
Support for Technical Proficiency in English (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar - SPG)

This document is intended to signpost you to a variety of websites, resources and videos which can be shared with students to support them in developing technical proficiency in English.

Please discuss results of the audit, early feedback from level 4 formative assessments and any subsequent assessments. This is an opportunity to signpost support services, mechanisms and tools.

Although students are working at Higher Education level, there are some resources which have been designed for KS2 or KS3/4 pupils which serve as useful reminders of the basics. Other resources concentrate on academic writing and assignment structure.

As a Personal Academic Tutor (PAT) or subject tutor, you may wish to signpost students to the following resources. The Language Centre can help you identify which areas students need support with if you are unsure.

University of Worcester 1:1 Support

- [Language Centre](#) – the Language Centre works with home and international students giving practical advice on academic writing and presentation skills. The [Academic Writing Guidance](#) service offers tutorials for specific questions / areas to work on, or email languagecentre@worc.ac.uk for more advice.
- [Academic Writers in Residence](#) – offer confidential, one-to-one tutorials for students in all subject areas and to support all aspects of academic writing. This includes essays, reports, theses, dissertations, or personal statements.
- [Academic Liaison Librarians](#) - Academic Liaison Librarians offer bookable appointments, both at the Hive and on campus. Librarians can help students navigate their reading and references.
- [Disability and Dyslexia Service](#) - The Disability and Dyslexia Service offers confidential, one to one advice and guidance to students with disabilities, learning differences and medical conditions.
- [Study Skills portal](#) – various resources including a [quick skills check](#).
- LinkedIn Learning (previously Lynda.com) is a platform that the University (through Library Services) pays as a subscription for and provides for all students and staff at the University (<https://www.linkedin.com/learning>) This includes resources/tutorials etc for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

SPG refresher resources

[Key Stage 2 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar](#)

[GCSE – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar](#)

[University of Hull: grammar, punctuation and academic language](#)

[University of Kent grammar, spelling and punctuation guide](#)

[The Open University spelling, punctuation and grammar guides](#)

[Staffordshire University](#) – a useful video for revising punctuation

[The University of Sussex: Guide to Punctuation](#)

SPG App support

British Council - LearnEnglish Grammar (UK Edition)



British Council - Johnny Grammar's Word Challenge



UCL - AWE: Academic Writing in English



UCL - iGE: the interactive Grammar of English



UCL - ESP: English Spelling & Punctuation



Cambridge Grammar in use



Podcasts

British Council LearnEnglish Podcasts -

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/apps/learnenglish-podcasts>

BBC World Service – 6 minute Grammar

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02pc9wq/episodes/downloads>

Videos

[University of Westminster](#) - Academic English: Grammar and Punctuation

What is academic writing? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cq4J8bPBcck>

Secrets of academic writing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy2gxPrB2YY>

Books

Bailey, S. (2015) *The Essentials of Academic Writing for International Students*. Routledge, Abingdon.

Harrison, M., Jakeman, V. and Paterson, K. (2016) *Improve your grammar: the essential guide to accurate writing*. 2nd edn. London: Macmillan Education.

Peck, J. and Coyle, M. (2012) *The student's guide to writing: spelling, punctuation and grammar*. 3rd edn. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Seely, J. (2013) *The Oxford guide to effective writing and speaking: how to communicate clearly*. 3rd edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Simpson, R. & Edleston, B. (2019) *Essential English grammar: a complete introduction*. London: Teach Yourself.

Swan, M. (2016) *Practical English Usage*. OUP, Oxford.