**Dictionary and Reference**

Your dictionary and thesarus are some of your best friends in writing.

* [**Collins Dictionaries**](http://www.collinsdictionary.com/) – I never pretend I know how to spell in English.
* [**Oxford Dictionary**](https://en.oxforddictionaries.com) – helps you search for synonyms or more appropriate vocabulary.
* [**UsingEnglish.com**](https://www.usingenglish.com) – a comprehensive collections of phrasal verbs / idioms, and plenty more.

**For EFL students**

* [**ldcoeonline.com**](https://www.ldoceonline.com) – a Longman dictionary which keeps the EFL student’s needs in mind.

**Writing**

I do recommend you think about tips for good writing. Here are a couple of videos with reminders.

* For essay/ argumentative writing, check out this [**YouTube**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwjmMtTVO1g) video. (US)
* A [**less formal video**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-5aYC-q46Y), but equally useful if English is not your first language. (UK)

Anyone preparing for the IELTS Academic or CAE tests will recognise some of the secrets.

**Using academic language**

John Forley’s well-known suggestions for [**academic writing**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk) are easily accessible in an online format.

For those in healthcare, I suggest the following for assistance with longer and more in-depth assignments and papers. (There are, of course, many others.)

**For undergraduates:**

*A Beginner’s Guide to Critical Thinking and Writing in Health and Social Care.*

By Helen Aveyard, Pam Sharp and Mary Woolliams

**For post-graduates:**

*Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article.* By Howard S. Becker and Pamela Richards

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