
Peering Feedback

For university students, writing essays and papers are essential as it is a way for the students to discuss what they have learned, show their attitude, and summarize their study. In order to write a better paper, it is important to take in others' opinions, therefore it is important to have peers helping to edit, reading and making suggestions on the paper. However, when giving peer feedback, there are also things to be noted, in order to make self a better peer, and moreover, helping others in a better way.

First of all, it is important to follow the rubric when giving feedbacks. Keep in mind that it is not just you who are giving feedbacks, the person you are peering on is also doing this job, therefore following the rubric when giving feedbacks will save you time and help the other in the most efficient way. The feedback should be expressed in a respectful way, as it is someone on the other side of the screen that is reading the feedback. Even the work is not the most satisfied, do including some encouraging sentences. As it is the responsibility of a peer, point out the mistakes or the missing parts directly. It will be appreciated that you have reminded someone what they have done wrong and help them fix it. On the other hand, keep in mind that there are several things that should not be discussed in the feedback. Any irrelevant topics should not be discussed. To be responsible, do read through the peer's work instead of just checking out the boxes randomly. Give helpful and respectful feedback is a peer's job.

To summarize, peering feedback is important and valuable when the feedback is respectful in language, accurate in critiquing, helpful in noting mistakes and missing components. When you are peering someone's paper, someone else is also giving your work feedback. Do it correctly and helpfully will benefit everyone.