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English Language Support for (EL SIS)

English Language Education (ELE)

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching>

Academic Language and Literacies for In-Sessional Study (ALLIS)

- Academic Writing for International Students
- Grammar for Academic Writing [In-person & Online]
- Seminar Discussion Skills [In-person **ONLY**]

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching/in-sessional-courses/elsis>

The screenshot displays the website for English Language Education. The main heading is "ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION". Below this, there is a navigation menu with "English Language Education home" and "In-sessional English language courses". The main content area is titled "ALLIS Courses for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Students" and includes a sub-heading "Courses for students on UG and PG Taught programmes." A table lists "Semester 1 Courses 22/23" with columns for "Course", "Starts week commencing:", and "Duration/hours".

Course	Starts week commencing:	Duration/hours
Academic Writing for In-sessional Study (Online)	03 October 2022	1 hour
Academic Writing for In-sessional Study (In-person)	03 October 2022	2 hours
Grammar for Academic Writing (Online)	03 October 2022	1 hour

Academic Language and Literacies for In-sessional Study (ALLIS)

- The courses are free of charge and non-credit bearing.
- Courses are 4 weeks (2 each in Semesters 1 and 2)
- Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All our teachers are very experienced in teaching English for academic purposes and working with international students from different disciplines.

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching/in-session-courses/elsis>



Independent Study Materials

Required

Following course-specific materials:

↓ Speaking Skills

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↓ Presentation Skills

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↓ Grammar for Academic Writing

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↓ Writing for Postgraduates (Supplementary Materials)

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↓ Writing your PhD: Reviewing the Literature

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What if I don't get a place on an ALLIS course?

Where available, take advantage of our **Independent Study Materials**

or

Reapply for a course in Semester 2

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching/ele-courses/elsis/independent-study-materials>

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Graduate Writing Centre

- Need help with your writing at any time of the semester?
- You can receive one-to-one consultations in an online academic writing tutorial (45 minutes) for postgraduate (PGT & PGR) international students.
- Booking is via MyEd.

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/english-language-teaching/in-session-courses/graduate-writing-centre>

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- October 2022 – December 2023
- Provide 350 max word sample
- Provide a question for discussion
- NOT a proofreading service!!
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Institute for Academic Development (IAD)

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Study Hub learning resources

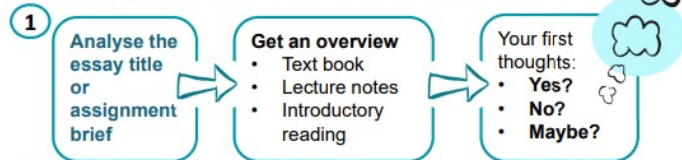
resources. Advice on specific study skills topics, plus downloadable re

Building an argument as you go



Thinking, reading, thinking, writing - repeat...

You can develop the steps of your argument in your writing as you go, identifying the points you want to make and the evidence you will use.



2 Create a working hypothesis

Write an initial response offering a few conclusions as a basic answer to the essay title or assignment brief. Stick to two or three sentences.

You will change and develop it as you read and investigate the topic.

3 Test your hypothesis with questions

Step one: Pretend you disagree – why would you disagree?

Step two: Pretend you agree totally – and add something else in support.

Step three: Agree to some extent, but point out weaknesses.

- What evidence can I find in support of / against this?
- What theoretical perspectives does it fit / not fit with?
- What do the main authors or thinkers have to say?
- Make comparisons – look for differences and similarities.

Make these questions more and more specific as you read more.

4 Modify and develop your answer as you read

How far – if at all – does each text confirm your answer?

Which parts? In what way? Can you use it in your essay? How? Where?

How far – if at all – does it contradict your answer?

Do you need to modify your answer? Why? In what way?

Will you keep your response and conclusions the same?

Does it suggest new questions/ issues you need to address?

How will you build these into your argument?



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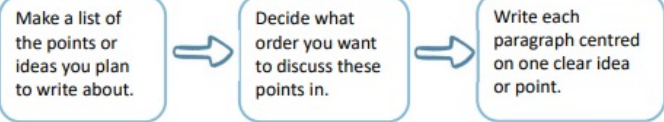
Build an argument as you go

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-academic-development/study-hub/learning-resources/writing>

Developing writing in paragraphs



- Paragraphs are the blocks of writing you use to build your assignments.
- A paragraph is made up of a number of sentences linked together around a theme or topic.
- Using paragraphs allows the reader to cope with a section at a time.
- Paragraphs are a way of organising your thinking and making the meaning clear.



- 1 The first sentence is usually the **topic sentence** and tells us what the paragraph is about – the main theme, idea or point.

2 Development

The middle is where you develop or expand your main theme and the point you are making.

