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GENERAL WEBSITES

OWL Purdue Online Writing Lab This site has general, subject-specific, job search, and ESL writing help as well as guidance in research and citation.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

Brightstorm Videos by college professors from around the country. Grammar topics include run on sentences, fragments, wordiness, commas and more. Writing covers the thesis, supporting evidence, prewriting, editing, types of essays and more.

https://www.brightstorm.com/english/grammar/

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Guide to Grammar and Writing The main site includes guidance in grammar and English by the word, the sentence and the paragraph plus quizzes and writing recommendations

http://guidetogrammar.org/grammar/index.htm

English Grammar Explains parts of speech, punctuation, spelling, etc., and includes quizzes.

https://www.englishgrammar.org/

Spell Checker Plus Type or copy text into the text box then click Check Text.

http://spellcheckplus.com/

GRAMMAR EXERCISES - WORDS, SENTENCES, AND PARAGRAPHS

Interactive Grammar and Writing Quizzes Covers style, structure, vocabulary, grammar, and more.

http://guidetogrammar.org/grammar/quiz_list.htm

Paragraph Development explanation and steps

http://www.buowl.boun.edu.tr/students/fParagraph%20Writing%20Exercises.htm

Paragraph Writing Exercises Develop well written paragraphs by correcting common errors.

http://www.buowl.boun.edu.tr/students/fParagraph%20Writing%20Exercises.htm

Writing Paragraphs Exercises in creating a paragraph with a topic, flow, and transitions.

http://www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.h

Paragraph Essentials Over sixty exercises on every aspect of writing paragraphs.

http://college.cengage.com/devenglish/wong/paragraph_essentials/1e/students/exercise

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION, TIPS, TESTS

English Grammar Guide Grammar rules explained with examples.

https://www.ef.com/english-resources/english-grammar/

GrammarMonster Grammar lessons and tests.

http://www.grammar-monster.com/index.html

THE WRITING PROCESS:

Interactive Writing and Grammar Activities on commonly confused words, finding errors, and revision.

https://www.quill.org/activities/section/

Steps in Writing a Research Paper Describes in detail all the steps necessary for good writing.

https://www.esc.edu/online-writing-center/resources/research/research-paper-steps/

Writing Introductions and Conclusions

http://www.buowl.boun.edu.tr/students/fParagraph%20Writing%20Exercises.htm

Sample Writing Rubric PDF outlining the requirements for poor to outstanding writing.

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson261/sample.pdf

How to Write a 10 Page Research Paper 400 Writing Topics Includes a useful timeline, a video *How to research a Paper*, and links to other helpful topics.

https://www.thoughtco.com/write-a-large-research-paper-1857255

Common Writing Mistakes Examples and solutions for errors such as comma use, wrong word choice, etc.

https://www.hamilton.edu/academics/centers/writing/writing-resources/common-writing-mistakes

Notorious Confusables Alphabetized list of easily confused words.

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/notorious/notorious_frames.htm

RESEARCH & DOCUMENTATION   for more complete information see the separate PDF

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

GENERAL WEBSITES

Handbook on Writing Research Papers Covers everything: finding a researchable topic; finding valid resource material; avoiding plagiarism; citations; revising; and proofreading. Includes a sample persuasive paper.

https://www.farmingdale.edu/campus-life/student-support-services/pdf/handbook.pdf

Purdue OWL: Writing a Research Paper Defines research and the two main types argumentative and analytical.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/common_writing_assignments/research_papers/index.html

7 Steps to Research Paper Getting Started; Exploration; Focusing; Collecting and Using; Evaluating and Organizing; Presentation; and Assessment
https://kirtland.edu/static/library/7StepsToResearch/

TOPICS

Term Paper or Speech Topics Alphabetized topics with suggested questions to explore.

https://www.kirtland.edu/library/research-help/term-paper-or-speech-topics

717Good Research Paper Topics Clicking on a general topic leads to specific issues.

http://www.myspeechclass.com/good-and-interesting-research-paper-topics.html

RESEARCH

OneVU Scroll down below the OneVU logo to search general and specialized databases, articles, journals, books, eBooks, and media from VU and beyond. Below that, the *Research Guides* offer advice for searching specific areas such as the Humanities or Social Science. *Library tutorial* videos include *How to Search OneVU*, *Legal Research*, and *Using iPad Apps*.
https://www.vinu.edu/web/shake-library/welcome

