

How to achieve Academic Writing Style?

Guidelines

1. No contracted forms
2. Avoid Colloquial expressions
3. No Literal repetition
4. Delete semantic repetition
5. Avoid using questions
6. Avoid using vague words
7. Avoid using verb phrases
8. Change 2nd person into 3rd person
9. Avoid unnecessary personal opinion expressions
10. No choppy sentences

Examples

T1. No contracted forms

- **Sample**
- Since the island **doesn't** have a long history, it combines a variety of cultures from its colonists: Dutch, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.
- **Revise**
- Since the island **does not** have a long history, it combines a variety of cultures from its colonists – Dutch, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.

T2. Avoid Colloquial expressions

- **Sample**
- We have to make sure that the quality is **Okay**.
- **Revise**
- We have to make sure that the quality is **acceptable**.

T3. No Literal repetition

Sample

The **translations** do not meet the needs of our colleges and universities. **The translations** are too general and not specific enough.

Revise

The translations do not meet the needs of our colleges and universities **as they are too general**.

T4. Delete semantic repetition

● **Sample**

- Since there is a sign language, we are able to understand what the deaf and mute people want to say. If the sign language does not exist, the deaf and mute people cannot interact with normal people.

● **Revise**

- Since there is a sign language, we are able to understand what the deaf and mute people want to say.

T5. Avoid using questions

Sample

Stress becomes dangerous. How to release it? There could be many ways, such as taking some outdoor exercises, communicating with friends, and traveling.

Revise

Stress that becomes dangerous could be released in many ways, such as taking outdoor exercises, communicating with friends, and traveling.

T6. Avoid using vague words

Sample

In this essay, I compare and contrast the ways of doing funerals in India and Canada. A funeral is a ceremony after a person's death. People in India do the funeral services according to their culture.

Revise

In this essay, I compare and contrast the ways of holding funerals in India and in Canada. A funeral is a ceremony after a person's death. People in India perform funeral services according to their culture.

T7. Avoid using verb phrases

Sample

- This essay talks about presents in different countries and the difficulty of puzzling out different gift-giving customs.

Revise

- This essay discusses presents in different countries and the difficulty of understanding different gift-giving customs.

T8. Change 2nd person into 3rd person

Sample

Generally, even though getting a part-time job has some disadvantages, I still agree that international students should try to find one. If **your** parents want to give **you** an allowance every month, that's great, but another way to make money is getting a part-time job. Even if **you** do not need money, a part-time job is still a good way to accumulate work experience.

Revise:

Generally, even though a part-time job has some disadvantages, I still agree that international students should try to find one. If **their** parents want to give **them** an allowance every month, that is helpful, but another way to make money is a part-time job. Even if **international students** do not need money, a part-time job is still a good way to accumulate work experience.

T9. Avoid unnecessary personal opinion expressions

Sample

Finally, **I think** I have learned many things in this country. I love surprises because they are my first experiences and can bring me thoughts and feelings.

Revise

Finally, I have learned many things in this country. I love surprises because they are my first experiences and can bring me thoughts and feelings.

T10. No choppy sentences

Sample

However, the Canadian society does not consider the problem important. Even when reports are filed, **the police do not treat them seriously. The police feel it hard to communicate with victims. The police have to work with a translator.**

Revise

Even when reports are filed, **the police do not treat them seriously as they feel it difficult to communicate with victims through a translator.**

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