



Based on a study by Education World, who asked their reviewers, all teachers or educational technology specialists, to test SmartDraw in actual classroom situations. Reviewers were asked to use SmartDraw in their personal and professional lives for a period of at least one month.

*"I really like this program. I used it years ago for a networking class, and it helped so much for students to actually design layouts with standard symbols used in the real world. It brought meaning to the class when they could actually print their diagram and hand it to a professional and have them understand exactly what was on the page."*

*"I used this software to prepare for a course I'll be co-teaching next term with language arts preservice teachers. I could easily see how classroom teachers might use it to create such materials as newsletters and integrated timelines with their students."*

*"I used the networking library for training teachers of networking classes. Participants drew an 'existing' network layout, printed it as a visual aid, and then revised the plan using SmartDraw. The participants were very impressed with the software and with how easy it was to use. I also demonstrated the software for technology directors."*

*"I used the flier library to create information to distribute. The end product looked very professional."*

*"I experimented with the program and created graphic organisers and flowcharts. They were surprisingly easy to do. I especially like the automatic alignment and sizing options."*

*"This program could be used in a lab setting by any grade level and in any subject area. It is also a great administrative tool -- for both teachers and administrators. The other versions can have libraries added on after purchase. This would give a school district/user many options."*

*"I used SmartDraw to create handouts for student use and to create a variety of images to include in a PowerPoint presentation that will be used at a future conference. Several students used the program to create graphics for their graduation projects, and my husband used it to generate illustrations for test questions."*

*"I have this program loaded on one machine that is available for teacher use, and the teachers are fighting over that specific machine -- they all want to use it."*

*"What do I like about SmartDraw?"*

- *The software was fairly easy to learn to use. Many of the tools were consistent with ones I often use with MS products, Adobe, and Macromedia.*
- *The pop-up Advisor can be very helpful, and having the option to turn it off is also important.*
- *I liked the linking feature for the charts, and that items stay connected even when moved. Being able to choose infinite connection points is also an important option.*
- *The option that included adding text to a line was wonderful. It made it easy to rearrange a chart and have everything move with it.*
- *Using the arrow keys to 'nudge' items into position is a great and useful option.*
- *Being able to add your own shapes or symbols to the libraries is wonderful.*
- *The publishing options -- e-mailing a file with a viewer, publishing to a Web page, or printing straight from SmartDraw -- were many and worked conveniently.*
- *Having templates to edit -- and so many -- is great!*

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