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What is academic English?

Academic English, like any writing, has its own conventions or 'style'. It is a formal, written style, which means that it has aspects which make it different from 'spoken' academic English, and at the same time, being 'formal', it is quite different from ordinary writing which you might use in letters, emails, or stories.

This section considers 10 'rules' for good academic writing in English. Although rules are never a good idea for any form of study (because there are always exceptions), they are usually a good place to begin. These rules are concerned with the use of:

- formality (rules 1-5);
- objectivity (rule 6);
- precision (rules 7-8);
- tentative language (rule 9);
- explicit links (rule 10).

Rule 1
Use *formal vocabulary*, such as words from the academic wordlist (AWL). Avoid less formal or idiomatic vocabulary.

✓ Many fathers nowadays...
✗ Many dads these days...

✓ Major urban centres, such as London and Beijing...
✗ Major urban centres, like London and Beijing...

✓ There are a significant number of people who believe...
✗ There are lots of people who believe...

✓ There are three main reasons for this.
✗ There are 3 main reasons for this.

Rule 2
Use *formal verbs* instead of two-word verbs.

✓ increase, decrease, discuss, improve, deteriorate, continue, raise
✗ go up, go down, talk about, get better, get worse, go on, bring up

Rule 3
Use the *full form of verbs*, not contractions.

✓ do not, cannot, will not, did not
✗ don't, can't, won't, didn't
Rule 4
Use formal grammar structures, such as nominalisation (noun phrases) and clauses, rather than too many simple sentences.

✓ The increasing pollution of the environment is a global concern.
✗ The environment is increasingly polluted. This is a global concern.

✓ Note-taking, which is an important skill for EAP students, is difficult to master.
✗ Note-taking is an important skill for EAP students. It is difficult to master.

Rule 5
Use statements. Avoid rhetorical questions, which are less formal (though these are common in spoken academic English, i.e. lectures and presentations).

✓ There were four main reasons for the decline.
✗ What were the reasons for the decline?

✓ Written English is different from spoken English.
✗ How are written and spoken English different?

Rule 6
Use impersonal language, such as 'There is...', 'It is...', or passive voice. Avoid personal pronouns (I, we, you, etc.) and adverbs which show your feeling (e.g. luckily, remarkably, amazingly).

✓ There are three main problems.
✗ I can think of three main problems.

✓ In the experiment, the water was heated...
✗ In the experiment, I heated the water...

✓ There were very few errors in the experiment.
✗ Amazingly there were very few errors in the experiment.

Rule 7
Be as precise as possible. Use exact figures or values wherever possible, rather than 'about' or 'several'. Use words such as 'factor', 'issue', 'topic', 'aspect' instead of vague word such as 'thing'.

✓ There are three main reasons for this.
✗ There are several reasons for this.
✓ The turning point was in the late 1980s.
✗ The turning point was about 30 years ago.

✓ There were three factors which led to this result.
✗ There were three things which led to this result.

Rule 8
Be sure to cite your sources. Avoid making vague claims.
✓ Russell (2001) states that over 50% of the population are unaware of the problem.
✗ Everybody knows that most people are unaware of the problem.
✗ Most people are unaware of the problem.

Rule 9
Use tentative language such as 'possibly', 'probably', 'may', 'might', 'appears to', and 'seems to' to qualify statements. Avoid absolute statements and words such as 'always'.
✓ Education may reduce crime.
✓ It appears that education reduces crime.
✗ Education reduces crime.

✓ This is possibly caused by the effects of global warming.
✓ This may be caused by the effects of global warming.
✗ This is caused by the effects of global warming.

✓ Chinese students often make mistakes with tenses.
✗ Chinese students always make mistakes with tenses.

Rule 10
Use appropriate transition signals to explicit (i.e. clear) links between ideas and to introduce new sections of an essay. Avoid numbering or bullet points (except in certain reports), and basic transitions to begin sentences (e.g. 'And', 'But', 'So'). Also be careful not to use too many transitions (not at the beginning of every sentence!).
✓ Turning to the question of inflation...
✗ 2. Inflation.

✓ In addition, inflation is an important factor.
✗ And inflation is an important factor.
Checklist

Below is a checklist for academic style. Use it to check your own writing, or get a peer (another student) to help you.

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Rule 1

USE FORMAL VOCABULARY

1.1. For questions 1-5 complete the second sentence using one or two words so that it has the same meaning as the first.

1. Come on one of our seminars where you will learn to become a better listener. Enjoy the atmosphere of our seminar where you .......... to become a better listener.
2. The approximate number of participants needed is 50. There are .......... 50 participants.
3. The matter is still under consideration. They haven't made .......... up yet.
4. It is a legal requirement that you have a insurance for your car. You ............. have insurance for your car.
5. Millions of children are not learning because of poverty, discrimination, or because they are too hungry to learn. Millions of children are living in poverty, discrimination, or hunger .......... they are not learning.

1.2. Match formal expressions with their informal equivalents.

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<th>Informal</th>
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<td>I would just like to apologise for any inconvenience caused</td>
<td>What you need to do first is..</td>
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<td>The first step will be to</td>
<td>I think that's a great idea!</td>
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<tr>
<td>I would just like to say I think that is a great idea</td>
<td>I'm really sorry that I caused you trouble.</td>
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<tr>
<td>I would rather have...</td>
<td>Thanks for the support.</td>
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<td>I would really appreciate it if you could forward our course book to me.</td>
<td>You really must read that article.</td>
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<td>I just want to express my sincere thanks for the excellent support.</td>
<td>Can you send me our course book?</td>
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<td>I recommend reading that article.</td>
<td>I'd really prefer to have...</td>
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</table>

1.3. Read the sentences below. Choose the most appropriate answer.

1. Which phrase is an informal request for information?
   A. I would really appreciate it if you could send me our course book by email attachment.
   B. Send it to me immediately by attachment.
   C. Can you send me our course book by email attachment, please?
2. Which phrase is for giving instructions in a formal way?
A. Now write a first draft.
B. The first step would be to write the first draft.
C. First you need to write a draft.

