

Scientific and Academic Writing in English

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In scientific & academic writing there are a number of grammar points which frequently cause problems, even for those who have reached a high level of proficiency in English: article usage; the tenses; prepositions; relative pronouns; the gerund and infinitive; inversion; defining and non-defining clauses; punctuation.

We will focus on these and other language questions in a systematic manner, while building on your store of academic vocabulary and expressions. There are regular writing tasks to practice the skills learnt, with feedback following each exercise.

Content for two days:

We will examine:

- Appropriate levels of formality
- Achieving a good 'flow' of ideas and expression
- Accuracy in definition
- Describing problems, solutions and outcomes
- Presenting data and data commentary

All of these writing skills will be examined in the context of a variety of types of writing: general-specific texts, problem-process-solution texts and data commentary texts.

Methods:

The seminar comprises inspirational input, exercises, small group work and group discussion. A lively learning atmosphere is created, and sustainable results obtained.