

Brief Biography:

William Van Cleave is in private practice as an educational consultant whose specialties include morphology and written expression. A nationally recognized speaker, he has presented on effective teaching practices at conferences and schools around the country since 1995. His high level of enthusiasm and energy, his interactive style, and his passion for working with teachers make him an effective presenter. Recent projects include providing the professional development component of a school improvement grant in Oklahoma City, participation on the RtII Writing Standards Committee for the State of Pennsylvania, and incorporation of a Trainer of Trainers project with Wichita Unified School District using his sentence structure approach. The author of three books, including *Writing Matters* and *Everything You Want To Know & Exactly Where to Find It*, as well as a number of educational tools and activities, William has served as a classroom teacher, tutor, and administrator in the private school arena at various points in his career.

Full Biography:

William Van Cleave is in private practice as an educational consultant whose specialties include morphology and written expression. A nationally recognized speaker, he has presented on effective teaching practices at conferences and schools around the country since 1995. While his own background is in language-based learning difficulties, the strategies William promotes are effective for students of all skill levels and abilities. His high level of enthusiasm and energy, his interactive style, and his passion for working with teachers make him an effective presenter, whether he is visiting a school and sharing with its faculty or presenting at a national conference. He has provided professional development at state education conferences; dyslexia and learning disabilities conferences; E.L.L. conferences; and private and public schools, both specialized and mainstream.

In 2004 William published the first edition of *Everything You Want To Know & Exactly Where To Find It*, an Orton-Gillingham based reference guide. Now in its fourth edition, this manual serves tutors and teachers of struggling readers and spellers around the country. In the fall of 2013, he and co-author Caroline Dover published *Phrases & Sentences for Reading & Spelling*, a companion to the *Everything* text.

In the spring of 2012, William completed *Writing Matters: Developing Sentence Skills in Students of All Ages*. Schools in the public and private school arenas have adopted his methodology, and his writing approach is used by both one-on-one language therapists and classroom teachers. Schools for struggling students including the prestigious Briarwood School and Shelton School use his approach with great success. Both Franklin Tennessee Special School District and Wichita Unified School District began adoption of his writing approach in 2015.

In addition to workshops at conferences, schools, and districts around the country, William has been fortunate enough to participate in a number of interesting projects. He has provided professional development through a S.I.G. grant at SeeWorth Academy in Oklahoma City, OK; he is currently on an RtII Committee devising writing standards for the State of Pennsylvania; and he is writing a series of workbooks to complement the *Writing Matters* approach and a long-awaited reference guide for teaching composition

skills.

During his career William has tutored; taught literature, writing, and math; and held several administrative posts in schools for students who struggle. He continues to tutor privately both in person and via Skype. He received his B.A. in English and Women's Studies from The College of Wooster (1990) and earned his M.A. in English from S.U.N.Y. New Paltz (2001).