has to acquire to pass a level. It is also good apart from the difficulty because the teacher make the learning easier.
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| * It is difficult to fully express ideas in a second language we are learning.
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| * It is not difficult really, but writing is a skill that needs a long time to master.
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| * Because I am not creative in writing. I am scientific writer, so I don't like to write something literature
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**What do you like about your WG Class?**

**What does a good WG teacher do?**