

Academic English for PhD candidates

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1. Intro to Academic English:

- The register
- The vocabulary & the AWL
- The grammar

2. Writing:

- Email correspondence
- Overview of genres and styles
- Presenting data incl. Visuals / graphs / charts / tables
- Describing processes; sequencing; making lists
- Coherence & linking devices
- Focus on literature review and referencing (APA, MLA, Harvard, Oxford)
- Focus on reports: introductions, methodologies, discussions, conclusions
- Focus on review articles
- Focus on research papers
- Focus on abstracts
- Improving accuracy & avoiding vagueness
- Improving conciseness
- Punctuation and spelling

3. Speaking:

- Presentations using metaplans & signposting
- Presenting: preparing and using slides
- Debates and argumentative moves
- Facilitating discussions
- Giving feedback

4. Listening:

- Practice of listening for gist and detail
- note-taking

5. Reading:

- Practice of reading for gist and detail
- Selecting main information and summarising texts