

IELTS writing materials – general advice

An [A-Z of Writing Skills](#) (click on the areas you need to practise).

[Improve Your Writing](#) – Bristol University checklist with exercises

[EAP Foundation](#) - takes you through different aspects of Academic Writing, like essay types, style and paraphrasing.

[British Council Learn English Teens](#) - has excellent Task 1 and 2 color-coded models like this [For/Against](#) essay about the internet.

[Write and Improve](#) uses technology developed at the University of Cambridge to mark your writing. The first one is free.

The [UEFAP](#) site (Using English for Academic Purposes) looks old-fashioned, but it still provides basic and useful information e.g. how to use signal words and different types of cohesion.

[Phraseum](#) helps you with sentence structure – [this example](#) gives you lots of expressions for informal letter writing (General Training).

[Manchester University Phrasebank](#) – lots of help for Academic Writing

The [Writewell app](#) gives you some nice templates for Writing Task 2.

IELTS writing resources to get feedback

[Writebetter](#) – A chrome extension to help you write better.

[Analyzemywriting.com](#) – ‘an online text content and readability analyzer. Copy and paste a text into the homepage and gain a wealth of information about your text including word and character counts, word and sentence lengths, the readability of your text, and other analyses’.

[Virtual Writing Tutor](#) checks your writing for free.

The [SAS Writing Reviser](#) is free Google Docs Add-On

[Wordtune](#) is a Google Chrome Extension that offers alternatives for any sentence you highlight.

Free IELTS Writing materials to improve VOCABULARY

These sites focus on the Academic Word List:

[The Academic Word List \(AWL\) – PDF version and sublists](#)

[Academic Word List](#) – with all forms (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs)

[Compact version](#) of the Academic Word List – easy to print off and carry around

[Road to Grammar](#) also has a nice quiz using words from the AWL.

[Academic Word List Practice Exercises](#) – another good place to practice.

[A-Z of formal and informal synonyms](#) – the Plain English Campaign

Free IELTS Writing materials for collocations

[List of collocations](#) – 42 pages of academic collocations in a PDF

[A – Z of collocations](#)

[50 Useful Academic collocations](#)

[Collocation Checker](#) – [Just the word](#)

[SKELL](#) – helps you find words that go together and synonyms

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Find the word you need with [Netspeak](#) – read the instructions first,

English Club has a fantastic [A – Z of collocations!](#)

[Word Hippo](#) – a kind of thesaurus and SO much more. Also:

- [Ozdic.com](#)
- [Inspirassion.com](#)

[English-Corpora](#) – this looks great for teachers but unfortunately they make it so difficult to sign up for their free account that I have given up! I'm keeping it here just in case it gets easier.

[Snapstudy app](#) makes flashcards from photos of text, so just take a photo of a model essay and create a set of revision cards on your phone.

Spelling and Punctuation

A simple guide and 'Brushing up' [workbook](#) for spelling rules

[How to spell](#)

Simple [punctuation guide](#)

Free IELTS materials for getting ideas

[British Council Video Zone](#)

[Scientific American](#) A useful podcast with 1-minute IELTS-style articles

[TubeQuizard](#) is a fabulous place to do exercises based on well-chosen YouTube videos.

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I really love these bite-sized [Academic English mini-lectures](#) on YouTube by Mike Gibson. All of the topics are very IELTS-focused.

Improve your vocabulary through Reading and Listening with these awesome sites:

- [ReadListenLearn](#)
- [CommonLit.org](#)
- [Newsela](#)

(student subscription to Newsela and CommonLit included in the Members Academy)

[Sciencedaily.com](#) has very typical IELTS-style articles in bite-sized daily chunks.

Free IELTS apps and websites

- [Ludwig guru](#) – ‘a search engine that helps you write better English by giving you contextualised examples from reliable sources’.
- [Lexico](#) does something similar – it gives you lots of sentences with the word in context so you can see how it’s used (not just the meaning).

Grammar for IELTS

- The well-known coursebook, [English File](#), has its own site with lots of graded grammar practice
- [This German site](#) gives clear examples and useful exercises (it’s not in German though, don’t worry!)
- [Confusing words, common errors](#) (and LOTS more) on the same German site!
- [Road to Grammar](#) – another well-organised site with lots of practice of different language items. Click [here](#) for IELTS-specific practice.
- [English Club](#) has a great grammar section with lots of quizzes.

Academic Writing for University

- Verbs for [citation](#) (PDF – nice simple list)
- The [CRAAP method](#) for evaluation sources.
- Academic [Writing advice for students](#) (University of Toronto downloadable PDFs)