Explain and clarify by offering definitions of terms and by giving more detail.

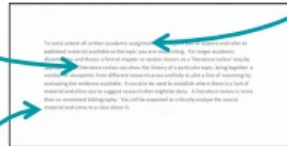
Give evidence in support of your point from reading or research. Explain how this illustrates or proves the point you are making.

How long is a paragraph?

There is no fixed or ideal length for a paragraph.

If you are changing direction and want to bring in a new idea, then start a new paragraph.

Try to avoid really long paragraphs. You may need more than one paragraph if the theme is complex.



- 3 Finally, finish off the main idea of the paragraph with a **concluding sentence**.
- You may want to link this back to the main point or the assignment title.
 - You can emphasise the main point.
 - You can prepare for the next paragraph.

Plan your sequence

- Make sure each paragraph follows the one before it and leads to the one after in a way that makes sense to the reader.
- Order your paragraphs to make your line of reasoning clear and convincing. Persuade the reader by having good reasons for the points you are making.



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Getting your ideas in order: 1



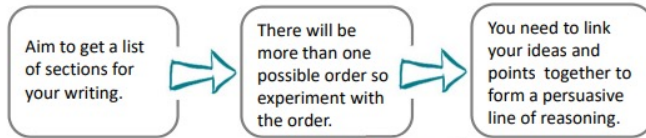
Getting some order

In any written assignment you will be expected to organise and structure information from a range of sources. This can mean you end up with a lot of notes and bits of writing you need to link together.

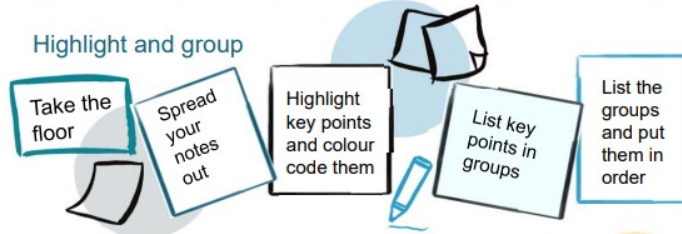


- What should you select?
- What are the relationships between ideas and concepts?
- How can you reorganise these in response to the task set?

These are suggestions – experiment and find out what works for you.



Highlight and group



Shuffle your key ideas around

- Putting material into groups makes it easier to see how you might link the material together.
- Playing around with the order can help you arrive at a line reasoning that will convince the reader.
- Your readers will be able to follow your argument more easily if you have thought about the best order to use.

On screen



Copy and paste key ideas as short summaries.

Shuffle these around in your document.

Draft a outline plan based on the order you arrive at.



Getting your ideas in order

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The screenshot shows the Academic Phrasebank website. At the top, the University of Manchester logo is partially visible. A purple navigation bar contains the following menu items: 'Introducing Work', 'Referring to Sources', 'Describing Methods', 'Reporting Results', and 'Discussing'. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'Home Page' is displayed. On the left side, there is a vertical list of 'GENERAL LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS' including: 'Being Cautious', 'Being Critical', 'Classifying and Listing', 'Compare and Contrast', 'Defining Terms', 'Describing Trends', 'Describing Quantities', 'Explaining Causality', 'Giving Examples', 'Summarising Transition', and 'Writing about the Past'. The main content area features a large text block explaining the resource's purpose and a smaller text block at the bottom of the main area that reads: 'This site was created by John Morley. If you could spare just two or three minutes of your time, I would be extremely grateful for any feedback on Academic Phrasebank: Please click here to access a very short questionnaire. Thank you.'

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<https://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

Academic Writing

- <http://www.uefap.net/writing/writing-paragraphs/writing-paragraphs-cohesion>
- <https://arts.uottawa.ca/writingcentre/en/hypergrammar/building-sentences>
- <https://arts.uottawa.ca/writingcentre/en/hypergrammar/writing-paragraphs>

Academic Writing in the Sciences

- <https://sites.duke.edu/scientificwriting/>

Writing clearly, concisely & accurately

- <https://www.monash.edu/rlo/research-writing-assignments/writing/clear-communication/writing-clearly-concisely-and-precisely>
- <https://natureofwriting.com/courses/sentence-structure/lessons/concise-sentences-2/topic/concise-sentences/>
- <https://www.scribbr.com/academic-writing/write-concisely/>

Fragments and Run-Ons

- <http://guidetogrammar.org/grammar/fragments.htm>
- <https://study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-a-sentence-fragment-definition-examples-quiz.html>
- <https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/grammar/runon-sentences>

Academic Word List

- <https://www.eapfoundation.com/vocab/academic/awllists/>
- <http://www.uefap.com/vocab/select/awl.htm>
- <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist>