

Online Resources for International Students

General resources:

BBC Skills wise provides resources for both English and Maths, with sections on reading, writing, spelling, grammar, speaking, and listening.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise>

Prepare for success is an online and interactive learning tool, with expansive resources in everything from adapting to life in the UK to study skills and academic writing.

<http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/>

The University of North Carolina Writing Centre also provides useful information on general writing topics, with helpful hand-outs and demos available on the process of writing papers, referencing, and writing in different contexts (e.g. literature review versus speech).

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/>

Academic writing:

The Using English for Academic Purposes site contains a wealth of useful information organised into categories and subcategories. Use the links on the main page to take you into the broad categories, then the links on the left side of the page for more detailed information.

<http://www.uefap.com/>



Purdue University's OWL (Online Writing Lab) section on Academic writing contains information on more detailed aspects of writing, including how to write concisely, adding emphasis, and varying sentences.

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/2/>

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Grammar:

A complete grammar handbook is available, with sections on all major grammar topics organised by topic and subtopic, with useful examples.

http://www.edufind.com/english/grammar/grammar_to_pics.php

This site provides a guide to grammar and writing with drop down menus on different topics. The grammar guidance is extensive, with examples.

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

Punctuation is an important element of writing. This resource provides guidance on the use of capital letters, commas, semi-colons and colons, the apostrophe, hyphens, dashes, and brackets.

<http://www.informatics.sussex.ac.uk/departement/docs/punctuation/node00.html>

The University of North Carolina Writing Centre also has a wide range of ESL resources. The 'hand outs' section contains a guide to grammar and writing, writing in the sciences, grammar handouts, listening and comprehension resources, and a variety of exercises.

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/>

Academic speed reading

Reading comprehension is a key part of academic success, but international students in particular often struggle with the volume of academic reading. The following websites provide useful tips and strategies for improving reading speed and comprehension.

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/studyskills/learning/reading>