3. Which phrase is for expressing a preference in a formal way?
A. I don't want to go there.
B. I'm not going there.
C. I would rather not go there.

4. Which phrase is a formal suggestion?
A. Let's go to the workshop on Machine Learning!
B. How about going to the workshop on Machine Learning?
C. I recommend going to the workshop on Machine Learning.

5. Which phrase expresses formal enthusiasm?
A. That's great/wonderful! You should be proud of yourself!
B. Wow, that’s amazing!
C. I would just like to say how pleased I am for you.

6. Which phrase is an informal apology?
A. I'm really sorry that I am late.
B. Look, I am late, okay.
C. I would just like to apologise for being late.

7. Which phrase expresses thanks in an informal way?
A. What would I do without you? To say thank you is not enough!
B. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude.
C. Thanks a bunch!

Rule 2

USE FORMAL VERBS

2.1. Some phrasal verbs are too informal for your research paper or report. Following are few examples of such unsuitable phrasal verbs. Match these phrasal verbs with the single verbs that can replace them.

- lots of: numerous
- get up: rise or increase
- put into: contribute
- find out: discover
- looked at: discovered
got together  
accounted for  
brought about  
cut out

merged  
explained  
caused  
deleted, cleaved, suited

2.2. Below is a list of phrasal verbs commonly used in informal English and their formal equivalents. Study the list carefully before you do the exercises.

| break down | fail          | go down | decrease |
| break down | categorize    | go on (with) | continue |
| bring about| cause         | go up    | increase |
| call off   | cancel        | go through | be approved |
| carry out  | conduct       | go up    | increase |
| come out   | be published  | make up  | constitute |
| come up with| design/invent/originate/ | make up for | compensate |
| come up with| present/produce/proposal | mix up | confuse |
| cut down (on) | reduce     | pick up | receive |
| cut off    | disconnect    | put off  | postpone |
| find out   | find/discover/ascertain | set up | arrange/organize |
| get hold of| contact       | take on  | employ |
| get hold of| acquire       | turn on/slide on | activate |
| get round  | avoid         | turn off/slide off | deactivate |
| get in     | be admitted   | turn up  | arrive |
| get in touch| contact     | work out | calculate |
Substitute the phrasal verbs in the following sentences with their more formal equivalents.

1. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.
2. The meeting has been called off.
3. We need to carry out more research.
4. The results were broken down by whether the news had come from television or the Internet.
5. They have plans to carry out research in the area of peace, security and disarmament.
6. We expect new equipment will turn up soon.
7. I finally found out the title of the article.
8. The company has to cut down its operating costs.
9. The new edition of the dictionary will come out next week.
10. It was hard to get a word in!
11. The new printer has already broken down.
12. She decided to put off her trip to Barcelona.
13. The details of the agreement were worked out successfully.
14. Surprisingly these figures work out differently each time we add them.

2.3. Match the verbs with their phrasal verb equivalents. Make up sentences of your own using the phrasal verbs to create an informal tone.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>put off</th>
<th>delay</th>
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<td>get back</td>
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<td>hold up</td>
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<td>send back</td>
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<td>get on with smb</td>
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<td>stay in</td>
<td>stop at home</td>
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Rule 3

USE THE FULL FORM OF VERBS, NOT CONTRACTIONS

A contraction is a shortened form of two words. In a contraction, an apostrophe takes the place of the missing letters.
Examples: I am = I’m you have = you’ve it is = it’s

3.1. Complete the table with the necessary missing verb forms.

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<td>shan’t</td>
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3.2. Write the long forms of the contracted words.
1. There’s something wrong with the computer.
2. We’ve run out paper.
3. It’s against the law.
4. What’s happened?
5. I’m going to ring him.
6. I’ve forgotten my keys.
7. He’s unemployed.
8. She couldn’t make a decision.
9. Here’s your coffee.
10. That’s a strange situation.
11. He’s highly unlikely to come.
12. It’s vitally important.
13. Let’s get started.
14. He’s got a toothache.
15. I’ll answer the phone.
16. He’s interested in Ancient Literature.
17. There’ll be a meeting next week.
18. We’d love to go there.
19. Who’s done that?
20. We’re leaving on Wednesday.

3.3. Change the words in ( ) into a contraction.
1. _______________ (we are) going to the cinema this weekend.
2. He said that the __________________ (would not) join us.
3. ________ (it is) time to start the lecture.
4. It ______________ (is not) too late to apply.
5. We _____________ (will not) be able to attend the conference.
6. I think ___________ (you will) enjoy the film.
7. You ___________ (will not) have time to complete the test.
8. ___________ (there is) never enough time to do everything.
9. The question _____________ (was not) difficult.
10. I knew ___________ (she would) want to go on that business trip.
11. I would like to go to that new Italian restaurant.
12. If he asked me for help, I would definitely do something.
13. I am saving up for my own flat.
14. I cannot afford to go on holiday this summer.
Rule 4

USE FORMAL GRAMMAR STRUCTURES

4.1. Mark the sentences below as formal or informal.

1. In 2001, the bridge was built. This was good politically. Two countries united. =
2. The bridge was completed in 2001, which resulted in a positive political move that united two countries.
3. "A man went to the store. He bought fruit. He bought apples, pears and oranges."
4. "A man went to the store and bough fruit: apples, pears and oranges."

