

# Books About Writing

(Available at the library)

## Academic writing at all levels

Belmont, W. & Sharkey, M. (2009). The easy writer: formal writing for academic purposes (2nd ed.). Frenchs Forest NSW: Pearson Longman

**Clear, practical explanation of sentence structure, lots exercises & answers. 808.066**

Graff, G. & Birkenstein, C. (2012; 2013). "They say / I say": The moves that matter in academic writing.

**Develop academic argument using evidence in science & social sciences. 808.042**

Greene, L. (2010). Writing in the Life Sciences: a critical thinking approach. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Chapters 6 & 7 on paragraphs & sentences. 610.696**

Lauchman, R. (2010). Punctuation at work: simple principles for achieving clarity and good style. New York: Amacom

**Clear explanation of common punctuation problems & sentence structure. E-book**

Matthews, J., & Matthews, R. (2008). Successful Scientific Writing: a step-by-step guide for the biological and medical sciences (3rd ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**Chapters 5, 6, & 7: lots of clear examples, exercises and answers. 808.06661**

Peat, J., Elliott, E., Baur, L., & Keena, V. (2002). Scientific Writing. Easy When You Know How. London: BMJ Books.

**Writing for publication; chapters 8-11 excellent for clear writing in general. 808.06661**

Swales, J. M. & Feak, C. B. (2004). Academic writing for graduate students: essential tasks and skills (2nd edn). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

**Explanations and exercises linking academic style to conventions to grammar. 808.02**

Williams, J. M. & Colomb, G. G. (2010). Style: lessons in clarity and grace (10th ed.). New York: Pearson Longman.

**An excellent guide to the principles of clarity & cohesion in writing. 808.042**

## Research writing

Craswell, G. (2005). Writing for Academic Success: a postgraduate guide. London: Sage Publications

**Postgraduate writing process and culture; examples and exercises throughout. 808.066**

Murray, R. (2009). Writing for academic journals (2nd ed.). Maidenhead, Berkshire, England: Open University Press.

**Again, practical advice from someone who knows. 808.066**

Paltridge, B. & Starfield, S. (2007). Thesis and dissertation writing in a second language: a handbook for supervisors. London: Routledge.

**Good advice & examples of writing each chapter – NOT just for supervisors! E-book**

Punch, K. F. (2016). Developing effective research proposals (3rd ed.). London: Sage.

**How to write for confirmation. 300.72**

## Websites and Apps

<p>The Write Site  <a href="http://writesite.elearn.usyd.edu.au/">http://writesite.elearn.usyd.edu.au/</a>          (Australia, University of Sydney)</p>	<p>Easy to navigate explanations of common errors, with strategies for fixing them, and practice exercises.</p>
<p>English for Uni  <a href="http://www.adelaide.edu.au/english-for-uni/">http://www.adelaide.edu.au/english-for-uni/</a>          (Australia, University of Adelaide)</p>	<p>Grammar, Essay writing, Oral presentation skills; Includes videos with transcripts, pdfs, a blog &amp; practice exercises</p>
<p>Learning Lab – Writing Skills  <a href="http://emedia.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/writing-skills">http://emedia.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/writing-skills</a>          (Australia, RMIT University)</p>	<p>Academic writing, including paraphrasing, paragraph &amp; sentence construction, style, referencing, and strategies for developing English</p>
<p>Language and Learning Online  <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/llo/online/writing/index.xml">http://www.monash.edu.au/llo/online/writing/index.xml</a>          Australia, Monash University)</p>	<p>Essays &amp; reports in several disciplines; Reading, speaking, listening, study skills; Grammar</p>
<p>Guide to English Grammar <a href="https://www.tesol-direct.com/guide-to-english-grammar/">https://www.tesol-direct.com/guide-to-english-grammar/</a>          (UK)</p>	<p>Sentence structure and grammar</p>
<p>Perfect English Grammar <a href="http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/index.html">http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/index.html</a>          (UK)</p>	<p>All aspects of grammar, with practice exercises; Helpful strategies on how to improve speaking, listening, writing &amp; reading</p>
<p>GrammarBook .com  <a href="http://www.grammarbook.com/">http://www.grammarbook.com/</a>          (US)</p>	<p>All aspects of grammar and usage, with quizzes &amp; blog discussions</p>
<p>Purdue OWL <a href="https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/">https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/</a>          (US, Purdue University)</p>	<p>All aspects of grammar, usage and academic writing</p>
<p>Scientific Writing Resource  <a href="https://cqi.duke.edu/web/sciwriting/index.php">https://cqi.duke.edu/web/sciwriting/index.php</a>          (US, Duke University)</p>	<p>A lot of text, but easy to navigate, lots of examples.</p>
<p><a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sentence-hero/id1067198100">https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sentence-hero/id1067198100</a>          (Australia, University of Newcastle)</p>	<p>A game to practise grammar skills</p>
<p>Apple app store:  <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/id1019114263">https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/id1019114263</a>           Google play (Android):  <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.reptiliaware.apostrophepower">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.reptiliaware.apostrophepower</a>           (Australia, University of Newcastle)</p>	<p>A game to practise apostrophe skills</p>