

# Topic: Speech communities

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Discuss homework  
Keywords tool*

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# Review: Register

What is "register" in writing?

What are some strategies to make your writing sound more formal?

# Which is a higher register?

I'd like to visit  
your office  
hours this  
afternoon to  
chat about  
my essay.



I would like to  
visit your  
office your  
this afternoon  
to discuss my  
essay.

# Which is a higher register?

It's been observed that having dogs on campus lowers students' stress levels.



I think having dogs on campus makes students feel happy.

Is it bad to use  
a low register  
in writing?

Which takes more skill:  
writing in a high register  
or a low register?

# BOTH take a lot of skill!

*You have to know particular vocabulary, grammar, and stylistic choices for both!*

Share your journal  
with a partner

**Discourse Analysis**  
**An Introduction**

**Brian Paltridge**





What is a  
speech/discourse  
community?





# Speech Communities:

"A group of people who share language characteristics and ways of speaking. They may be located close to one another geographically, or they may share social characteristics such as age, gender, or socioeconomic class."

# Discourse community

A *discourse community* is a group of people who share some kind of activity such as members of a club or association who have regular meetings, or a group of students who go to classes at the same university. Members of a discourse community have particular ways of communicating with each other. They generally have shared goals and may have shared values and beliefs. A person is often a member of more than one discourse community. Someone may be a university student, a member of a community volunteer organization and a member of a church group, for example. The ways in which they communicate in each of these groups, and the values and beliefs that are most prominent in each of these groups may vary. There may also be discourse communities within discourse communities. Academic departments, for example, may differ in the ways that they do

things and the beliefs and values that they hold, as indeed may other parts of the university.

Speech communities  
sometimes overlap with  
others speech communities.



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# What speech communities do you belong to?

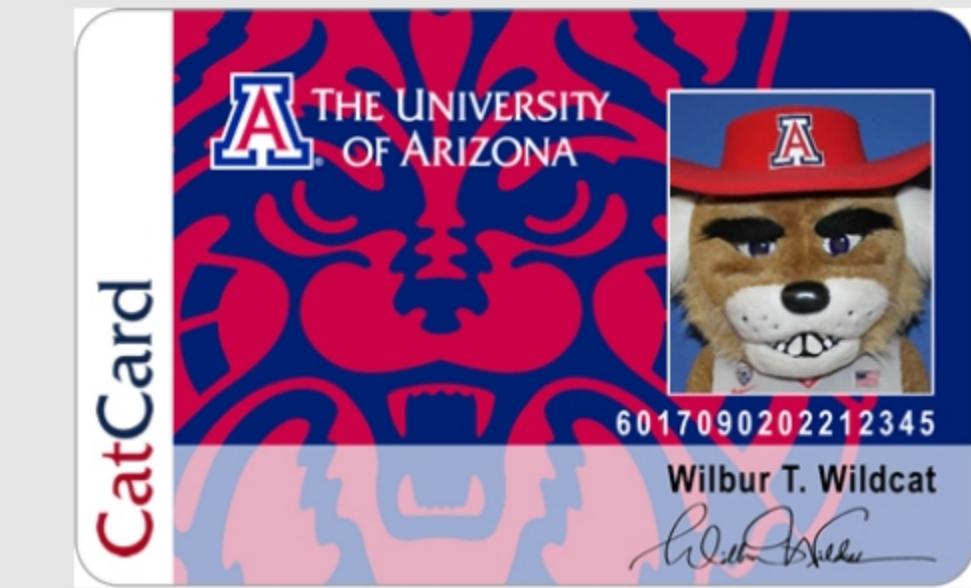


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# Membership

5) Review the sections 2.2 and 2.3 in this article.

- What are some ways that people show “membership” in speech communities?
- Why are speech communities important? (What do they show? Why do we use them?)





What are  
keywords?



What are some keywords that you found in the reading?

Why do I ask you to  
identify keywords?