4.2. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use a maximum of two words. Do not repeat a word from the first sentence.

1. We'll tell you how you got on in the test in a couple of weeks. Candidates will .......... of their results in two weeks.
2. If you're not happy with the service in the restaurant you can talk to the manager. .......... wish to complain about our service, please contact the manager.
3. The police will be looking into the matter. The matter is under police .......... .
4. You don't have to buy anything. If you don't want to. You are under .......... to purchase any of our products.
5. She was a pupil at that school, as were most of her friends. .......... most of her friends, she attended that school.
6. Passengers are required to arrive at least 2 hours before departure. We're supposed to .......... 2 hours before we leave.
7. Regardless of the situation you should always wear protective glasses. You must wear protective glasses .......... the situation.
8. Members of the club can be accompanied by guests. Club members are welcome to .......... along a guest if they want.
4.3. For questions 1-13 read the informal letter below and use the information to complete the numbered gaps in the Rules for visitors to Sandypoint Holiday Villages. Use no more than two words for each gap. The words you need do not occur in the informal letter.

**Informal Letter**

Dear Vanessa

How are you? The brochure for our holiday came in the post today and there's quite a list of rules to help us get the best out of our stay. I'd better tell you about the main ones we've got to stick to.

We aren't going to be able to drive our car around the village as none of us are in a wheelchair or anything like that. However, we can drive up to the apartment the day we get there and when we leave to drop off and pick up our suitcases and stuff.

Not surprisingly they expect us to look after the things and it'll be our fault if we damage anything in the place. Remember we needed to pay some extra money as a deposit just in case? Well, if we're really careful we'll get it all back at the end of the holiday if nothing bad has happened. The good news is that we're allowed to take Bruno with us so long as we tell them in advance. I'm really looking forward to the break.

Love,
Adam

**Informal to Formal**

**Holiday Village Rules**

1. To ensure maximum enjoyment from your holiday all visitors are required to (1) with the following Village regulations

2. Cars and motorbikes:
Motor vehicles are (2) ... in the Village except in the following circumstances:
   if you are registered (3) ... and make this known at the time of booking.
   when you take your car to your apartment on your day of (4) ... and departure
to unload and load your (5) ... .You are expected to take reasonable (6) ... the contents
of your apartment.

You are (7) ... any loss or damage

to the (8) ... during your visit.

to the (9) ... during your visit.

to the (10) ... during your visit.
to the (11) ... during your visit.

to the (12) ... during your visit.

to the (13) ... during your visit.

Rule 5

USE STATEMENTS. AVOID RHETORICAL QUESTIONS

5.1. Study the descriptions of rhetorical questions you can encounter in your life, match examples with the descriptions.

A rhetorical question is a question someone asks without expecting an answer.

1. Rhetorical Questions with Obvious Answers
Here are some rhetorical question examples that are very obvious, either because they're discussing commonly known facts or because the answer is suggested in context clues. These rhetorical questions are often asked to emphasize a point.

2. Rhetorical Questions That Have No Answers
Some rhetorical questions don't really have an answer, at least not a clear and concise one. Rather, they're meant to start conversations, spur debate, prompt contemplation, or illustrate someone's current state of mind. Here are some rhetorical questions that may never be answered.

3. Rhetorical Questions in Literature
Writers love to prompt further thinking and reflection. Rhetorical questions are a great way to achieve that. Leaving a question lingering in the air will allow the reader to spend further time in contemplation. Here are some examples from literature.

4. Rhetorical Questions in Famous Speeches
One of the best ways to include the audience in your speech is to ask a rhetorical question. It opens up the floor to them, without actually having to open up the floor and let everyone speak. It simple serves as an opportunity to pique their interest and then continue to emphasize your points. Here are some rhetorical question examples in famous speeches.

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<th>Do pigs fly?</th>
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<td>&quot;...O Wind, If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?&quot;</td>
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<td>Do you want to be a failure for the rest of your life?</td>
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<td>There's no hope, is there?</td>
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<td>Could I possibly love you more?</td>
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<td>Can fish swim?</td>
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<td>Why do we go on?</td>
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<td>Is rain wet?</td>
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<td>What is the meaning of life?</td>
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<td>&quot;If you prick us, do we not bleed?</td>
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<td>-William Shakespeare</td>
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<td>Can anyone look at the record of this Administration and say, &quot;Well done&quot;?</td>
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<td>Can anyone compare the state of our economy when the Carter Administration took office with where we are today and say, &quot;Keep up the good work&quot;?</td>
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<td>-Jimmy Carter</td>
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<td>How much longer will this injustice continue?</td>
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<td>Do you want to be a success in this world?</td>
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<td>Are we a nation that tolerates the hypocrisy of a system where workers who pick our fruit and make our beds never have a chance to get right with the law? Are we a nation that accepts the cruelty of ripping children from their parents' arms? Or are we a nation that values families, and works to keep them together?</td>
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5.2. Study the types of rhetorical questions below. Identify the type of rhetorical questions.