Search Better Tips and tricks for better online searching.
http://www.gcflearnfree.org/searchbetter

DOCUMENTATION

Documenting Sources Basic rules for why and how to document with links to other writing resources.
https://www.esc.edu/online-writing-center/resources/research/research-paper-steps/documenting-sources/

Documentation in Reports and Research Papers Scroll down for the steps to take for good research. SIDEBAR HAS Links to other grammar and writing advice.
https://www.thoughtco.com/documentation-in-research-1690405

STYLES OF DOCUMENTATION
MLA and **APA** are the two main documentation styles used for college papers. The Humanities use **MLA.** The Sciences use **APA.** Occasionally, a science class may call for **AMA** style.

MLA Style
The MLA Style Center This is the official site for MLA format. https://style.mla.org/

MLA Documentation 8TH Edition, 2016 Basic of MLA citation including links for how to create hanging indents in MS Word, Google Docs (PDF), and Pages as well as Practice Templates for citations from various sources.
http://library.austincc.edu/help/MLA/

MLA Style (8th edition): Examples Scroll down to *MLA (8th ed.) Style Guides* and choose *Examples* or *Core Elements.* https://www.harford.edu/academics/library/help/tutorials.asp

Sample Papers in MLA Style Three papers show samples of MLA style in general and in details such as block quotes, citations from diverse sources, and illustrations. https://style.mla.org/sample

MLA Style, continued

MLA Works Cited: Electronic Sources (Web Publications) Basic style for citing webpages, online, databases, and other electronic sources. https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/08

MLA Style PowerPoint Presentations How to cite sources used in a presentation.

http://libraryguides.bennett.edu/home/library-tutorials/mla-style-powerpoint-presentations

APA Style

APA Style Guide The official site for APA style. Scroll down for Quick Answers to references and formatting

http://www.apastyle.org/

APA Formatting and Style Guide General formatting information and link to a sample paper.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01

APA Style Guides Scroll down to APA Style Guides for citation help for databases, in-text, print or websites.

https://www.harford.edu/academics/library/help/tutorials.asp

Basics of APA Tutorial Presented by APA.org, select the any one of the short sections to quickly jump to just the information you need.

https://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial

APA Style for PowerPoint Presentations How to APA cite information in a PowerPoint presentation.

http://libraryguides.bennett.edu/home/library-tutorials/apa-style-presentations

APA Reference List Examples PDF with samples of Reference and in-line citations.

http://library.flcc.edu/APA_FLCC.pdf

APA Formatting and Style Guide PowerPoint covering the complete details of APA style.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

APA Format Examples, Tips, and Guidelines Detailed examples from the Title Page to the References page

https://www.verywellmind.com/apa-format-examples-tips-and-guidelines-4020415

AMA Style

AMA Manual of Style This is the official guide of the American Medical Association.

http://www.amamanualofstyle.co

AMA Formatting – Quick Guide http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/publichealth/amastyleguide

CITATION CREATION SITES

Always double check the citations these sites create. They are not always completely correct. It is your responsibility to get it right.

Easy Bib http://www.easybib.com

Citation Machine http://www.citationmachine.net

SUMMARIZING AND PARAPHRASING

Summarizing Examples and Observations This site covers the purpose and steps for writing a summary with example summaries for diverse types of material.

https://www.thoughtco.com/summary-composition-1692160

Paraphrase and Summary When and how to use each one.

http://www.uc.utoronto.ca/paraphrase

PLAGIARISM CHECKERS

Grammarly Click Upload to have your document checked.

https://www.grammarly.com/plagiarism

REVISION

Revision Checklist Points to consider when revising a paper.

http://writing.umn.edu/sws/assets/pdf/quicktips/revision_checklist.pdf

Editing and Proofreading Strategies Great ideas for how to take your paper from rough draft to final edition.

http://writing.umn.edu/sws/quickhelp/process/editing.html

Revising Drafts Provides many **r**easons why you should revise then provides strategies to do so effectively"

http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/revisin

Revising Your Rough Draft Offers a three-part strategy of reading your paper first for organization, then for paragraphs and sentences, and finally for content.

https://ugs.utexas.edu/slc/study/writing/revising