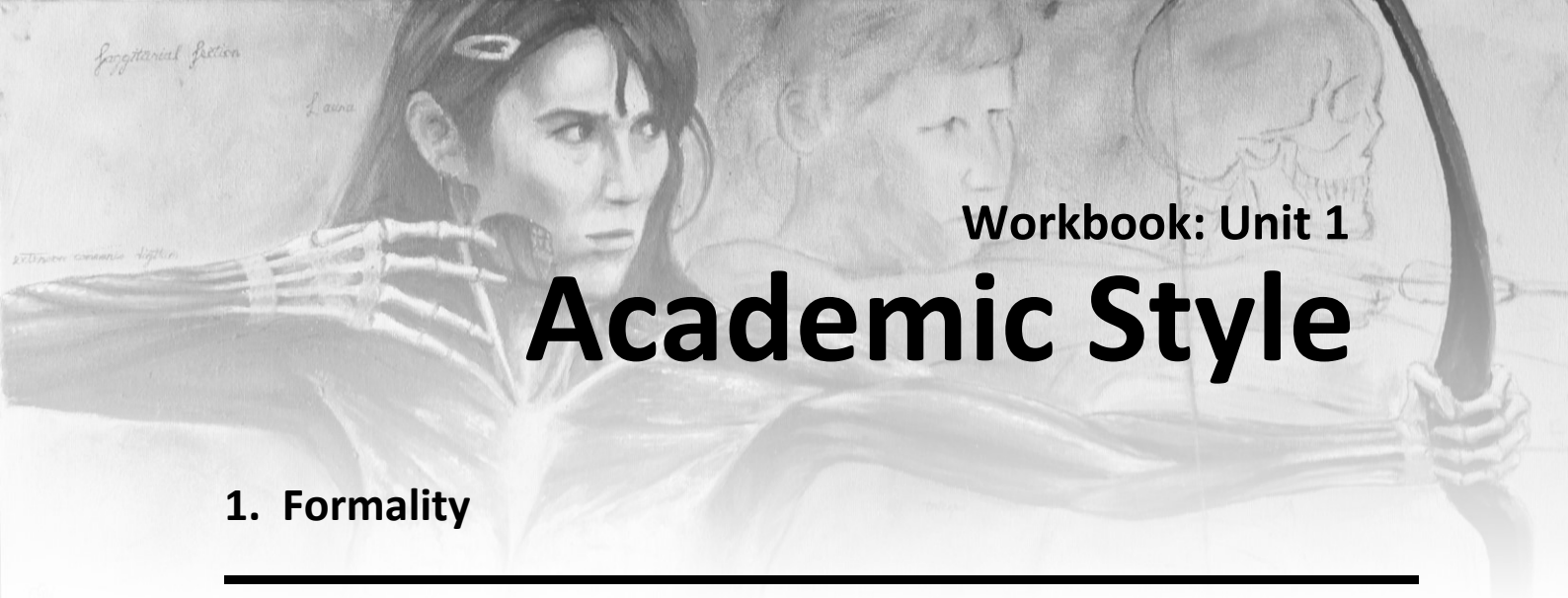


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Academic Style

1. Formality

Match the words and phrases below into pairs with the same meaning. Then, decide which of each pair is more formal, and enter them into the table below.

- Stop
- Cease
- Enquire
- Wrong
- Assist
- Ask
- Etc.
- Incorrect
- And
- Can't
- Help
- Cannot
- &
- First
- Put up with
- Tolerate
- Require
- And so forth
- Need

Less formal	More formal

2. Formality and Accuracy

As discussed in the course book, formal terms tend to have meanings that are more specific than informal terms. If you wish to replace an informal word with a synonym, it is important to choose one that is not only more formal, but also that carries the correct meaning for the context.

Think of two formal synonyms for each of the informal terms below, and write example sentences that show how these words would be used. The first one has been done for you.

Informal Word: **Get**

Formal Alternative	Example
<i>Acquire</i>	<i>Cancer cells can <u>acquire</u> drug resistance.</i>
<i>Become</i>	

Informal Word: **Great**

Formal Alternative	Example

Informal Word: **Make**

Formal Alternative	Example

Informal Word: **Do**

Formal Alternative	Example

3. Objectivity

These sentences are too personal for academic writing (although they may be appropriate for conversation). Change them to express the same ideas in a more objective style.

Example

1. If your headache continues for more than a day, you should seek medical attention.

If a headache continues for more than a day, medical attention should be sought.

2. You breathe by inhaling air into your lungs.

3. Sports like football are great. They are the best way to stay healthy.

4. Nobody likes sitting next to a smoker. They smell unpleasant, and it's dangerous.

Concision

Make these sentences more concise.

1. Physiology is a biological science which involves the study of the functions of different parts of the body, which is to say their purpose and the way in which they work.

2. Homeostasis is a vitally important tendency or ability of living organisms to maintain a stable internal environment which is always exactly the same.

3. There are three ventral cavities in the front of the torso, which are, from top to bottom, the thoracic cavity, the abdominal cavity and the pelvic cavity.

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Precision

These sentences are not precise enough. Improve them.

1. There are two or three lobes in each lung.

2. The liver is in the middle of the body, near the intestines and the diaphragm.

3. There are several different life processes, including movement and reproduction, which are important.

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6. Hedging

The following statements express an inappropriate degree of certainty or frequency for an academic context. Rewrite them using appropriate hedging.

1. Mobile phones cause cancer.

2. Most students cannot sleep before exams.

3. Diabetes is caused by obesity.

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Peer Review

Review the student writing below. What does it do well? How could it be improved? Comment in particular on the formality, objectivity and concision, and suggest specific changes.

Healthcare in Kuwait is really extraordinary. There is a lot of hospitals in Kuwait. Kuwait provides free healthcare for Kuwaitis who have health insurance. Kuwait has a wide range of good doctors and they are well paid so that they do their jobs perfectly and with satisfaction.

Unlike other countries healthcare in Kuwait is perfect as Kuwaitis care a lot about their health. Pharmacies in Kuwait are provided with the latest and best drugs and they are always up to date. Machines and gadgets in hospital are the most technological worldwide and are provided with sufficient quantities for everyone to use. Health care for foreigners is good as well. They can be medically treated and provided with all the drugs they need for a suitable price.

Complex and advanced surgeries and operations can be performed in some of the private hospitals in Kuwait. Private hospitals in Kuwait are so advanced and luxurious but they tend to be a lot more expensive than government hospitals.