- Anthypophora and Hypophora
- Epiplexis
- Erotesis

**Anthypophora** is a rhetorical term for the practice of asking oneself a question and then immediately answering it.
"What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage! What makes the elephant charge his tusk in the misty mist, or the dusky dusk? What makes the muskrat guard his musk? Courage!"
(The Cowardly Lion in The Wizard of Oz, 1939)

**Hypophora** is a rhetorical term for a strategy in which a speaker or writer raises a question and then immediately answers it. Also called anthypophora, ratiocinatio, apocrisis, rogatio, and subjectio.

"What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured."

"Epiplexis a more specific form of [a rhetorical question] where a lament or an insult is asked as a question.

"Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You have done enough. Have you no sense of decency, sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?"(Joseph Welch to Senator Joseph McCarthy at the Army-McCarthy Hearings, June 9, 1954)

The figure of speech known as **erotesis** is a rhetorical question implying strong affirmation or denial. Also called erotema, eperotesis and interrogation. Adjective: erotetic.

In addition, as Richard Lanham points out in A Handlist of Rhetorical Terms (1991), **erotesis** may be defined as a rhetorical question "which implies an answer but does not give or lead us to expect one, as when Laertes rants about Ophelia's madness: 'Do you see this, O God?' (Hamlet, IV, v)."

1. "Is our species crazy?  
   "Plenty of evidence."  
   (Saul Bellow, Mr. Sammler's Planet. Viking Press, 1970)

2. What's the point? Why go on? What's a girl to do? How could you? What makes your heart so hard?

3. "In Switzerland, they had brotherly love, five hundred years of democracy and peace, and what did that produce? The cuckoo clock."  
   (Orson Welles as Harry Lime in The Third Man, 1949)  
   Sir Winston Churchill's Use of Anthypophora

4. "You may think that you are not superstitious. But would you walk under a burning building?"
   (Robert Benchley, "Good Luck, and Try and Get It")
5. "You ask, what is our policy? I will say it is to wage war, by sea, land, and air, with all our might and all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalog of human crime. That is our policy.
"You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: Victory. Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror; victory, however long and hard the road may be, for without victory, there is no survival."
(Winston Churchill, address to Parliament, May 13, 1940)

6. "What made me take this trip to Africa? There is no quick explanation. Things got worse and worse and worse and pretty soon they were too complicated."
(Saul Bellow, Henderson the Rain King. Viking Press, 1959)

7. "Who wants to become a writer? And why? Because it's the answer to everything. To 'Why am I here?' To uselessness. It's the streaming reason for living. To note, to pin down, to build up, to create, to be astonished at nothing, to cherish the oddities, to let nothing go down the drain, to make something, to make a great flower out of life, even if it's a cactus."
(Enid Bagnold, Autobiography, 1969)

8. "This is our first task, caring for our children. It’s our first job. If we don’t get that right, we don’t get anything right. That’s how, as a society, we will be judged.
"And by that measure, can we truly say, as a nation, that we’re meeting our obligations?
"Can we honestly say that we’re doing enough to keep our children, all of them, safe from harm?
"Can we claim, as a nation, that we’re all together there, letting them know they are loved and teaching them to love in return?
"Can we say that we’re truly doing enough to give all the children of this country the chance they deserve to live out their lives in happiness and with purpose?
"I’ve been reflecting on this the last few days, and if we’re honest with ourselves, the answer’s no. We’re not doing enough. And we will have to change."
(U.S. President Barack Obama, speech at a memorial service in Newtown, Connecticut, on December 16, 2012, two days after the massacre of 26 children and adults in an elementary school)

9. "Does Barry Manilow know that you raid his wardrobe?"
(Judd Nelson as John Bender in The Breakfast Club, 1985)

10. Lisa Simpson and her grandmother (singing Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind”):
“How many roads must a man walk down, before you can call him a man?”
Homer Simpson: “Seven!”
Lisa: “No, Dad, it’s a rhetorical question.”
Homer: “Rhetorical, eh? … Eight!”
Lisa: “Dad, do you even know what ‘rhetorical’ means?”
5.3. Read the article to learn whether we can use rhetorical questions in a research paper.

Can you Use Rhetorical Questions in a Research Paper?

A rhetorical question is the specific type of interrogation which does not demand the urgent and precise answer; it rather leaves something to think over. Not all types of research papers are appropriate to be with a rhetorical question. A perfect example of the research paper which approves the usage of a rhetorical question is the one about social matters. You may ask a rhetorical question at the end if it meets the purpose of the paper.

The rhetorical question is usually bound with a research question; it may even be the same version of it. Remember, a research question is placed in the introduction part of a research. When you place the rhetorical question in the conclusion part, make sure your research paper reveals the evidence in the body for answering it. The deductive manner is developed here which shows that your research paper is logically developed and used for the academic community. If it is allowed by the rules concerning your type of a research paper, you may briefly summarize the answer after the stated question. However, you have to be careful with rhetorical questions at the end of the research paper since they may be inappropriate.

Readers are not that audience which is thoroughly chosen, and they do not usually demonstrate conversance in a particular topic of your research. You do not have to take risks with rhetorical questions since you can be misunderstood and your academic work will leave a bad opinion. If you have strong will to place the question, do not perform it in the interrogative form, try to turn it in a way that it sounds formal and it is affirmative. It would serve as a hint for the reader. The topicality will be evident since the reader feels the necessity to think over the issue. The practical relevance to the contemporary usage will become urgent. All the preceding information is of the utmost importance since it helps you, as a writer, to save precious time on the work itself omitting pitfalls and mistakes.

