



LEARNING DEVELOPMENT

Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL)

BOOKS ABOUT WRITING

(all available in 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. (2006). *How to write a thesis* (2nd ed.). Maidenhead, Berkshire, England: Open University Press.
[Advice about practice & process, based on years of teaching research students. 808.042](#)
- 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 & APPS

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