L01: Introduction

Introduction to Academic Writing in English

“The beautiful part of writing is that you don’t have to get it right the first time, unlike, say, a brain surgeon.” (Robert Cromier, American author and journalist)

In this session, we will focus on academic/science writing in English in general terms. Questions we will address are why we need to write in English, what is generally understood by academic/science writing in English, and which personal writing challenges we face. In the last step, we will be looking at the general features of academic English.

Things we cover in this session

- Why do we write in English in academia
- What are the challenges for non-native speakers of English
- What is academic/science writing in English in general
- Specific features of academic English

Things you need for this session

- W01-1: Food for Thought
- W01-2: Read the interview

Things to take home from this session

At the end of this session you should be able to

- familiar with general characteristics of academic English
- understand the main characteristics of academic English
- identify your own writing challenges

Slides

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