

Writing Skills for Engineering

ANALYZING A TEXT FOR ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES

PART 1 (individual and collaborative work)

Find samples of technical texts/genres/documents that are produced in your discipline (professional/academic). Bring the samples to class (print them if necessary), and get ready to share them with your partners to identify and discuss: genre, purpose, language function.

PART 2 (collaborative work)

Work in pairs or in groups of three (class group). Select one of your text samples and analyze the text at the pre-writing level. Discuss:

1. The purpose of the text. Identify the purpose of the whole document and sections. Refer to content and techniques the writer uses to achieve his/her purpose (including language function).
2. The audience. Identify the audience and justify it by referring to specific features of the text: selection of content and approach to topic, vocabulary, genre, etc.
3. Style and tone. Decide on the level of formality of the text and explain how it is related to audience and purpose. Show examples of uses.

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