

## Introduction to Academic Writing (online)

### Course Description

This online course is intended for those who begin writing up their research in English. The required level of English is B1 (CEFR). The course aims to introduce researchers to the basics of academic writing. The online classes will include reading academic texts and their analysis, different exercises and writing activities. By the end of the course, participants will have written short texts to define a problem, to summarize and evaluate two points of view, to describe a research project and the methods used. All participants will receive feedback in written or oral form (recording) on all writing exercises. The names of the participants who complete the course will be put on the list of the HSE Training Centre.

### Weekly Planning

	Weeks 1 and 2: Building Texts		Week 3: They Say...	Week 4: I Say...
Unit 1	Writing sentences and paragraphs	Information flow within the text. Orientation on the reader	Paraphrasing	Reporting your own findings. Discussing the methods of your research
Unit 2	Cohesion I: Connecting ideas by using linkers	Cohesion II: Using pronouns, articles and key words/synonyms repetition	Summarizing and reporting opinions	Providing evidence for your findings
Unit 3	Giving definitions	SPRE as basic text structure: Situation – Problem – Response – Solution. Language for writing about problems and solutions	Discussing and evaluating arguments	Hedging: how to avoid being too categorical
FINAL TASK	Write a text of 2 or 3 paragraphs defining a phenomenon / issue you are interested in and explaining what it is (like a mini Wikipedia article)	Write a text on any topic of your professional interest following the SPRE model (4 paragraphs +)	Write a short text summarizing and evaluating two points of view	Write a short text (500 words max) describing a small research project you conducted: describe the problem, the methods you used and the outcome of your