

Case Study #1 for Unit 2

Drill-and-practice software is often referred to by the derogatory term "drill and kill." Do you believe this happens because the number of situations is diminishing in which drill-and-practice software would be the strategy of choice, **or** because teachers fail to recognize appropriate situations for using it **or** this type of software seems to be over used? Drill-and-practice software has been used successfully in many cases of Math, Language Arts, Science; Social Studies where terms and definitions are essential to move on to higher order skills. Respond to this common situation in today's education institutions using one of the above suggested responses **or** something that motivates or encourages a response from career experience. Be sure to; **cite specific examples** of what you consider good or not-so-good use and/or your opinion of Drill & Practice software.

Case Study #2 for Unit 2

Many elementary, middle and high schools, do not allow the use of popular interactive or instructional games which are a favorite of today's **Digital Kids**. Does a compelling case exist to be made for using interactive or instructional games software to achieve specific educational goals? Do interactive or instructional games provide a strategy or environment that is unique for today's students (Digital Kids) and one that is best to use to attain today's educational goals? Respond to this unique situation in today's elementary, middle and high schools using one of the above suggested responses **or** something that motivates or encourages a response from career experience. If appropriate and/or useful **cite specific examples** from lecture, textbook, and WWW investigation assignments.

Case Study #3 for Unit 2

The increasing use of word processing as a software program valued by many teachers yet is criticized by as many other teachers and administrators who feel that overreliance on word processing is ruining student handwriting. More and more the quantity of what students write is not improving along with the quality of their writing is decreasing. How would you respond to these critics who are not in favor of using any type of word processing in any type of class environment? Respond to this controversial situation in today's educational institutions which has many Pros and Cons. If appropriate or practical respond to the use of word processing as a classroom application with information gained from the **lecture, readings and investigations** from Unit 3 **or** from other sources that you believe to be valid and reliable. Include at least **two supporting statements** for **either position** that you might agree with since it is necessary to consider all points of view.