

## Writing Scientific Articles in English (Adrian Wallwork)

### COURSE OUTLINE

The course will follow approximately this format.

Lesson 1: How to structure a paper, tenses used

Lesson 2: Word order, sentence order, email part 1

Lesson 3: Being concise, grammar problems

Lesson 4: Punctuation, style issues, typical mistakes

Lesson 5: email part 2, final test

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| <p><b>Writing style</b></p> <p>choosing the right title (avoiding: ambiguity, strings of nouns, redundancy)</p> <p>structuring the paper (Abstract, Introduction etc)</p> <p>fundamental differences between English and Italian typical phrases used in various parts of a paper</p> <p>use of numbers, acronyms, abbreviations, bullets, captions, references etc</p> <p>word order (struttura della frase)</p> <p>avoiding ambiguity and redundancy</p> <p>punctuation</p> <p>English preference for verbs rather than nouns</p> <p><b>Vocabulary</b></p> <p>typical mistakes (eg <i>like vs as, consistent vs substantial, also vs too, independently vs irrespectively</i>)</p> <p>false friends</p> | <p><b>Grammar</b></p> <p>tenses used in various parts of the paper (ie present simple, past simple and present perfect)</p> <p>active vs passive, modals (eg can vs may)</p> <p>gerund vs infinitive</p> <p><i>that vs which</i></p> <p>definite article, determiners,</p> <p>countable vs uncountable</p> <p>conditionals</p> <p><b>Email</b></p> <p>formal vs informal</p> <p>initial and final salutations</p> <p>typical phrases</p> <p>typical mistakes</p> <p>letters to the editor, reporting changes made after referee's reports etc.</p> |
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### HOMEWORK!!

By **MAY 1** please email me EITHER a) a 100-150 word abstract describing your work OR b) your curriculum vitae.

Please put the abstract or CV into the text of the email (no attachments please) and in the subject line put: ENGINEERS ENGLISH COURSE 1 (if you are in the course starting May 25) or ENGINEERS ENGLISH COURSE 2 (starting June 12)

NB I will be using some of your CVs and abstracts during the lesson for an 'online revision'. If you wish to remain anonymous please change your name to Pinco Pallino or something similar!

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