



The Writing Center



List of Directed Learning Activities (DLAs)

Study a grammar or writing topic and do practice activities independently. Then review the DLA with a tutor. Find the DLAs below in the Writing Center in Building 26B-1561A.

Essay Development and Organization

- Analytical vs. Persuasive Thesis
- Basic Paragraph Development (NEW)
- Conclusions
- Introductions
- Outlining the Essay
- Narrative and Descriptive Paragraphs
- Paragraph Writing
- Reverse Outlining
- Summary Skills for Academic Writing
- Thesis
- Transitions

Style

- Academic Writing "Don'ts"
- Editing Out To Be Verbs

Critical Thinking

- Analysis vs. Summary
- Building Better Analysis (NEW)
- Identifying Logical Fallacies
- Toulmin Argument Part I

Using Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism

- Annotated Bibliography
- APA 7th Edition
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Evaluating Websites
- Integrating Sources
- MLA 8th Edition

Grammar and Mechanics: Sentence Structure and Mechanics

- Ambiguous Pronoun Reference
- Apostrophes and Possessives
- Basic Sentence Patterns
- Capitalization
- Comma Splices and Run-Ons
- Comma Usage
- Dangling and Misplaced Modifiers
- Fragments

- Parallelism
- Parts of Speech
- Pronoun Agreement
- Subject/Verb Agreement
- Verb Tense Shifts

Word Choice

- Connotation and Denotation
- Dictionary Skills
- Thesaurus Skills

Grammar Topics for Multilingual Speakers

- Adjective Clauses
- Articles
- Conditionals
- Gerunds & Infinitives
- Modals
- Noun Clauses
- Participial Adjectives
- Passive Voice
- Prepositions
- Reduced Adjective Clauses
- Reduced Adverb Clauses
- Word Forms

Grammar Topics for Multilingual Speakers: Verb Tenses

- Future Tenses
- Past Perfect and Past Perfect Progressive
- Past Tenses
- Present Perfect and Present Perfect Progressive
- Present Tenses

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