

How to Proof Read your own Academic Essay

As a student you will be asked to write a number of academic essays or assignments throughout your study, regardless of your study level. You will for example be asked to write assignments that support your study courses at GCSE, A Level, Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels...and the same may be true if you decide to do a diploma, apprenticeship or even an adult learning course. Regardless of subject, at some point you are more than likely to be asked to produce a written piece of work.

Assignments differ in length and word count. They may also need to be written in a certain format or style, and will vary in the level of content detail that needs to be applied. As a student faced with the daunting task of creating an essay, thesis or dissertation, there are so many factors to take into consideration, and then of course there is the dreaded task of referencing!! It is no wonder that many students finish writing the final sentence, hit the save button, breathe a sigh of relief and submit their essay without taking the time to re-read it or proof read it. So many simple errors that cost precious marks could be avoided if a proof read is applied to an assignment prior to submission.

It is however notoriously difficult to proof read your own work. Why? Because you know the content intimately and so when you read through your paper you'll actually end up reading what you **think** you have written as opposed to what you really have put down on paper. So the best thing to do is to ask another person to read your work for you, as they will spot grammar, punctuation, spelling and general sentence construction errors much easier than you would.

If however this isn't possible, then there are a few tips and tricks that you can apply to improve the process of proof reading your own work:

- Try reading it out loud. This will help alert you to jarring punctuation or sentence constructions. If your essay is large, then this may not be plausible and so it would be advisable to read alternate chapters or sections out loud and read the rest 'in your head'.
- Read it backwards! Start at the end of the document and read each sentence, starting with the last sentence and taking it as the first. This removes the notion of 'sense' to the piece, and will mean that you really take in the words and grammar on the page, as oppose to skim reading the document. It's also funny to read it this way aloud too!

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