External Resources

In addition to the original writing resources that we create at the Writing Center and post on the SJSU Writing Center [Homegrown Handouts](#) page, there are many other excellent resources that are available on the web. Refer to the links below.

Grammar and Punctuation
- [Adjective or Adverb?](#)
- [Apostrophes](#)
- [Appositives](#)
- [Articles](#)
- [Capitalization](#)
- [Commas](#)
- [Commas vs. Semicolons](#)
- [Conditionals](#)
- [Conjunctions](#)
- [Dangling Modifiers](#)
- [Demonstratives: This and That](#)
- [Fragments and Run-ons](#)
- [Gerunds](#)
- [Hyphens](#)
- [Independent and Dependent Clauses](#)
- [Modal Verbs](#)
- [Noncount Nouns](#)
- [Numbers](#)
- [Prepositions](#)
- [Pronouns](#)
- [Punctuation Overview](#)
- [Qualifiers](#)

- [Quotation Marks](#)
- [Semicolons, Colons, and Dashes](#)
- [Sentence Fragments](#)
- [Sentence Starter](#)
- [Subject-Verb Agreement](#)
- [Verb Tenses](#) (from Purdue OWL)
- [Verb Tenses](#) (from UNC Writing Center)

The Writing Process

- [Audience](#)
- [Brainstorming](#)
- [Conclusions](#)
- [Developing an Outline](#)
- [Proofreading Strategies](#)
- [Introductions](#)
- [Note-Taking [pdf]](#)
- [Paragraphs](#)
- [Paragraph Development](#)
- [Prewriting (Invention)](#)
- [Reorganizing Drafts](#)
- [Revising Drafts](#)
- [Self-Editing Checklist [pdf]](#)
- [Thesis Statements](#)
- [Transitions](#)

Concision, Clarity, and Effectiveness

- [Active and Passive Voice](#)
- [Appropriate Language](#)
- [Coherence: Transitions between Ideas](#)
- [Gender-Fair Use of Language](#)
- [Gender-Neutral Language](#)
- [Improving Sentence Clarity](#)
- [One Thousand Useful Words [pdf]](#)

- [Parallel Structure](#)
- [Passive Voice](#)
- [Sentence Variety](#)
- [Should I Use "I"?](#)
- [Stereotypes and Biased Language](#)
- [Style](#)
- [Word Choice](#)

General Writing Resources

- [College Writing](#)
- [Coping with Writing Anxiety/Writer's Block](#)
- [Getting Feedback](#)
- [Guide to Grammar and Writing](#)
- [Oxford English Dictionary](#)
- [Procrastination](#)
- [Reading To Write](#)
- [Understanding Assignments](#)
- [Writing Anxiety](#)

Research

- [Evaluating Print Sources](#)
- [Evaluating Sources of Information](#)
- [Paraphrasing](#)
- [Plagiarism](#)
- [Quotations](#)
- [Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Summarizing](#)
- [Searching Online](#)

Library Resources

The SJSU Library offers online resources and tutorials in important topics related to research, plagiarism, and source citations.

- [InfoPower Research Skills Tutorial](#)

- Online Tutorials (e.g., using Google Scholar or finding peer-reviewed articles)
- Plagiarism Libguide
- RefWorks

Documentation Styles

Different disciplines use different formatting styles. Familiarize yourself with the citation style guide that is used in your field of study.

- APA (American Psychological Association) Style
- APA Style Basics (Tutorial)
- ASA (American Sociological Association) Style
- Chicago Manual of Style
- Chicago Style Citation Quick Guide
- IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Style [pdf]
- MLA (Modern Language Association) Style

Specific Writing Tasks and Assignments

- Abstracts
- Annotated Bibliographies
- Argument
- Argumentation/Persuasion: Logic in Argumentative Writing
- Comparing/Contrasting
- Dissertations
- Essay Exams
- Honors Theses
- Literary Analysis
- Literature Reviews
- Oral History
- Poetry Explications

- [Resources for Preparing Presentations](#)
- [Rhetorical Analysis](#)
- [Scientific Research Reports](#)
- [Speeches](#)
- [Systematic Review [pdf]](#)
- [Systematic Review (5 Steps) [pdf]](#)
- [Systematic Review (Planning Guidance) [pdf]](#)

Professional Writing

The [SJSU Career Center](#) offers advising and resources in important topics related to resumes, cover letters, and other professional writing.

The following external links offer additional information about professional writing.

- [Application Essays](#)
- [Business Letters](#)
- [Business Letters: Accentuating the Positives](#)
- [Cover Letters](#)
- [CVs and Resumes](#)
- [Email Communication](#)
- [Grant Proposals](#)
- [How to Communicate on LinkedIn [pdf]](#)
- [LinkedIn Profile Checklist [pdf]](#)
- [LinkedIn (Resources for Students)](#)
- [Management Resumes](#)
- [Reference Sheets](#)
- [Resumes](#)
- [Skills Inventory](#)
- [Tailoring Employment Documents to a Specific Audience](#)

- [Terms & Tips for the International Student's Job Search](#)
- [Writing the Curriculum Vitae](#)
- [Writing the Personal Statement](#)

Resources for Multilingual Learners
- [Activities for ESL Students](#)
- [Collocations](#)
- [Collocation Examples for English Learners](#)
- [Common Mistakes in Emails (Collocation Errors)](#)
- [ESL Cafe](#)
- [Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English](#)
- [Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary](#)
- [Resources for ESL Students](#) (from the Purdue Online Writing Lab)
- [Speaking Tips for Non-Native Speakers](#)
- [Visuwords: Visual Dictionary and Thesaurus](#)
- [Youglish](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- [Avoid Gender Bias in Writing](#)
- [Avoiding Bias](#)
- [Being Antiracist (Talking About Race)](#)
- [Inclusive and Antiracist Writing Overview](#)
- [LGBT+ Writing: A Glossary](#)
- [Writing About Gender and Sexuality](#)
- [Writing About Race, Ethnicity, Social Class, and Disability](#)