

Academic Writing for Graduate Study: Review Activity

GRIPS Placement Test of Academic Writing

1. What is cherry-picking and why is it unacceptable in academic writing?
2. In the test, a source that quoted a politician in an interview was not used in the model answers. On what grounds was the source omitted? What does this imply for your choice of sources for your final paper?

Finding Your Research Area: Identifying a Topic

1. What are the characteristic of a good research topic?
2. What is the difference between quantitative and qualitative research?

Scholarly Sources: Locating and Evaluating

1. Where can you find sources for your research?
2. Which sources have you found most useful?
3. What is the difference between academic and nonacademic sources?

Scholarly Sources: Citing and Using

1. What is plagiarism?
2. Write a reference entry for the source below using APA style.

Source

Title: Borrowing Others' Words: Text, Ownership, Memory, and Plagiarism

Author: Alastair Pennycook

Journal: TESOL Quarterly

Year: 1996

Volume: 30

Issue: 2

Pages: 201 to 230

Research Questions and Proposals

1. What are the characteristics of a good research question?
2. What is the difference between a quantitative and a qualitative research question?
3. What is the structure of a research proposal (i.e., what information is included and in what order?)

