



ECC Student Guide to Free Online Writing Resources

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Get help with GRAMMAR:

Identifying Subjects and Verbs

<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/grammar/verbsub.html>

Subject-Verb Exercise

http://aliscot.com/bigdog/sv_exercise.htm

Prepositional Phrase Exercise

http://aliscot.com/bigdog/prep_exercise.htm

Phrases

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/phrases.htm>

Sentence Fragments (*frag*)

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/fragments.htm>

More on Fragments (*frag*)

<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/punct/fragmentcauses.html>

Run-on Sentences (*RO, FS, CS*)

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/runons.htm>

Subject and Verb Agreement (*SV agr*)

<http://www.grammarbook.com/grammar/subjectVerbAgree.asp>

Pronoun and Antecedent Agreement (*PA agr*)

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/pronouns.htm>

Pronoun Case (*pron, case*)

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_proncase.html

Cases of Nouns and Pronouns (*pron, case*)

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cases.htm>

Pronoun Reference (*ref*)

<http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/pronref.html>

Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers (*mm, dm*)

<http://ace.acadiau.ca/english/grammar/mmodifier.htm>

Dangling Modifier (*dm*)

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_dangmod.html

Parallel Structure (*// ism*)

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_parallel.html

More on Parallel Structure (*// ism*)
<http://aliscot.com/bigdog/parallel.htm>

Parallel Structure Practice Quiz (*//ism*)
http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/cgi-shl/quiz.pl/parallelism_quiz.htm

Grammar for the hearing impaired (Gallaudet site)
http://aaweb.gallaudet.edu/CLAST/Tutorial_and_Instructional_Programs/English_Works/Grammar.html

Grammar for ESL students
<http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/>

Decode the rules of PUNCTUATION:

Comma rules, with interactive exercises
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_comma.html

Overview of colon, semicolon, dash, quotation marks, italics, parentheses
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_overvw.html

Apostrophe
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_apost.html

Quotation Marks
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/g_quote.html

Punctuation Marks
<http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0771337.html>

Overcome writer's block and organize ideas with strategies for PREWRITING:

Prewriting
<http://www.studygs.net/writing/prewriting.htm>

Prewriting
http://www.esc.edu/ESOnline/Across_ESC/WritersComplex.nsf/3CC42A422514347A8525671D0049F395/CE2B510E7D9975AE852569C3006ACCCC?OpenDocument

Prewriting
<http://www.humboldt.edu/~tdd2/Prewriting.htm>

Writing an Outline
http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/composition/brainstorm_outline.htm

Find out various ways you can DEVELOP AN ESSAY:

Process Analysis
<http://www.tcc.edu/students/resources/writcent/HANDOUTS/writing/process.htm>

Process Analysis

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/composition/process.htm>

Process Analysis

<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/process.html>

Narration

http://essayinfo.com/essays/narrative_essay.php

Argumentation/Persuasion

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_argpers.html

Exemplification

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/composition/examples.htm>

Comparison/Contrast

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/composition/comparison.htm>

Master the COLLEGE ESSAY format:

5- Paragraph Model

http://essayinfo.com/essays/5-paragraph_essay.php

5- Paragraph Model

http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/five_par.htm

5- Paragraph Model

http://www.studygs.net/5paragraph_edit.htm

Thesis Statement

http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/thesis_statement.shtml

Thesis Statement and Blueprint

<http://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/academic/blueprint.htm>

The Paragraph

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_pgrph2.html

Paragraphs and Topic Sentences

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/paragraphs.shtml>

Topic Sentence

<http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/partopic.html>

Get ideas for writing INTRODUCTIONS AND CONCLUSIONS:

Developing an Introduction from the Top Down

<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/intro.html>

How to Write Introductions

<http://www.taft.cc.ca.us/newTC/Academic/LiberalArts/OWL/INTRO.HTML>

Strategies for Writing a Conclusion
<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/conclude.html>

Writing Introductions and Conclusions
<http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/writingcenter/introcnc.html>

Get tips for taking an ESSAY EXAM:

The Essay Exam
<http://www.studygs.net/tsttak4.htm>

Writing Essay Exams
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_essay.html

Learn how to EVALUATE WEB SOURCES:

Evaluating Website Content
<http://www.studygs.net/evaluate.htm>

Evaluation Criteria
<http://lib.nmsu.edu/instruction/evalcrit.html>

Checklist for Evaluating Web Sites
<http://gateway.lib.ohio-state.edu/tutor/les1/checklist.html>

Comprehensive Information on Evaluating Web Pages from UC Berkeley
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

Incorporate BORROWED MATERIAL effectively and honestly:

Avoiding Plagiarism
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

Quoting Effectively
http://www.plagiarism.org/learning_center/how_to_cite_sources.html

See how to FORMAT THE RESEARCH PAPER correctly:

Format a Paper in MLA style:
http://jerz.setonhill.edu/writing/academic/mla_style.html

Format a Paper in APA style:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Sample paper in APA style with instructions for formatting:
<http://valencia.cc.fl.us/lrcwest/apapaper.html>

Format a Paper according to Chicago Manual of Style:
http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c10_s3.html

Format a Paper in CSE manuscript style:
http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c11_s4.html

View SAMPLE RESEARCH PAPERS:

Sample paper in Chicago style:
<http://dianahacker.com/pdfs/Hacker-Bish-CMS.pdf>

Sample paper in MLA style:
<http://dianahacker.com/pdfs/Hacker-Daly-MLA.pdf>

Sample pages in CSE style:
<http://dianahacker.com/pdfs/Hacker-Mart-CSE.pdf>

Sample paper in APA style:
<http://dianahacker.com/pdfs/Hacker-Mira-APA.pdf>

Get help with DOCUMENTING RESEARCH materials:

Bibliography Generator for MLA format
<http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/DocMLAWorksCited.html>

Bibliography Generator for MLA and APA formats
<http://easybib.com/>

Citing Websites in APA, AMA, MLA, Chicago, Turabian/Harvard (see menu top right)
<http://www.studygs.net/citation.htm>

Research and Documentation Guide with Model Entries for MLA, APA, Chicago, CSE
<http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>

Find a QUOTATION by author, topic, or keyword:

Brainy Quote
<http://www.brainyquote.com/>

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<http://www.aphids.com/quotes/index.shtml>

Quoteland
<http://quoteland.com/>

The Quotations Page
<http://www.quotationspage.com/>

Bartlett's Quotations
<http://www.bartleby.com/100/>

Look up a definition in an ONLINE DICTIONARY:

Dictionary.org

<http://dictionary.reference.com/>

yourdictionary.com

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/ahd/t/t0339000.html>