

Useful web sites for students wishing to develop their writing skills:

<http://tls.vu.edu.au/webbja> or <http://tinyurl.com/yoahg8>

This website* is being developed specifically for students at Victoria University. The site is complemented by a series of four workshops titled “Basics of Effective Thesis Writing”. These workshops are offered each semester by the Office for Postgraduate Research, Student Development Training Program 2007 and are conducted by Janie Webb (Student Learning Unit). For further information contact Nicole.Drage@vu.edu.au

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

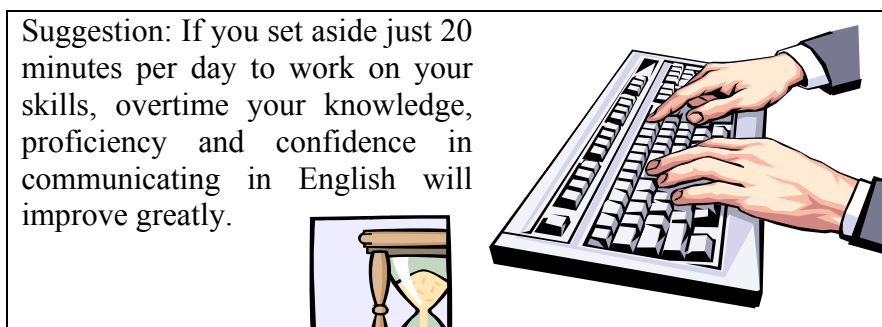
This site deals with issues of writing at the sentence, paragraph and essay level. It contains interactive exercises.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>

At this site under the heading of *Handouts for Students and Teachers* there is a wide range of topics to choose from including English as a second language, research and documenting sources and professional writing.

<http://www.dailygrammar.com>

Through this address you can subscribe to a mailing list and receive regular information on aspects of English grammar through email.



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Improving Your Writing Tracking your progress on the web site
<http://tls.vu.edu.au/webbja> and workshop handouts.

Topics	Self-check #												
Article words (a, an, the)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Comparisons	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Concise writing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Double negatives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Linking ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Non-discriminatory language	1	2	3	4	5								
Pronoun use	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
● Sentences: basic definitions	1	2	3	4	5								
● Sentences: common errors	1 6	2 7	3 8	4 9	web site (stand-alone module) workshop handout (integrated with basic definitions)								
● Sentences: simple and compound	1 13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
● Sentences: complex and compound-complex	1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
Subject/verb agreement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Tenses: introduction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Tenses: simple	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Tenses: continuous	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Tenses: perfect	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Tenses: perfect- continuous	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Suggestion: If you set aside just 20 minutes per day to work on your writing skills, overtime your knowledge, proficiency and confidence in communicating in English will improve greatly.