This article is useful for the academic writers due to the fact that it raises the most worrying aspect of a research paper – a question. As you may now understand, questions are possible to use in a research paper; everything depends on the type of a question, its mode, and place in the research paper. The only thing a research paper writer has to do is to be careful with addressing the reader with a question. Since the audience can be different, therefore, the academic paper has to be multi-perspective and topical.
Rule 6

USE IMPERSONAL LANGUAGE

6.1. Look at the three passages below and see if you can decide which is academic writing.

1. A baby who won’t stop crying for ages drives anyone to despair. You feed him, you change him, you nurse him, you try to settle him, but the minute you put him down he starts to howl. Why?

2. When a baby cries it can be very troubling for parents, particularly if they don’t know the reason. However crying is an effective distress signal for human babies because they have a prolonged period of dependence on their parents.

3. The compelling sound of an infant’s cry can be regarded as an effective distress signal and appropriate to the human infant’s prolonged dependence on a caregiver. However cries may be alarming to parents, many of whom find it very difficult to listen to their infant’s crying particularly when the reason is not clear.

6.2. Change sentences in the personal form into the impersonal one.

1. Some people believe that preserving natural environment is crucial, however, most make no effort to do so.
   It is believed that preserving natural environment is crucial, however, most make no effort to do so.
   Preserving natural environment is believed to be crucial, however, most make no effort to do so.

2. Of all the teachers surveyed, 40% reported that they felt burned out.
   It has been reported that 40% of teachers felt burned out.
   Teachers have been reported to feel burned out.

3. Lots of people consider that this city is not worth visiting.

4. The staff thought that the meeting would take place in the room on the second floor.
   It ____________________________
   The staff ____________________________

5. Everybody thinks that she is the best candidate for that position.

6. Many people around the world believe that events are being controlled by others.
6.3. There are several useful impersonal expressions that are commonly used in academic writing. Complete the prompts below with your own ideas.

It is certain that…
It seems clear that … . (STRONG)
It appears obvious that

It is likely that …
It seems probable that … . (MODERATE)
It appears that …

It is possible that …
It seems possible that … . (TENTATIVE)
It appears possible that …

Rule 7
BE AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE

7.1. Read the paragraph below to learn how important it is to convey the results of your research more precisely. Make up similar to the samples sentences of your own using the words in bold.

In informal speech and writing, the word feel is often used interchangeably with believe and think. In academic writing, however, the results of your research must be conveyed more precisely. Consider the difference in meaning between “I feel that the correct dose is 25 mg,” and “I believe that the correct dose is 25 mg.” Which statement would give you more confidence in following a prescription? Confine the use of feel to situations in which emotion or sensory perception are under discussion.

Correct: Tesla believed that alternating current was more commercially viable than direct current.
Correct: Tesla felt a jolt when he grabbed the severed electrical cable.
Incorrect: Tesla felt that alternating current was more commercially viable than direct current.

Limit the use of while to writing about events that happen simultaneously. It’s not ungrammatical to use while in the sense of although, but it can lead to confusion.

Tom enjoys eating mashed potatoes while Henry eats french fries.
Is Tom’s enjoyment of mashed potatoes dependent on or chronologically related to Henry’s consumption of french fries? If so, the sentence above is fine; if not, use whereas/although/but to emphasize the contrast between the two events.

The salmon swim upstream while leaves float downstream. [Fish and leaves are moving at the same time]
The salmon swim upstream, whereas leaves float downstream. [Movement of fish is contrasted to movement of leaves]
Likewise, the use of since to mean after conveys a clear sequence of events. If you don’t intend to convey a chronological sequence, use because instead.

We knew the car was stolen since it was parked in the garage. [The car was first parked, then stolen].

We knew the car was stolen, because it was parked in the garage. [The car’s presence in the garage was evidence of theft].

7.2. Read the paragraph below to learn how important it is to avoid approximate language. Provide examples of your academic writing telling precisely how much, how many, where, and when you made your observations.

Vague language weakens the impact of your ideas and makes it more difficult for your readers to evaluate your work. Avoid terms such as very few, practically, mostly, and marginally, particularly when reporting the results of empirical experiments. Tell your readers precisely how much, how many, where, and when you made your observations.

7.3. Read the paragraph below to learn whether you can use euphemisms and jargon in your academic writing.

Every field has its own technical vocabulary, a sort of shorthand that communicates ideas in compact form. This is one meaning of the word jargon, and it’s not a bad thing. The problem enters when writers use a technical vocabulary where it’s not applicable. Extremely technical language may be justified in a dissertation or a lab report, when you are writing for a narrow audience. When you are writing a journal article, however, consider whether the use of scientific jargon may be a barrier to readers outside your subspecialty. Your article will find a broader readership (and thus be cited more often) if you avoid unnecessarily obscure language.

Rule 8
USING TENTATIVE LANGUAGE

8.1. Study the information below to learn what tentative language is.

In academic writing, it is important to be cautious in your claims unless they are proven or established beyond doubt or debate. This is because:

– it is unlikely that you have examined all possible evidence, and there may be a convincing case for an alternative conclusion;
– the results of individual studies are rarely conclusive and findings may later be shown to be inaccurate, based on false assumptions, or interpreted incorrectly;
– what is ‘known’ can change as new discoveries are made data is often open to various interpretations.
Tentative language therefore plays an important role in presenting a convincing argument or claim. You should indicate:
– your level of confidence in your conclusions;
– the strength of the evidence on which you are basing your claims.