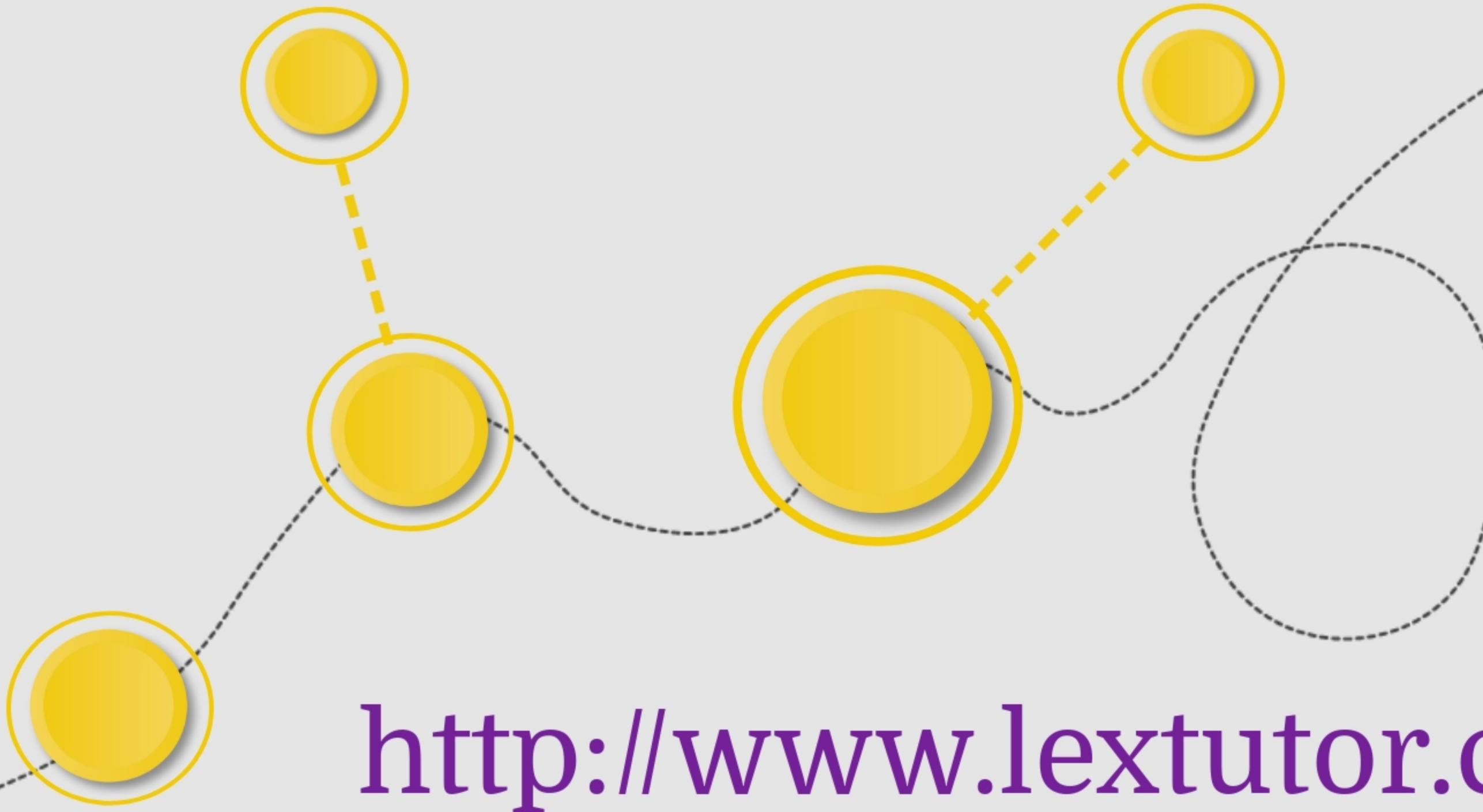
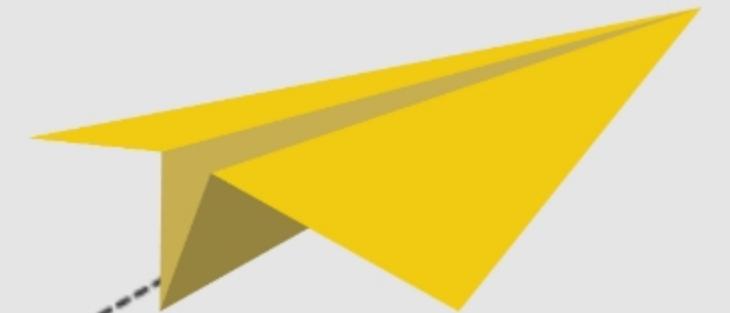
Keywords  
are usually tied to  
key concepts  
in a reading!

*These are helpful terms to use in  
your writing!*



These terms will help  
expand your English  
composition register!

# Need help locating key words?



<http://www.lextutor.ca/key/>

Home > Keywords > English (Choice of reference corpus)

# KeyWords Extractor

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Using this reference corpus (for both input modes)

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words that shouldn't be?  
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what speech do we like best?  
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What is Sociolinguistics?  
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links

The Decline of Grammar  
An impassioned plea for civility among prescriptivists.  
Gatekeeping  
Descriptivists don't advocate "anything goes"  
Are Americans Ruining English?  
Probably not!  
Grammar Hotlines  
Robert MacNeil pays a visit to the nation's first grammar hotline

Additional Resources  
Correct American Index  
Email this page | Print

Try it!

What keywords  
do you find from  
our next reading?  
(Finegan)

Home &gt; Keywords &gt; English (Choice of reference corpus)

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The screenshot shows a web page titled "do you speak american?". The main heading is "what speech do we like best?". On the left, there's a sidebar with links like "words that shouldn't be?", "from sea to shining sea", "what speech do we like best?", "Correct American Language as Prestige", "Language Prejudice", "What is Sociolinguistics?", and "what lies ahead?". The main content area features a section titled "Correct American State of American" with a sub-section "What is 'Correct' Language?". It discusses the difference between descriptivists and prescriptivists, mentioning Edward Finegan and路易斯·卡罗尔。It also mentions road signs, plurals, and punctuation. Below this is another section titled "links" featuring "The Decline of Grammar", "Gatekeeping", "Are Americans Ruining English?", "Grammar Hotlines" (mentioning Robert MacNeil), and "Additional Resources".

- (1) 49645.00 situate
- (2) 4964.50 adverb
- (3) 1551.42 prescribe
- (4) 1432.08 adjective
- (5) 1145.66 grammar
- (6) 940.26 plural
- (7) 528.14 grammatical
- (8) 362.00 dictionary
- (9) 125.79 linguistic
- (10) 95.51 language
- (11) 81.47 logic
- (12) 74.36 describe
- (13) 73.84 english
- (14) 73.01 adapt
- (15) 65.97 form
- (16) 55.74 negative
- (17) 47.43 apart
- (18) 43.68 slow
- (19) 42.50 correct
- (20) 41.79 function
- (21) 32.07 distinct
- (22) 29.85 express
- (23) 25.54 worse

# Looking ahead:

Homework

Topic

Wed. 9/13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Code-switching</li><li>• Regional varieties of American English</li></ul>
Fri. 9/15		Video: Regional varieties of American English

## No homework!