

中国学生别再这么写英语啦！ | 英语写作常见问题

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求求了, 中国学生不要再这么写英语 (小作文) 了, 我发现了好多中国学生觉得写长句子写好多从句, 看起来很牛掰。不, 你错了。越长不代表越好 (long doesn't necessarily mean better)! 句子的长度 **一般不要超过 15 ~ 20 个单词**。超过这个长度, 你就容易犯错, 看得人也是一脸懵逼 (Any longer, you'll likely to make mistakes and confuse the reader)。记住 **简单 & 正确** (simple & right) 比 **复杂 & 错误** (complicated & wrong) 好多了, 外国老师不吃长难句这一套, 那怎么把句子改短呢?

第一:

Full stops are your friends (记得多断句<句号是你的好盆友>). Break up your sentences (把句子断开).

Don't always use commas and avoid always using 'and'. (不要一直用逗号 (或者从句), 也别老 and and 个不停,)

第二:

Remove unnecessary wording.(删掉多余的词句。) For instance(例如):

- 不要写 **in order to** (为了), 直接用 **to** 就行, 除非你字数不够。
- 不要写(Don't write) **as well as**, 直接用 **and** 就行。

第三:

(1) stop using **very**. It sounds weak and demonstrates⁽¹⁾ a limited vocabulary. (这个表述看起来很弱, 而且会显得你词汇量不够。) For instance:

- Instead of **very important**, say **crucial** ⁽²⁾. (Very important 可以换成 crucial.)
- **very good** 可以换成 **impressive**.
- **very many** 可以写成 **numerous** ⁽³⁾. Oh! And another thing. I know this contradicts⁽⁴⁾ what I just said, but don't use contractions⁽⁵⁾. I do not use contractions. (另一个问题就是, 虽然这个跟我之前说的有点矛盾, 但是不要使用缩略词。)
- (1) demonstrate /'dɛmənstreɪt/ vt.说明; 证明; 示范, 演示
- (2) crucial /'kru:ʃəl/ adj.至关重要的, 决定性的
 - a crucial moment. 关键时刻
 - Salt is a crucial ingredient in cooking. 盐是烹调的一种重要材料。
 - The next step is crucial to [for] our success. 下一步对我们的成功非常重要。
- (3) numerous /'nju:mərəs/ adj.许多的, 众多的
 - 在日常英语中, 人们一般说 a lot of, 而不说numerous.
 - There were a lot of mistakes in his essay. 他的文章里有许多错误。
 - Similar instances are numerous. 类似的例子极多。

- His collection of books is numerous. 他的藏书众多。
- (4) contradict /,kɑ:ntɹə'dɪkt/ verb.反驳；与...矛盾；自相矛盾
 - Dad just cannot bear to be contradicted. 爸爸就是受不了有人反驳他。
 - Within five minutes he had contradicted himself twice. 五分钟内他就两次自相矛盾。
- (5) contraction /kən'tɹækʃən/ noun.收缩，缩短；缩略词

别用这些缩略语: **can't, won't, gonna, wanna** 等等。当然聊天发信息没问题，但是学术写作里这么写不太正式了(but they are too informal for academic writing).

(2) 不要重复使用同一个关键词(Stop always repeating the same key phrases), 不要总是用 **however** 来转折 (Instead of repeatedly using 'however'), 可以替换成 **but, yet, nonetheless** 等等; **for example** 可以换成 **such as, for instance, to illustrate** 等等。最后一个除了 **I think** 还可以写: **in my opinion, from my perspective** 等等。

如何提高自己的写作能力呢?

So how can you actively improve your writing:

(1) 多读 (Read)

Read anything: books, articles, journals..., anything will do.

(2) 写英文日记 (Write in a diary)

Just make sure your parents don't read it.

(4) 练习写论文并且找人给你反馈意见

Practice writing essays & get someone to review them. Feedback is key. If you're not sure what to write about, you can search for topics online or see what questions writing competitions set (你也可以去网上找找论文写作竞赛给出的选题). I know some students who have participated /pɑ:'tɪsəpeɪt/ (vt.参加, 参与) in the John Locke Essay Competition (我知道有的学生参加了 John Locke 国际写作竞赛). 有的题目特别有意思, 比如:

- Are we getting nastier (讨厌)?
- Does it make sense to hate someone for their opinions? (因为某人的观点而讨厌对方合理吗?)
- Should some things be legal to give away but illegal to sell? (有哪些东西应合法赠送, 但不能合法销售吗?)

Anyway, you can use these topics to practice! It's not just English language skills you need to consider when writing an essay. Many teachers say greater emphasis is placed on critical thinking in western education, not merely /'mɪrli/ just remembering things. So lacking critical thinking skills makes writing essays much harder. And if you plan to study abroad in the future, you gotta work on it.

重点是你可以找写作竞赛的选题来进行练习! 需要注意的是: 写论文的时候要提高的不光是英语语言水平。很多老师都说过西方教育比较注重批判性思维, 而不是单纯的死记硬背。如果你的批判性思维比较差的话, 写作起来难度会更大。尤其是以后打算留学的同学, 一定要开始培养自己的批判性思维。

So writing essays or preparing for writing competitions like John Locke will help improve your English ability. In addition, it will develop your **independent thought, depth of knowledge, clear reasoning, critical analysis**, and **persuasive style**.

所以写论文来练习或者参加 John Locke 这种写作类竞赛除了会帮助你提高英语能力。除此之外，也会一定程度上的发展你的独立思考能力、知识储备的深度、清晰推理的能力、批判性分析和有说服力的写作风格。

There are lots of books, videos and institutions that can help you improve your writing skills and prepare for competitions. Like 蒸汽松鼠 (STEAM SQUIRREL). They offer professional training to increase your ability and maximize your chances of winning a prize. Of course, winning a competition or publishing your paper will enhance your CV, but even just participating will really help with your skills.

有很多书籍、视频和机构可以帮助您提高写作技巧并为比赛做准备。例如蒸汽松鼠 (STEAM SQUIRREL)。他们提供专业培训，以提高您的能力并最大限度地提高您获奖的机会。当然，赢得比赛或发表论文会提升你的简历，但即使只是参与也会真正帮助你提高技能。