

# Introduction to Academic English

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*The five-module course begins with a detailed study of sentences, then helps students practise solid paragraph development, and finally shows them how to develop the complete essays.*

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## I. Developing the complete sentence

- Finding subjects and verbs in simple sentences
- Correcting the fragment in simple sentences
- Combining sentences using coordination
- Combining sentences using subordination
- Correcting the run-on
- Making sentence parts work together
- Solving more problems with verbs
- Punctuating sentences correctly

## II. Mastering the paragraph

- Topic sentences and controlling ideas
- Supporting details
- Narration
- Comparison and contrast

## III. Structuring complete texts

- Moving from paragraphs to complete texts
- What kind of paragraphs are in an essay?
- What is a thesis?
- How to write an effective introductory paragraph?
- How to use transitions?
- How to write effective concluding paragraphs?
- How to paraphrase?
- How to summarize?

## IV. Essay

- Comparison and contrast
- Discursive

## V. Reflection

- The STARR method

### Study material

Roberts, J., Scarry, J., Scarry, S. (2002). *The Canadian Writer's Workplace*. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Canada