

Quick-Reference Guide: Quizizz Features for Writing Instruction

Feature	Description	Writing Application	How to Access
Open-Ended Questions	Text response questions with customizable character limits	• Thesis statement development • Evidence analysis • Reasoning construction • Counterargument formulation	1. Click "Create" → "New Quiz" 2. Select "Open-ended" question type 3. Set character limit based on response complexity
Explanation Feature	Text that appears after students answer	• Model effective writing • Provide examples of strong/weak responses • Teach revision strategies • Show mentor sentences	1. Create any question type 2. Scroll to "Explanation" field 3. Enter your instructional content 4. Toggle "Show explanation" on
Question Banks	Organized collection of pre-made questions	• Writing process scaffolding • Grammar/mechanics review • Genre-specific question sets • Rhetorical technique practice	1. Click "Question Bank" in left sidebar 2. Filter by subject "English" or "Writing" 3. Import questions to your quiz
Lesson Slides	Non-question content slides between questions	• Introduce writing concepts • Show exemplar texts • Present rubrics • Outline writing structures	1. Click "+" between questions 2. Select "Slide" 3. Add text, images, or videos 4. Use to frame writing instruction
Polls	Quick opinion gathering without correct answers	• Topic selection • Audience analysis • Peer feedback collection • Writing preference exploration	1. Select "Poll" question type 2. Enter prompt and options 3. Use results to guide writing direction

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Matching Questions	Connect items from two columns	• Match claims with evidence • Connect thesis to supporting points • Pair transitions with logical relationships • Align audience with writing style	1. Select "Match" question type 2. Create pairs of elements 3. Students drag to match correctly
Equation Editor	Math functionality that helps with outlining	• Create visual writing outlines • Develop hierarchical paragraph structures • Map argumentative flow • Organize writing elements	1. Select any question type 2. Click "Insert Equation" in formatting bar 3. Use symbols to create writing structures
Image Annotation	Drawing/highlighting on images	• Analyze mentor texts • Identify text structures • Markup rhetorical devices • Revise sample writing	1. Add image to question 2. Enable "Drawing" option 3. Students annotate directly
Teach Mode	Teacher-paced presentation format	• Guide through writing process • Model revision strategies • Conduct real-time writing workshops • Lead collaborative editing	1. Start quiz and select "Instructor-led" 2. Control pace of presentation 3. Pause for discussion and writing time
Student-Paced Mode	Asynchronous, self-directed format	• Pre-writing exploration • Drafting checkpoints • Revision checklists • Independent writing practice	1. Assign quiz as "Homework" 2. Set deadline and completion parameters 3. Students work at their own pace
Team Mode	Collaborative group work	• Peer editing groups • Collaborative writing • Writing response teams • Argumentative debate preparation	1. Start quiz and select "Team mode" 2. Set team size 3. Students collaborate on responses

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Reports	Detailed performance analytics	• Identify writing skill gaps • Track improvement over time • Group students by needs • Target specific writing interventions	1. After quiz completion, click "Reports" 2. View whole-class or individual data 3. Export for documentation
Question Jumps	Adaptive pathing based on responses	• Differentiate writing instruction • Provide remediation for struggling writers • Offer challenge paths for advanced students • Create branching writing scenarios	1. Select a question 2. Click "Add Jump" 3. Set conditions for different paths
Collections	Organized sets of related Quizizz content	• Writing process sequence • Genre-specific writing units • Grammar skill progression • Complete CER instructional sequence	1. Click "Collections" in dashboard 2. Create new collection 3. Add related quizzes/lessons
Meme Settings	Customizable reaction images	• Reinforce writing terminology • Create writing-focused feedback • Highlight process milestones • Make grammar practice engaging	1. Click "Settings" in quiz editor 2. Select "Customize memes" 3. Upload writing-specific images
Timer Controls	Adjustable time limits for questions	• Set appropriate thinking time for writing tasks • Allow extended time for complex responses • Build writing fluency with timed practices • Simulate testing conditions	1. Select a question 2. Adjust "Time limit" setting 3. Customize based on writing task complexity

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Gamification Elements	Points, streaks, and leaderboards	• Motivate revision effort • Reward writing improvement • Encourage multiple drafts • Build confidence in writing skills	1. Click "Settings" in quiz editor 2. Adjust points per question 3. Enable/disable competitive elements
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CER-Specific Quizizz Strategies

CER Component	Quizizz Feature	Implementation Example
Claim	Open-ended question + Poll	1. Use poll to gather initial positions 2. Follow with open-ended question for claim formulation 3. Provide explanation with claim criteria
Evidence	Multiple choice + Matching	1. Present evidence options of varying quality 2. Have students evaluate and select strongest evidence 3. Match evidence to specific claim elements
Reasoning	Open-ended + Lesson slide	1. Show lesson slide modeling reasoning patterns 2. Provide sentence frames in question prompt 3. Use longer character limits for reasoning responses
Complete CER	Open-ended + Reports	1. Final question integrating all CER elements 2. Use reports to identify which component needs most work 3. Create follow-up assignments targeting weak areas

Creating a CER Sequence in Quizizz

1. Start with background knowledge activation:

- Poll question about topic familiarity
- Lesson slide introducing the controversy
- Multiple choice to identify stakeholders

2. Guide claim development:

- Open-ended question for initial claim
- Multiple choice to refine claim specificity
- Matching to align claim with appropriate evidence types

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3. Support evidence evaluation:

- Multiple choice to select strongest evidence
- Open-ended to explain evidence quality
- Matching to connect evidence to claim aspects

4. Scaffold reasoning construction:

- Lesson slide showing reasoning patterns
- Open-ended for connecting evidence to claim
- Multiple choice to identify logical fallacies

5. Culminate with complete CER construction:

- Longer open-ended question
- Provide sentence frames as support
- Use explanation to show exemplar response