Consider the differences between the two sentences below.
*Diet was an important factor in the health of the respondents.*
*The evidence suggests that diet was an important factor in the health of the respondents.*

The first sentence presents the findings with absolute certainty. Such a claim would need to be supported by very strong evidence. The second sentence is a hedged claim, indicating that the evidence is not sufficient to make an outright claim, or that it could allow for other interpretations.

Hedged claims can be made by qualifying quantity, frequency or probability.

Verbs: appear, suggest, indicate.
Modals: may/might, can/could, will, would.
Adverbs: possibly, probably, likely.

8.2. Make the following sentences into hedged claims by selecting the tentative language from the options below to fill in the blanks.

The results ___ that there is a connection between gut microbiota and the development of regulatory T cells.
– showed
– indicated.

Age ___ a contributing factor to the observed behaviour.
– was likely to be
– was.

The two age groups surveyed _____ similar attitudes towards immigrants.
– appeared to hold
– held.

8.3. In which statement does the writer make the most cautious claim?

1. The nervousness displayed by some of the placement teachers may have been due to the presence of observers.
2. The nervousness displayed by some of the placement teachers was apparently due to the presence of observers.
3. The nervousness displayed by some of the placement teachers was clearly due to the presence of observers.

**Rule 9**

**BE SURE TO CITE YOUR SOURCES**

9.1. Study the information below to learn what major citation styles are used in academic writing, what their characteristics are.

What are the citation styles?
There are (3) major citation styles used in academic writing:
- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Chicago, which supports two styles:
  - Notes and Bibliography
  - Author-Date

**Which citation style should I use?**

The citation style you choose will largely be dictated by the discipline in which you're writing, and for most assignments your instructor will assign a style to you. However, as you progress through your academic career, you may find more flexibility in choosing a style that works for you. It's always best to check with your instructor and colleagues as to what style is appropriate. If you have flexibility, use the guide below to help you decide.

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<td><strong>Try: Chicago Notes &amp; Bibliography</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chicago notes utilizes footnotes and endnotes to link text to sources.</td>
<td><strong>Try: Chicago Author-Date</strong>&lt;br&gt;Chicago author-date utilizes parenthetical in-text citations and a references or works cited list at the end, similar to the APA style.</td>
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interpreting primary sources in a historical context. The **author's name** is the first piece of information preceding title and publication information on the "Works Cited" list at the end of the work.

in an effort to track currency and relevancy. The **date** is listed immediately following the author's name in the "References" list.

| For more information on the MLA style and how to use it, check out the MLA style page. | For more information on the APA style and how to use it, check out the APA style page. | For more information on this style and how to use it, check out the Chicago Notes and Bibliography style page. | For more information on this style and how to use it, check out the Chicago Author-Date style page. |

**WHAT IS MLA STYLE?**
MLA (Modern Language Association) Style is widely used in the humanities, especially in writing on language and literature. MLA style uses brief parenthetical citations in the text that refer to an alphabetical list of works cited appearing at the end of the work.

MLA Style is generally used by disciplines in the humanities, including:
- English
- Literatures
- Art
- Philosophy

**Example Citations: Books**

**General Format for Books**

AuthorLastName, AuthorFirstname. *Title*. Publisher, Year.

**Basic Book**

**Two Authors**

**Article or chapter in an edited book or anthology**
Electronic Book

Example Citations: Other Materials
General Format for Lecture Notes

Lecturer's name. "Title of lecture." Meeting. Name of sponsoring organization. Location of lecture, date.
**If you don't know the title of the lecture, or the lecture doesn't have a title, use the title Lecture (without the quotation marks).

*Examples:*


Example Citations: Articles
General Format
AuthorLastName, AuthorFirstName. "Article Title." Journal Title, Version, Number, Publication Date, Page Numbers.

*Journal article, two authors*

*Journal article from an online database*

*Newspaper Article from an online database*

*Newspaper Article from Web or Print Source*

Example Citation: Web Sites
General Format

AuthorLastName, AuthorFirstName. “Title of Article or Individual Page.” Title of website, Name of publisher, Date of publication, URL or DOI.

Web page with Author


Webpage with no Author

"New Media @ the Center." The Writing Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. U of Wisconsin-Madison Writing Center, 2009. http://www.writing.wisc.edu/newMedia@theCenter.html

Entire Website


CITATION STYLES & TOOLS: FORMATTING GUIDELINES

Parenthetical Citations

Rule of thumb: The briefer the better. Try to incorporate most information into the text. In-text references must clearly point to corresponding entry in the Works Cited list.

Basic Forms:

According to Gullans in his book Poetic Form, the importance of structure...(23).

(Page number only, when author/work cited is evident from context)

...In the book Poetic Form, importance of structure... (Gullans 23).

(Author and Page, when author work needs to be identified)

…importance of structure... (Gullans, Poetic Form 23).

(Author and Title and Page, when work is not identified in text)

MLA style provides writers with a system for referencing sources through parenthetical citations, but also specifies guidelines for formatting papers. Below find basic guidelines for formatting your paper and creating a Works Cited page.

Works Cited title page: Center the words Works Cited at the top of the page.
**Order:** List entries alphabetically by author's last name. List sources without authors alphabetically by title. If listing more than one work by the same author, order the entries by author then alphabetically by title.

**Authors:** Reverse only the first author's name. If there are more than 3 authors, give the first author's name and add "et al."

**Capitalization:** Capitalize the first word, the last word and all principal words in the source's title and sub-title.

