



Writing Resources for Students

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 and Apps

The Write Site

<http://writeseite.elearn.usyd.edu.au/>
(Australia, University of Sydney)

Easy to navigate explanations of common errors, with strategies for fixing them, and practice exercises.

English for Uni

<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/english-for-uni/>
(Australia, University of Adelaide)

Grammar, Essay writing, Oral presentation skills;
Includes videos with transcripts, pdfs, a blog & practice exercises

Learning Lab – Writing Skills

<http://emedia.rmit.edu.au/learninglab/content/writing-skills>
(Australia, RMIT University)

Academic writing, including paraphrasing, paragraph & sentence construction, style, referencing, and strategies for developing English

Language and Learning Online

<http://www.monash.edu.au/lis/lonline/writing/index.xml>
(Australia, Monash University)

Essays & reports in several disciplines;
Reading, speaking, listening, study skills;
Grammar

Guide to English Grammar

<https://www.tesol-direct.com/guide-to-english-grammar/>
(UK)

Sentence structure and grammar

Perfect English Grammar

<http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/index.html>
(UK)

All aspects of grammar, with practice exercises;
Helpful strategies on how to improve speaking, listening, writing & reading

GrammarBook .com

<http://www.grammarbook.com/>
(US)

All aspects of grammar and usage, with quizzes & blog discussions

Purdue OWL

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>
(US, Purdue University)

All aspects of grammar, usage and academic writing

Scientific Writing Resource

<https://cgi.duke.edu/web/sciwriting/index.php>
(US, Duke University)

A lot of text, but easy to navigate, lots of examples.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sentence-hero/id1067198100>

(Australia, University of Newcastle)

A game to practise grammar skills.

Apple app store:

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/id1019114263>

A game to practise apostrophe skills.

Google play (Android):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.reptiliaware.apostrophepower>

(Australia, University of Newcastle)