

Student Discourse: Teacher Reflections, Gr. 6 & 7

Female: **[00:00]** So, Marlene Scardamalia's research shows that children become more in control of vocabulary, develop better vocabulary, become better communicators when they have the experience to engage in deep conversation in the classroom. And I certainly have noticed that in my, my own students. And in particular because a—a lot of the writing that they do has to do with their own thoughts about what it is that they are learning, sentence fluency improves. The precision of language used improves. The ability to use complex sentences and to really, fully develop an idea and what it is that they want to state has improved in the writing process.

So by engaging in these conversations, even though you're not teaching writing as much because the kids have had time to really think about things and a chance to express in writing their thoughts about what it is that they're learning, they just become better communicators.

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