**Title of container:** Use italics followed by a comma.

**Title of source:** Depending on the source, titles should be in italics or "quotation marks."

**Indentation:** First line of each citation is flush with the left margin; Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations five spaces so that you create a hanging indent.

**Issue Numbers for Journals:** Include both volume and issue numbers for all sources that are a part of a numbered sequence.

**URLs:** Include URLs for works found online.

**Database Location:** When citing an article or publication originally published in print but found in an online database the name of the database should be in italics but the location of the database [e.g. name of library] & the subscription information is not required.

**Online Source Information:** Publisher or sponsor is required for online sources; if none listed, use the abbreviation N.p. (no publisher) in the sponsor area.

**Date:** For online sources with no date of publication or update, use n.d. (e.g. no date) after the sponsor/publisher.

**Date of Access:** Give the most recent date you accessed the source.

**Pagination:** Include page numbers for an online journal or an article from a database when available. If not available, use the abbreviation “n.pag.”

**Quotation Marks:** Titles of periodicals (newspapers, journal, magazine articles) should be enclosed in quotation marks and end with a period inside the closing quotation mark

**WHAT IS APA STYLE?**

APA (American Psychological Association) Style is widely used in the social sciences, business, and some of the life sciences. APA Style uses brief in-text citations in the text that refer to an alphabetical list of references appearing the end of the work.

Disciplines using APA Style include:

- Anthropology
- Business
- Communication
- Education
- Political Science
- Psychology
This guide gives examples citations for the most common information formats used in APA Style, as well as links to other sources and examples. Examples are based on the 6th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Example Citations: Books
General Format

Author Lastname, F. I. (Date). *Book title*. Location: Publisher.

Book


Book with two authors


Article or chapter in an edited book


Example Citations: Other Materials

Lecture Presentations

General Format

Author, F.M. (Publication Year). *Name or title of lecture* [file format]. Retrieved from URL

**If you are citing a classroom presentation, include the same data except the retrieval information

Examples:


Example Citations: Articles

**Journal article from database (with DOI)**


**Journal article from database (no DOI)**


**Journal article in print (no DOI)**


**Online Newspaper Article**


**Newspaper from Print Source**


Example Citations: Web Sites

**General Format**

AuthorLastname, F. I. (Date of Publication). Web article title (if applicable) [Description of Form]. *Title of Web Site*. Retreived date, from http://website.com

(If no author listed, begin the entry with the web page title)

**Web page**

Entire Web site


In-Text Citations

In-text citation in APA Style uses an author-date system. Place the author's name and year of publication in parentheses, separated by a comma (#1). If the name of the author appears in the text, cite only the year in parentheses (#2). If both author and year appear in the text, don't include a parenthetical citation (#3).

#1: In the beginning stages... (Jenkins, 2003)

#2: Jenkins (2003) described the beginning stages...

#3: In his seminal 2003 study, Jenkins described ...

Sources with multiple authors:

2 authors: cite both names every time; e.g., (Smith & Jones, 2014)

3–5 authors: cite all authors the first time, then only the 1st author plus *et. al.* subsequently; e.g., 1st citation (Smith, Jones, & Brown, 2013); 2nd citation (Smith *et al.*, 2013)

More than 5 authors: cite the first author followed by *et al.;* e.g. (Smith *et al.*, 2014)

Direct quotations:

In general, for a direct quote (rather than a paraphrase), provide a page number in the citation in addition to the author and date.

Example:

But in the words of the inimitable Winnie: “Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day” (Milne, 1926, p. 79).

DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers)

UW Healthlinks Guide to the DOI

Includes a definition of what the DOI is and tips on where to find it.

A DOI is a unique, permanent locator for online materials. They are usually found at the top of an article or with the other citation information – look for the letters "doi"
followed by an alphanumeric sequence beginning with 10. Many older articles may not have a DOI.

Free DOI Lookup
Use citation information to determine if an article has a DOI.
Resolve a DOI
DOI and URL Flowchart
From the official APA blog.

Formatting Guidelines for References Page

APA style provides writers with a system for referencing sources through parenthetical citations, but also specifies guidelines for formatting papers. Below find basic guidelines for formatting your paper and References List. For more in-depth information on formatting, check out the OWL APA Formatting and Style Guide.

You essay should be double-spaced with 1" margins. APA recommends using 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

**References Title:** Type the word "References" in the top center of a new page. Don't bold, underline, or use quotation marks for the label. Double-space citations and insert commas, colons, semicolons, and periods that separate parts of the citation.

**Indentation:** First line of each citation is flush with the left margin; indent all subsequent lines of the citation.

**Order:** Alphabetize citations by first author's last name. Alphabetize sources without authors by title.

**Authors:** Invert all authors names; give surnames & initials for up to and including the 1st 7 authors. With 8 or more authors, list the first 6, then insert three ellipsis points and end with the last author's name.

**Capitalization:** Capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle of books, articles and websites. However, capitalize all proper names/words and all words in the title of a journal, magazine, newspaper. Example: The Seattle Times.

**DOI:** If available, include a DOI at the end of the citation.

**URLs:** Use only when a DOI isn't available.

**Date:** Follows the author's name, or the title if there is no author. Use full date when citing magazines, newspapers, newsletters and conference/symposium papers and proceedings. Use only the year when citing journal articles and books. If possible, include the date a web site was created or updated.
Italics: Titles of books and journals are italicized. Journal volume numbers are also italicized but issue numbers are not.

