

## UTS LAW English Language Resources

If you have received feedback from your tutor in your assessment tasks that your written expression needs improvement, or if you feel you need to work on your academic language skills then you can find help from a number of university resources including the following:

**HELPS** - explore the website to see what is available.

**Attend a HELPS grammar workshop or receive writing advice on your writing in a drop-in session**

- <https://www.uts.edu.au/current-students/support/helps/about-helps>

### Legal writing

- **LEGAL WRITING : academic and professional communication** by Paula Baron, 2016. There are copies in the library.
- **LEGAL ENGLISH** by Rupert Haigh, 2018. There are copies in the library.

### Grammar

#### General grammar information

- <http://www.butte.edu/departments/cas/tipsheets/grammar/index.html>
- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/5/>
- <https://tinyurl.com/ycaxyxqg>

#### Verb tenses and consistency

- <https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/verb-tenses/>

#### Research writing – academic phrase bank

- <http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

#### Library

- Grammarly- log in, upload your writing in to grammarly and receive feedback <https://www.lib.uts.edu.au/goto?url=http://www.grammarly.com/edu/students>

Area of focus	Activity ideas		
Grammar	Attend a HELPS grammar workshop <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ybbhp38m">https://tinyurl.com/ybbhp38m</a>	Buy/borrow a grammar book and study for 30 minutes per day – e.g. Cambridge ‘ <i>Advanced Grammar in Use</i> ’. Then check my next assignment carefully for use of the grammar I studied.	Read about aspects of grammar here <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ycaxyxgg">https://tinyurl.com/ycaxyxgg</a> and then try to use them in everyday life.
Vocabulary	Use a vocabulary app to store, memorise and test myself on new words, e.g. <a href="https://www.memrise.com/">https://www.memrise.com/</a>	Buy/borrow a vocabulary book and study for 30 minutes per day – e.g. Cambridge ‘ <i>English Collocations in Use Advanced</i> ’. Then check my next assignment carefully for use of the vocabulary I studied.	When reading textbooks/articles for my subjects, note down 5 new words per day. Then try to use these words in my next assignment.
Formal academic language	Read about key features of formal academic language on the HELPS website - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yabddx99">https://tinyurl.com/yabddx99</a> - and apply them to my next assignment.	Read 3 journal articles or textbook chapters from my subject resources, and note down formal phrases they use that I like. Then use these phrases in my next assignment.	Use the Manchester Academic Phrasebank when preparing my assignments: <a href="http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/">http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/</a>
Everyday speaking	Attend Conversations @ UTS <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ya2cs373">https://tinyurl.com/ya2cs373</a>	Take part in HELPS Buddy Program <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ycws6k3z">https://tinyurl.com/ycws6k3z</a>	Attend Talkfest every week <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ybv93ckb">https://tinyurl.com/ybv93ckb</a>
Giving a presentation	Attend a HELPS ‘Giving a presentation’ workshop <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y9jjd8tw">https://tinyurl.com/y9jjd8tw</a>	Prepare a presentation, record myself and listen back. Think about how I could improve, then present and record myself again.	Find some inspiring presentations on YouTube. Watch and listen carefully, and note down the language and techniques the presenter uses to be effective. Then try to use these techniques myself.
Pronunciation	Attend a HELPS ‘Pronunciation practice’ workshop <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y9jjd8tw">https://tinyurl.com/y9jjd8tw</a>	Download the lyrics of my favourite English songs, and practice my pronunciation through singing. Or join a singing group.	Find resources I like from the BBC Learning English site - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/nwavwo2">https://tinyurl.com/nwavwo2</a> and use these resources to study for 30 mins per day.
Reading academic texts	Read about academic reading skills on the HELPS website - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ycv73otn">https://tinyurl.com/ycv73otn</a> - and apply them in one subject this semester.	Use the timer on my phone to set time limits for my reading (e.g. 30 minutes for one article). Really focus during that time to understand the key ideas from the article, and then summarise the key ideas.	Mark blocks in my weekly timetable for academic reading (e.g. 2 hours/week for one subject), and stick to those times each week. Reward myself after each reading session!