

Worksheet 2 – Academic Writing Style

- A. Each sentence contains an inappropriate word or phrase. Replace it with a more suitable word from the list below.

Sizeable	stimulating	minor	significant	questionable
Senior	unacceptable	controversial	disappointing	affordable

1. Pollution is a (big) problem in China.

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2. Living conditions in some urban areas are (horrible).

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3. The influence of social media on young people is a (hot) topic.

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4. Milan's performance at the interview was (bad).

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5. She received a (big) sum of money from the insurance company.

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6. William's (2001) method of forensic investigation is (wrong).

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7. The (cheap) products of Alibaba Express have proved to be very popular.

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8. A number of (old) members of staff have left in recent years.

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9. Professor Snape's new book on Magical Potions is very (good).

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10. This is a (small) detail, which I think is irrelevant.

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B. Read the following colloquialisms and provide a more academic/formal alternative.

Colloquialism	Academic alternative
part and parcel	
beyond a shadow of doubt	
easier said than done	
explored every avenue	
a stumbling block	
pros and cons	
in today's society	

C. Read the following paragraph and rewrite in more formal language.

Most people take drug overdoses because they find that it's difficult to sort out their problems clearly. That's why you should treat your patients in a clear way. That means you should treat your patients in a way that helps them to tell the difference between their problems and find ways to deal with them.

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