Page numbers: Use p. or pp. before page numbers for magazines and newspapers that don't have volume numbers. They are also used for pages for encyclopedia articles and chapters in edited books. Page number abbreviations aren't used when citing journal articles with volume numbers.

Publication information: Include city, state and name of publisher.

Web sites: If the web site has a personal author it is cited similar to books etc including author, title, date etc. and retrieval date since content may change. When discussing an entire web site it is listed in the body of the page with name of web site or group and URL. Web site addresses are not included in the reference list.

Retrieved from: Use when there is no DOI for a journal or magazine article and you retrieved the article electronically, e.g., Retrieved from http://www.newsweek.com. It isn't necessary to include a "retrieved from" statement with name of database from which an online article was retrieved. Exception: Add database name used when citing materials with limited circulation.

What is Chicago Notes & Bibliography Style/ What is Chicago Author-Date Style?

Chicago is a documentation style that has been published by the Chicago University Press since 1906. The Notes and Bibliography style is preferred by many in humanities disciplines, including history, literature, and the arts. Citations are provided in footnotes or endnotes and are usually accompanied by a bibliography.

"Turabian" style, widely used for decades by students, is essentially a simplified version of the Chicago Manual.

9.2. Provide a piece of your academic writing, make sure you cite the sources correctly.

9.3. Read your groupmate’s piece of academic writing. Provide constructive feedback on the use of sources in it.
Unit 10

USE APPROPRIATE TRANSITION SIGNALS

10.1. Read the paragraph below to learn what transition signals are, why it is important to use them in your writing.

Transition signals are connecting words or phrases that strengthen the internal cohesion of your writing. Transition signals act like bridges between parts of your writing. They link your sentences and paragraphs together smoothly so that they flow and there are no abrupt jumps or breaks between ideas.

Transition signals also act like signposts making it easier for the reader to follow your ideas. They help carry over a thought from one sentence to another, from one paragraph to another, or between separate sentences, paragraphs or topics.

There are several types of transition signals. Some lead your reader forward and imply the building of an idea or thought, while others make your reader compare ideas or draw conclusions from the preceding thoughts.

Sample text

<table>
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<th>During [1] the early twentieth century, in addition [4] to industrialisation, urban growth and technological development, Australian society was experiencing a transformation of the domestic ideal. Consequently [5], people were subject to an increasing array of government and professional programs aiming to manage and regulate life, particularly [6] family life. Some of these programs were designed to counter social changes, others were designed to engineer them; overall [2] they each heralded a growing expert encroachment into the private sphere.</th>
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<td>Intervention and influence took three forms [3]. Firstly [3], techniques designed to maximise efficiency were introduced into the home and scientific principles were applied to its design. In addition [4], housework and parenting methods were scrutinised and subject to unprecedented standards. Secondly [3], all aspects of reproduction attracted increasing intervention from government and the medical profession. Thirdly [3], state, professional and philanthropic groups began to usurp the parental role within the family through instruction and policy. Ultimately [2], the development of 'modern' social ideals brought regulation, intervention and ever-increasing unrealistic standards.</td>
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<td>[1] Indicating a specific time</td>
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<td>[2] Indicating a conclusion</td>
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<td>[3] To indicate sequence and logically divide an idea</td>
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<td>[4] Indicating extra information</td>
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<td>[5] Indicating a result</td>
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<td>[6] To add emphasis</td>
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10.2. The following words and phrases can be used to indicate transitions and to cue your reader about how ideas are logically connected in your writing. This list is also helpful for providing alternative options if you find yourself constantly using the same linking word or phrase. Match the transition signals to the stage of your writing.

| **To indicate sequence or to logically order ideas** | similarly  
equally  
in the same way  
likewise |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| **To refer to a specific incident or example**      | take the case of  
for example  
for instance  
in this case  
to demonstrate |
| **To provide emphasis or indicate importance**      | that is (to say)  
namely  
specifically  
thus  
in other words |
| **To indicate time**                                | in addition  
furthermore  
besides  
also  
it could also be said  
additionally  
another  
further  
mmoreover |
| **To compare and/or contrast**                      | alternatively  
however  
on the other hand  
it could also be said that  
in contrast  
instead  
whereas  
nevertheless  
despite/ in spite of (this)  
even though  
admittedly  
nonetheless  
albeit  
notwithstanding (this)  
although  
regardless (of this)  
(and) yet  
on the contrary |
| To indicate result or cause and effect | finally  
in brief  
on the whole  
overall  
therefore  
in conclusion  
in other words  
thus  
consequently  
as a result  
ultimately  
in summary  
hence  
to summarise |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| To introduce a similar idea           | first, second, third etc.  
followed by  
then  
before, after  
next, finally  
previously, subsequently  
initially, followed by  
concurrently  
at that time |
| To add another idea or more information| as a result (of this)  
consequently  
as a consequence  
therefore  
thus  
hence  
accordingly  
for this reason  
because (of this)  
so much (so) that |
| To introduce an opposite idea, to show exception or concession | for example  
to illustrate  
for instance  
in the case of case  
specifically  
namely  
in this case  
such as  
on this occasion  
notably |
| **To give an example** | thereafter  
|                     | initially  
|                     | at that/ this point  
|                     | immediately  
|                     | finally  
|                     | simultaneously  
|                     | before, after  
|                     | then, later  
|                     | at that/ this time  
|                     | formerly  
|                     | meanwhile  
|                     | prior to  
|                     | previously  
|                     | during  
|                     | at present  
| **To identify or clarify** | indeed  
|                     | above all  
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