

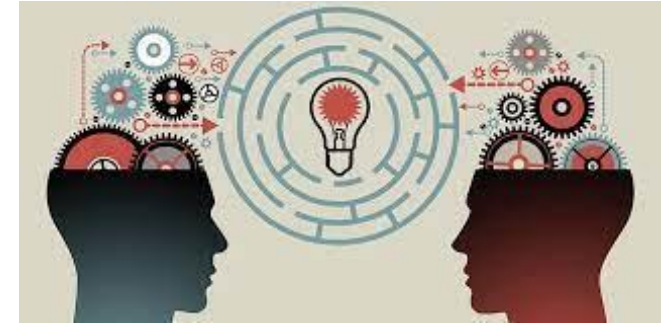
# Academic skills

What are they?

How to improve academic skills



# What are academic skills?



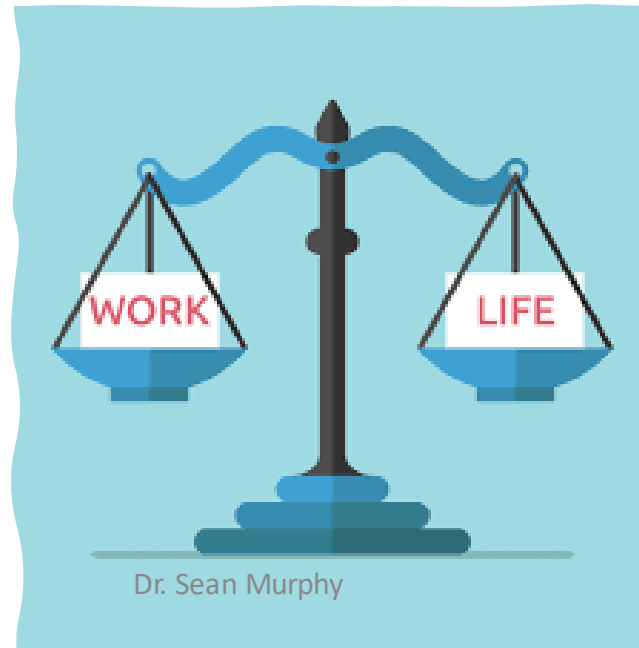
**Problem solving**  
**Creativity**  
**Independent learning**  
**Written communication**  
**Spoken communication**  
**Research / Investigation**

**Referencing**  
**Critical thinking**  
**Academic writing**  
**Managing information**  
**Understanding assessment**  
**Writing a dissertation**

# Academic skills can help me to:

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- study efficiently and effectively
- reduce anxiety
- get better grades
- increase confidence and self-esteem
- improve work-life balance
- develop personal discipline
- prepare for the world of work



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# Speaking skills



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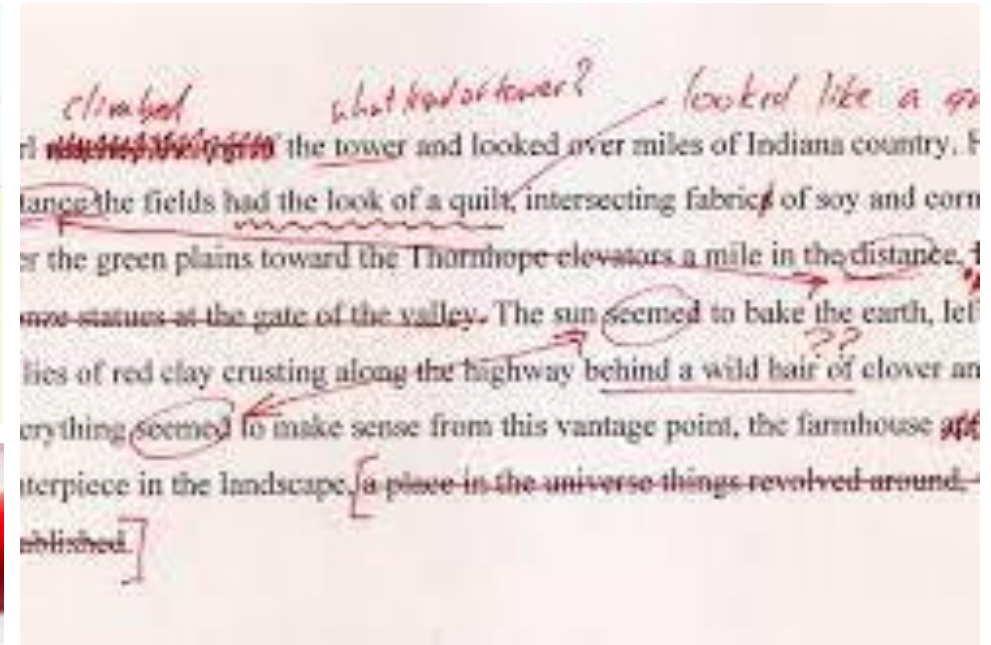
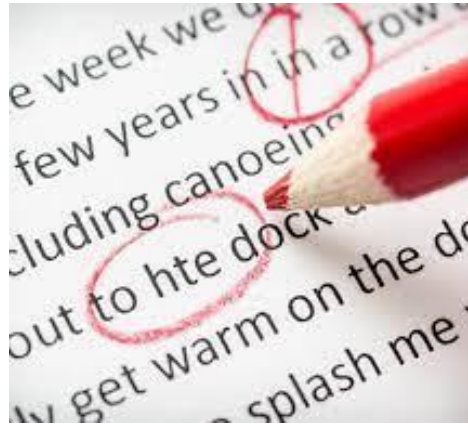
- Breathe and relax
- Overcome embarrassment
- Think and plan what to say
- Ask for help (How do you say...?)
- Rehearse in your mind and verbalise
- Don't worry about mistakes
- LISTEN to corrections and repeat correct forms
- LISTEN to others and respond to what they say



# Writing skills

- Brainstorm
- Research and reference
- Make / take notes
- Make an outline
- Who will read it?
- Make a first draft
- Connect ideas
- Use paragraphs effectively
- Make a second / final draft
- Proofread, edit, correct

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- Introduction
  - Thesis statement.
  - Purpose of research paper.
- Body
  - Strong argument.
  - Stronger argument.